



Sunday 6th May 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

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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 12th & 13th May

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

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

Reader: R. McEvoy

Commentator: J. Hoyne

Welcoming: M. Dunn

Set-Up: J. Bruce, A. Pieper

Counters: R. Padget, M. Farrell

Cleaners: F. Peckham

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 2nd June, 2018

Special Ministers:

Reader:

Commentator:

Set-Up:

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

Special Minsters 6.00pm: R. Garner, D. & D. Haesler, L. Carty, M. McKenzie

Special Minsters 10:30am: B. Riordan, E. Sutherland, A. Letzia, F. Landy, A. Kerr

6.00pm: Reader: T. Holland

Commentator: M. Gargan

Set-Up: T. Butera

10:30am: Reader: E. Rainsbury

Commentator: T. Williamson

Set-Up: M. Bates

Counters: T. Williamson, M. Bates, A. Tomasiello

Cleaners: 19th May B. Iacobucci, V. Vella

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 9th May

Litugy Meeting Sacred Heart 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th May

Senior Moments: Lunch & Games 12.00pm Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

Friday 26th May

Anointing of the Sick Mass 9.15am sacred Heart Church

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.

Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, John Muscat, Noel Casemore.

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Dorothy Pittle, Alan Bentley, Glenn Hurley, Michael Berriman, Helen McCrohan Steve Molnar, Domenica Picollo, Kath Mumford, Theodora Ellul, Maura McGauram, Stephen Ruzic

COMMUNITY LIFE

ST. MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP: Our next outing to Woop Woop on the 9th May 2018, with 2 course lunch at the Cumberland Hotel. Cost is \$47 Members & Non Members \$54. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am and returning home at 4.30pm. Bookings are required before each event so please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298 or Kay 9435 5736 if you are interested in attending.

PARISH COUNSELLOR: This is a brief message for the St Thomas community to let you know that I will be working in the Parish again this year. You can find me at the Parish House every Tuesday during school term and I can be reached through the Parish Secretary on 9434 7373 or by contacting the Dandenong office of Catholic Care on 8710 9600. Please leave your name and phone number and I will return your call. This service is offered to individuals and couples and is strictly confidential.

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.

MOTHERS' DAY: If anyone has a photo that they would like to share in our annual Mothers' Day slideshow, please feel free to send it to Sue McMahon before Thursday 10th May, thank-you; sueandkevinmcmahon@bigpond.com

SENIORS MOMENTS: Lunch & Games at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Wednesday 16th May at 12.00pm. BYO light lunch to share.

FORMATION IN FAITH

LITUGY MEETING: The next meeting for the Liturgy team will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday 9th May commencing time is 7.30pm. New members warmly welcome.

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.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Wednesday; St Athanasius

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK MASS: will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 25th May at 9:15am. More information over the page.

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.



SOME HUMOUR FOR THE WEEK

A Priest was speaking to a group of second graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the tomb?" The Priest explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said. As quick as a flash the hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said. He said, 'Tah-dah!'"

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

6 May 2018

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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