



Sunday 7th August 2022

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Martin Tanti

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Parish: 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329

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Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am-10.00am & 5.45pm-6.15pm
before evening Mass

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

St Peter's: 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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Secretary: Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 2022 onwards).

Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners should be encouraged (via signage and bulletin reminders) to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers are asked to wear face coverings for the distribution of communion.

Face coverings should also be worn when visiting parishioners.



Father, deepen our trust in you, so we may live joyfully and with courage.

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Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflection--for-where-your-treasure-is--there-will-be-your-heart-also>

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Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

The Partnered Parishes THINK AND BREATHE Child Safety – KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.

With the return of families at our Masses and as our toilets are out of view, parental supervision of your children is required while using the facilities.

Parents/guardians are to supervise children at all times when at our parishes.

Promoting respectful relationships.

- Engaging in positive and respectful interactions with children and young people that upholds their rights and dignity.
- Listening to and respecting the views of children and young people.

Saint Mary MacKillop- A life of constant prayer

St Mary MacKillop was born two blocks from St Patrick's Cathedral on Brunswick St in 1842, the first of eight children. The family was always poor, and Mary was, from a young age, involved in the support of the family. That being said, she had a relatively happy upbringing, living in a household of great love. Her Catholic faith, deeply fostered in the family, was crucial to her from the beginning.

From a young age, Mary was acutely moved by the lack of education, medical care and social services amongst the Catholic poor she saw around her. She dreamed of establishing a group of religious women who would be free to go wherever there was a need.

Education of poor children became her primary focus, and she opened her first school, in a stable, at Penola SA, in January 1866. She was only 24 years old. Mary made her religious vows in Adelaide in 1867, taking the name Mary of the Cross.

This was the beginnings of the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. By 1869, two years later, some 60 sisters had joined with her.

The Josephites were unlike other structures for religious women, going into places others would not. Herein lies the source of much of the difficulties that beset Mary for many years, especially with the hierarchy of the Church. It was in the crosses she bore that the heroic and saintly qualities of Mary really came through. She never failed to respect and pray for those who treated her harshly, and encouraged her sisters to do the same. And she never tired of her care for the poor. Tenacious and determined, yet kind and forgiving. These were the particular characteristics of Mary.

Saints are made in the lives they live; not by some natural gift or talent. Mary's life was centered on God. As she once wrote: 'I want with all my heart to be what God wants me to be'. It was faith which motivated her service. 'Faith', she said 'is the first essential if we are to cope' with life's difficulties.

Mary's emphasis on knowing and doing the will of God pervades all her writings. As she often wrote: 'The will of God is to me a very dear book, and I never tire of reading it.' But how did she know what God's will for her was? The answer is prayer. Mary came to know God's will for her through a life of constant prayer.

Interestingly, the content of her prayer was very simple. She would offer up her "Holy Communions", her "Rosaries", her "adorations", her "devotions" for the sake of others in a very simple piety. This is really interesting in our time when the old devotions of the Rosary and visits to the Blessed Sacrament are no longer the daily bread of people's prayer. (Though our young people and migrant families are taking a renewed path of popular piety.) We have a saint who found a devotional way of praying the path to sanctity.

This simplicity led Mary to a profound understanding of the mind and heart of God, what she so marvellously called "her dear book". It was in reading the book of God's loving will for her, that Mary learnt to live a life of forgiveness and remarkable kindness. As she would say: 'Believe in the whisperings of God in your heart. Believe in him. Believe in the power of the Spirit of love.' (1868)

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Written by

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

08/08/2021



PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS CONTINUED

Dear parishioners,

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that I am retiring from my Pastoral Associate role at the end of September (or the first week in October.) I have been here at St Marys' for over 17 years now and 32 years in total in Pastoral Associate Ministry in Melbourne.

I am older and tired and a recent spell of illness sharpened my appreciation of the need to slow down.

The parish will advertise for a new Pastoral Associate and I am sure you will welcome and support that person, as you have for me.

Thank you for everything you have given me over my time here and I look forward to seeing you over the next couple of months.

Jacinta

JACINTA BRIGHT'S FARWELL

Following Jacinta Bright's sad news last week that she is retiring in October as our Pastoral Associate, it is appropriate that we farewell her with her family present so as to express our gratitude and well-wishes to her.

All parishioners from our Partnered Parishes are warmly welcome to farewell Jacinta at the **10.00 am Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday October 2nd.**

This will be followed by refreshments in the Gathering Space of the church. If you are coming, you might consider bringing a plate to share.

Fr Steven Rigo.

OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTREACH

Neal Murphy, the Director for Mission Integration of St. John of God, Accord has invited our parishes to develop relationships with clients of what used to be 'Churinga' in Nth. Greensborough.

