



Sunday 8th August 2021

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm
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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am
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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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14h & 15th August

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: P. Leonard, C. Bell
Reader: M. Walsh.

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: S. Bishop, K. Salm, C. Leahy

Special Minister 10.30am: E. Sutherland, A. Letzia, R. Piccolo

6.00pm: Reader: S. Mc Mahon

Commentator: J. Bohan

Set Up: M. Mc Kenzie

10.30am: Reader: L. Hobson

Commentator: S. Millar

Set Up: M. Bates

Counters: GF. Landy, B. Meehan, J. Barker, O. Nguyen

Cleaners: L. Carty, J. de Carlo (14th August)

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our Websites

*******NO MASSES AT ST PETER'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED*******

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

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper, Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis

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

Jim Beattie, Maurie Dalwood, Fr Gerard Loughnan, Kevin Nihill, Win Atkinson, Mary Burke, Arthur Walker, Jane de Carlo, Rachael Casale,
Frank McMahan, 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, Wayne Robinson, Alan McCarthy

WORSHIP & PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES: If you wish to have someone added or removed from the sick or Anniversaries list for our newsletter could you please notify **Pat 9401 6361** or **Lisa 9434 7373**.

COMMUNITY LIFE

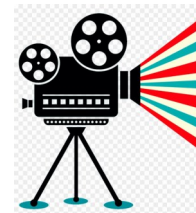
SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 18th August 12pm Meeting in Parish Centre. BYO lunch.

SACRED HEART INTERIM LEADERSHIP TEAM: Last Sunday Fr. Steven spoke about the importance of forming a Parish Pastoral Council. About how the Archbishop intends to form Mission Parishes, he also asked us to nominate someone or nominate yourself to be part of the PPC.

The Interim team are asking you again to nominate a person you think will represent you and the rest of the Sacred Heart Community. Remember we need to form a strong PPC one that represents you. **YOUR VOICE, MY VOICE, OUR VOICE**

RECORDED MASSES—HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

Every week since March last year, St Mary's parishioners Troy and Trevor have shared the recording and uploading of the Saturday evening Mass from one of our partnered parishes and Masses during lockdowns. We thank them for their faithful commitment to our communities. However, to continue to offer recorded Masses on a regular basis, help is urgently needed. Troy was married recently and will soon be moving from the parish, and Trevor has an ongoing commitment as projectionist at a Sunday Mass. An invitation is extended to St Mary's, St Thomas' and Sacred Heart parishioners to assist with this valued ministry. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact **Marian 0409 591 527**.



PLENARY COUNCIL

Fan the Flame Prayer Initiative:

Together we continue to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the Australian church.

'Listening to What the Spirit is Saying

FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

**'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness,
and all these other things will be given you as well'**

Matthew 6:25-34



The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (Gal 6:2).

(Instrumentum Laboris #83)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

UNDER CURRENT RESTRICTIONS 28TH JULY 2021, MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.

Electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship. Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, within a Place of Worship, must use an electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API).

- ***This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.***
- Density Quotient 1 person per 4 sqm applies
- Sacred Heart 60 people. St Thomas 85 people.
- Everyone entering the Church can scan the QR Code.
- In exceptional circumstances, due to age, disability etc., the Parish has the ability to manually record their attendance (and maintain records for a period of 28 days).
- ***Sacred Heart & St Thomas Parishes will continue to use the Trybooking system to enable parishioners to book in for Mass so we do not exceed our density quotient.***

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,
The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.
The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

PARISH COFFEE and CHAT

Would you like to catch up for a coffee and chatter on Thursday 26th August 2.00pm at Phoenix and Co on Diamond Creek Rd Greensborough? some of us met today and thought it might be nice to make this a regular informal, social catch up each month.

If you wish to join us, please email me@ stewmarg@bigpond.net.au or for those who don't have an email address, please ring me on 94343286 and leave a message on my answering machine with your name and phone number.

Please RSVP by the 12th August so I can book a table, or if you see me around just let me know you'd like come. (Bring loose money to pay and we'll put it together to help the Cafe).



CATHOLICARE VICTORIA APPEAL Sunday 8th August

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION:

This week "The Opening the Doors Foundation is celebrating 20 amazing years of changing the lives of First Nations children educated in Victoria.... Opening the Doors Foundation is an inspirational black and white success story of Reconciliation in action. Please join us (online) to hear the stories of our success, to reflect on this milestone and step with us into our reconciled future" – www.openingthedoors.org.au St Thomas the Apostle Parishioners have been supporting the Opening the Doors Foundation over this 20 year journey.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK - 8TH AUGUST



Today is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian Saint.

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please remember for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries.

Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

INVITATION TO DAY RETREAT ON THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

All parishioners and friends are invited to the St Francis of Assisi Parish Retreat to be held on Saturday, 21st August, at Loyola College. The Retreat will be presented by the Sapientia Team on the Year of St Joseph.

'Come apart for a day to spend with the Lord'

* Time 9.00am-4.30pm * Cost: \$10 * Lunch - bring your own lunch * Tea & Coffee provided

*Booking Essential – RSVP: Tuesday, 17th August.

Bookings: Contact: 9407 6700 Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! Due to Covid restrictions the information session date has been moved into September. No longer on Saturday 14th August, the Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 4 September, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For further information contact Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin

8 August 2021

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:12-17

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Many women were there by the cross,
watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and
looked after him.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life.

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear.
Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or

gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields;

they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that

not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field

which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow,

will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice,

and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This Gospel does not say we should not worry about what others eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25).

In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor.

She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

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