





Sunday 3rd June 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

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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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Mass Times

Monday: Communion Service 9.15am Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am **1st Saturday of the month:** Vigil Mass at

St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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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 9th & 10th June

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: M. Cusack, Aminda, Dharshanie, J, Bruce, F. Ledda

Reader: A. Pieper Commentator: B. Greaves Welcoming: M. Dunn Set-Up: J. Bruce, A. Pieper Counters: R. Padget, M. Farrell Cleaners: T. Sirianni

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 7th July, 2018 **Special Ministers:** Y. O'Brien, H. Edmonds, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Keenan Commentator: E. Gittens Set-Up: R. Nicolasien

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: M. McKenzie, C. & L. Leahy, S. Bishop, K. McMahon Special Minsters 10:30am: J. Millar, B. Riordan, A. Kerr, R. Piccolo, M. Tipping

6.00pm: **Reader:** P. Carty Commentator: J. Money Set-Up: M. McKenzie 10:30am: Reader: J. Kerr **Commentator:** M. Bates Set-Up: M. Bates

Counters: D. & D. Haesler Cleaners: 16th June L. Carty, J. De Carlo

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Movie Day 12.00pm Pat Frisby's. Car pool 11.30am at parish House Light lunch Wednesday 6th June

Thursday 7th June Feast of Sacred Heart Mass 9.15am St Thomas Church Feast of Sacred Heart Mass 9.15am Sacred Heart Church **Friday** 8th June

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

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Noela Atkinson, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft, Julia Liddard

Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, John Muscat, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maureen Porter, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Rocco Di Pierro

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Pauline Georgiades, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Wednesday 6th June. Movie Day 12pm at Pat Frisby's BYO lunch to share.

CHURCH FLOOR: Due to an accidental flooding in the Church last weekend the floor in the Gathering Space may feel spongy under foot but every effort has been made to make the area safe. Just be aware there may be some slight lifting of the boards near the joins, and you may also be able to smell a sour odour as the carpet dries out. Every effort has been made to make the area safe for the present and restoration work will be undertaken in the coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

St MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP: Join us for an outing to the Casino Wednesday 13th June, which includes a Buffet Lunch. Members \$21.00 Non Members \$23.00. Bus leaving 9.15am returning 3.00pm. Enquiries Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 or Kay 9435 5736

FORMATION IN FAITH

RCIA: If you are interested in learning more about your Catholic faith or perhaps looking at becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Mandy through either of the Parish Offices

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: Melbourne Catholic provides a simple and contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith in Melbourne and beyond The May edition is available now in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

REFLECTION DAY: Saturday 14th July commencing at 10.00am until 2.30pm at Currajeen Retreat Centre, 811 Bridge Inn Road. Doreen. Treat yourself to some time with the Lord, guided by Sister Maureen Delaney. Cost is only \$10.00, BYO lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To make a booking please contact Sacred Heart Parish Office, as numbers are limited.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Tuesday: St Boniface Wednesday: St Norbert, St Marcellin

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. These Hosts can be found on the Offertory Table prior to Mass, please feel free to place a Host in the Pict provided.

FEAST OF SACRED HEART MASS: Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas Thursday 7th June 9.15am & Sacred Heart Friday 8th June 9.15am.

FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAMS

Both Sacred Heart & St. Thomas are seeking any parishioners who may like to assist with the important ministry of assisting with the preparations of funerals in each parish. Currently St. Thomas have a small team which and are hoping to add members and Sacred Heart are looking to establish a team. This important Ministry assists with the preparation of all funerals within each Parish and liaises with the Families, Priest and Parish Office to ensure everything runs smoothly. If anyone is interested in sharing their talents by contributing to the Ministry of your Parish please feel free to contact either the Sacred Heart or St. Thomas Parish Office.

DIAMOND VALLEY REFUGE SUPPORT: – Thanks to all parishioners for continuing to support the project. Could you possibly please ensure all your donation envelopes are returned by the 17th June. This will be the last collection for banking before the end of the financial year. Lentara Uniting Care will be issuing receipts sometime in July. If you have any queries, please feel free to call Lilian Hobson (0402 823 679). Our Parishes will continue to support the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project; new envelopes for 2018/19 will be provided in July.