This would entail both our welcoming of them to our parish of St. Thomas' and of our parishioners engaging with them at their facilities.

I have been invited to ask interested parishioners to go to a presentation by Accords CEO Lisa Evans and Directors from each of the service areas who will speak about their roles in the organisation, and for Neal to host a conversation about how Accord holds itself as a ministry of church in the work in which they are involved.

We would also be taken on a short tour of the facility and Accord will provide lunch. I would welcome some parishioners to accompany me to establish this relationship. Please contact me directly by email or phone.

Fr. Steven Rigo.

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST ST FRANCS OF ASSISI PARISH MILL PARK PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY 2023

THE HOLY LAND: 12th October 2023 for 20 Days OR **FOOTSTEPS of ST PAUL:** 6th of November 2023 for 24 Days.

For further information please contact Elio on 0414 440 812 or Chiara on 0439 612 694.

INVITATION TO DAY RETREAT ON 'GROWING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES': All parishioners and friends are invited to the St Francis of Assisi Parish Retreat to be held on Saturday, 27th August, 8.30 am – 3.30 pm at Loyola College. The Retreat will be presented by Lorraine McCarthy & the Archdiocesan Proclaim Team. 'Come apart for a day to spend with the Lord' Cost: \$5, Lunch - bring your own lunch Booking Essential – RSVP: Tuesday, 23rd August. Bookings: Contact: 9407 6700 Email: Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: *An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.*

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details. We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **19 -21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home or a non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie. (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



Baptisms: we pray for Ella, Harrison, Pia and Bella who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in August.

Thanksgiving Renewal: Thank you to all who have returned Thanksgiving Application Forms. New TG numbers will be issued next week.

Diamond Creek Confirmation: Our prayers and support go to the candidates who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart on Friday 19th August.

Message from the Hiser family: *"Sending notice that we are moving away from Diamond Creek Parish after 21 years association with the School & Parish (mainly the friendly faces at Mass). I wish the community all the best for the future. I have always found the church of Sacred Heart a beautiful setting to gather, pray and find peace. With much thankfulness to many."* Joan Hiser.

St Peter's Hurstbridge 50th Anniversary: An invitation is extended for volunteers to form a planning committee to organize a special Mass and celebration in December. Please contact a Parish Pastoral Council member or the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral Council: Next Meeting Thursday 11th August at 7.30pm. Suggestion box at back of Church.

Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

Senior Moments: Wednesday 17th August Lunch & Games 12pm in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 7th September 12pm Lunch at Diamond Creek Tavern. All welcome. Contact Margaret Jose for bookings.

Rosters for Weekend 14th August

Sunday 14th August 9am Sacred Heart

Reader: B. Greaves

Commentator: T. Jenkins

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Bruce, M. Jenkins

Saturday 20th August 7.15pm St Peter's

Reader: R. Edmonds

Commentator: E. Gittins

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Edmonds

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Mario Molinaro, Lina Molinaro, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Margaret Holland, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper,

We pray for those who have died including and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of August that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Jim Beattie, Fr Gerard Loughnan, Kevin Nihill, Win Atkinson, Mary Burke, Wayne Robinson, John O'Connor



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



Contactless Payments: We are now able to allow electronic transfer of funds through the purchase of a Square Tap Machine. Parishioners will be able to 'tap and go' for the Presbytery and Parish collections. There are instruction in the Church or you can ask for help.

 Square



This will enable those who want to have less reliance on cash to be able to keep supporting the Parish and our Priests.

Finance/Thanksgiving Program : Completed pledge forms for our mini Thanksgiving Campaign can be placed in the box in the Church foyer or they can be returned directly to the Parish Office. While internet banking (direct transfer from your bank account to the Church account) is our preferred method of payment, other payment options include credit card, cash or cheque via Thanksgiving envelope or electronically via Square Tap Machine at weekend Masses.

Copies of the handout on Parish finances are also available in the foyer. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Next meeting of the St Thomas parish Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 17th August, 7.00pm

St Thomas Parish Pastoral Council: Email address: stthomasppc@gmail.com

Set up/Pack up at Mass:

Just a few things to remember now that we are able to have an Offertory Procession.

- Could you please place the bread and wine at the back of the Church instead of on the altar.
- The cleaning of the Altar is to be done at the end of Mass, not during the last hymn.
- Please remember the person rostered on is the one responsible for set up and packing up.
- If you wish to go on the setup roster please contact Lisa in the office.

ST THOMAS TABERNACLE

Fr Steven extends an invitation to parishioners who are interested in forming a committee to further consider a proposal to place the St Thomas tabernacle closer to the sanctuary. This would involve constructing a wall to enclose its present location in order to create a separate Blessed Sacrament chapel where another tabernacle would be available for those who visit after hours to pray.

If you are interested please contact Sandra Bishop sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au Fr Steven Rigo steven.rigo@cam.org.au before Tuesday 9th August.

A meeting will be held in the parish house meeting room on Wednesday 10th August, 7.00pm. All welcome.

Rosters for Weekend 13th & 14th August

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: T. Holland

Commentator: J. Bohan

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Bishop, K. Salm

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: L. Hobson

Commentator: S. Millar

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tipping, C. O'Brien

Set Up: C. O'Brien

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Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis, Miran Kasalo,

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Arthur Walker, Jane de Carlo, Rachael Casale, Frank McMahon, Frank Ventura, Tony Chirico, Marie Lewis, Michael De Popolo, Maris Sacchetta, Guido Micheluzzi, Orazio Palazzoto, Giovanna Formosa, Robert Capocchi, Denis McCarthy, James McCarthy, Bill Ahern, Marina Micai, Anne Honeywell, Giusepa Minutolo, Paul Silverwood, Jim Lysaght, Salvatore Scala, Margaret Hardwick, Ted Tremayne, Giselle Caliste, Nadia Mefflin, Alan Corcoran, Margaret Howse, Alan McCarthy, Salvador Catalogna, Rose Masabni, Antun Sich, Dragan Zilic

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"



PLEASE NOTE TEMPORARY NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St Marys' secretarial team will only be present in the office on Tuesdays until August 29.

For assistance other days please call 9435 1543. Jacinta will generally be around on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A phone call to make sure she is on if you need to access the office, would be best.

During this time, please send any bulletin contributions to Lisa at greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin.

Thank you.

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Peter Mejak, Michael Mc Aleer, Helen Sinnott, Barbara Fernandez, Christos Pittas, Judy Malamaci, Noah Thorley, Jocelyn Tibayan

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Wednesday 10th August, at 12.00pm gathering at Watsonia RSL. Please call Angela on 94446298 or Geraldine 94354306 / 0438148896 to book.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED :Middle aged lady looking for a room to rent. Non smoker.

Contact Pauline for further details: 0415 650 171.

HIRING OF PARISH FACILITIES: Unfortunately due to a number of various circumstances, the James Kierce Centre and the Parish Hall are no longer available to hiring for social functions.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR 10am MASSES One of our two 10am Sacristans, who set up before Mass and tidy up afterwards, is moving from the parish after a number of years and we are looking for a parishioner to replace them. If you are available to share this role with our other Sacristan at 10am Mass, or would like to assist with this role at another Mass please contact the office on 9345 1543.

FUNDRAISER CONCERT: Saturday 20th August at 2pm. Cost \$20.00. Tickets on sale after masses on weekend 6th/7th

August. Bookings Maria 9432 6462 Judy 9435 4506. <https://www.trybooking.com/CBEMH>

FOR SALE: Piano—Petroe, Upright, in very good condition, with a beautiful even tone and pitch. Comes with a Certificate of Service and includes the serial number. As we are downsizing to a smaller home, the price is just \$400. Ring Phyllis Coffey on 0451 937 457. Thank you

NEW SACRIFICIAL GIVING ENVELOPES AND NUMBERS: THANK YOU for your Sacrificial Giving contribution over the last financial year and for your support over the years, without which the work of the parish could not be maintained. New envelopes available in the Gathering Space. In the past, many receipts have not been collected or are not required, so in our continued endeavors to save paper, a printed tax receipt will be supplied upon request. Soft copies are also available.

PLEASE NOTE: For administration purposes, we are updating our database. As a result some contributors will find that they have been allocated new envelope numbers. Envelopes will be sorted alphabetically, so locating them in the crates will be as normal. We ask you to begin to use the new envelopes from 7th August.

If your envelopes are missing or you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Help is needed for us to recommence Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10.00 Mass. Education & support will be provided. Working with Children accreditation is a prerequisite to be one of the team. We work in 2s each session. At the moment we only have support for twice a month. If you are interested please contact Geraldine Conroy 0438 148 896.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT : First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can.

All Welcome.

St MARY'S PRAYER SHAWL GROUP: Meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enq: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

DONATION OF USED HEARING AIDS AND GLASSES: Box available in the Gathering Space.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY: If there is no-one in attendance in the Library, it can be opened and you can record which books you take on the sheet. The Library catalogue can be accessed at home on: cloud.collectorz.com/247780



LECTIONARY ART REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE.

Jesus' message indicates that the disciples should live as if every day was their last: keep the lamps burning and be ready to answer the door when the Son of Man knocks. There was a sense of urgency in the early church regarding the Second Coming.

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First Reading Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48 (or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Commonwealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.

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