BIG GROUP HUG

Based in Rosanna, the Big Group Hug is a grassroots charity supporting struggling families in our community. They provide donated goods to assist parents in caring for their children aged newborn to 12 years old. Big Group Hug wants to ensure all kids are warm this winter by including pyjamas, singlets, socks & underwear in all their donated packs of clothing this year.

They are seeking donations of NEW Pyjamas, Singlets Socks & Underwear for both Boys & Girls in sizes 2 to 16. For more

information on how you can assist this very worthwhile organisation please visit www.biggrouphug.org or contact Carly in the St. Thomas School Office or email: carly@biggrouphug.org

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

if you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet we ask that you do so as soon as possible. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Many thanks Pat and Mary. Many thanks Pat and Mary.

********** **EVENTS ELSEWHERE**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - Listen to what the Spirit is saying: Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishop's decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 & 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To Prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

For more information please visit the new website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY: The ACU is offering a short course entitled "From Death to New Life": Preparing and Celebrating Catholic Funerals in June at its Melbourne Campus. The course explores Christian theology of dying & death as well as the Order of Christian Funerals, specifically in a Catholic way, Registration for those interested is via the website link:

http://www.acu.edu.au/acu centre for liturgy/short courses

ST.MARY'S TENNIS CLUB: Is looking for players for next season commencing Term 3 for Juniors (Friday night/Saturday morning) Seniors, Ladies/Tuesday, Men's/Tuesday Vets, Wednesday Ladies, Thursday Mixes, Men's Thursday.

For more information email stmarystennis56@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARY MASS: The Annual Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 29th July at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Hart. The Annual Anniversary Mass is held in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and family. To register please go to: http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Anniversary-Mass Couples who register for the Mass will also receive a commemorative certificate.

DIAMOND VALLEY MEN'S GROUP: A newly formed group is starting up at the Diamond Creek Living and Learning Centre, 119 Cowin Street, Diamond Creek, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm-9.00pm. This a chance for men to come together to talk, listen and share, all are welcome. If interested please feel free to contact: Ray 0413 185 722.

2018 St VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Winter Appeal to be conducted over the weekend of 16th & 17th June is Vinnies' major mid-year appeal. Your donations in past years have been distributed to support local families in need – donations for which those families and we, the Greensborough Conference, are extremely grateful.

Once again this year we are seeking financial donations, either cash or credit card, so as to provide direct financial support to families to meet their immediate needs. Envelopes will be provided at each Mass on this weekend for your donations which will be taken up during the leaving collection. Additional envelopes will also be provided in the gathering space if required. Collection bins will also be available in the Gathering Space for any donations of non-perishable food items.

Thank you

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CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL 2018

'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...' Isaiah 52:7

This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the important work of Catholic Mission in Myanmar; through programs aimed to improve education for children, specifically through teacher training and the implementation of alternative, child centred education around the country. The theme of the appeal is 'Healing a nation through education'. The theme reflects our mission as Christians to provide the tools and support to help those in need, and in doing so, announcing peace and bringing good news.

This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, catholic especially in remote areas. Please help support teachers, students and quality schooling as a pathway to

building peace and a future for thousands of children in Myanmar today by placing your donation in the envelopes provided. For more information go to www.catholicmission.org.au/maynmar2018 or email admin@catholicmission.org.au

Reach out. Give life.

For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to visit your Parish Website

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B (Corpus Christi)

3 June 2018

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed." Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

(R.) Alleluia!

- How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
- 3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.
 My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all hizs people. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal

redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord:

whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

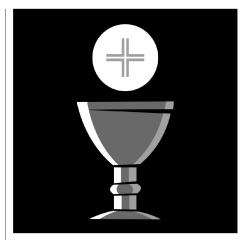
Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role - being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week's first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being 'the blood of covenant' would have immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God's people - a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people - a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

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