





Sunday 6th May 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

## The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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**Parish:** 9435 1543 Presbytery: 9432 2515

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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** 

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

**Parish School Principal** 

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Secretaries: Mary Gargan & 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** 

Mr David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

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

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Litugy Meeting Sacred Heart 7.30pm Wednesday 9th May

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.

<u>PARISH COUNSELLOR:</u> 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.

<u>DIAMOND VALLEY MEN'S GROUP:</u> 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.

<u>MOTHERS' DAY:</u> 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; <u>sueandkevinmcmahon@bigpond.com</u>

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

## **FORMATION IN FAITH**

**<u>LITUGY MEETING:</u>** 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

<u>MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE:</u> 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.

<u>GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS:</u> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2<sup>nd</sup> coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

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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 <a href="www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au">www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au</a>
Many thanks Pat and Mary.

## SACRAMENT OF ANNOINTING THE SICK

Annointing of the Sick will performed at 9:15am Mass on Friday 25th May at

### Sacred Heart Church in Diamond Creek.

This Sacrament is available for all those who are seeking The Lord's healing, be it for ill Health Issues, Age, Sickness, Prior to Surgery or just general difficulties in life. Those requiring this sacrament are warmly welcome to attend on the day and are invited to stay for Morning Tea afterwards.



#### **EVENTS ELSEWHERE**

**RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN:** Friday 11 May 7pm to Sunday 13 May 2pm at Pallotti College Wesburn. Cost is \$130.00 an is for men aged 18 to 35. For more information call 9926 5733.

**\*CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES\*** featuring Daniel Wells, current Collingwood Champion. The venue is the CQ Club, 113-123 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am – 9am Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, or Email **michael.bohan@menalive.org.au** The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia.

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY: The ACU is offering a public 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

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<u>CHOSEN CONFERENCE:</u> Jesus Youth Australia invites all young people aged between 18 to 30 to participate in Chosen, a Catholic Youth Conference to be held during July. If you are interested or wish to register please visit <u>www.chosenconference.org.au</u>

<u>CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:</u> 2018 Knox Public Lecture **Wed.** 16 May at 7.30pm Dr Jeff Kildea What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War Bookings and Info.: jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or **ph.** 9412 3304. R.S.V.P.: **Wed.**9 May. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

**HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** 21st-23rd June at Ibis Melbourne, cost \$199.00. A time to come together to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Register at: www.Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com or Ph: 1300 734 880.

<u>ALPHA CORE GROUP:</u> St Mary's Parish ran an Alpha group last year and are keen for it to continue. If you would like to be apart of this joint initiative there is a training day scheduled for May 12th at St Mary's. Here is a link to Alpha in a Catholic Context <a href="http://australia.alpha.org/blog/catholic">http://australia.alpha.org/blog/catholic</a> or contact Jacinta Bright at St Mary's Parish.

<u>VINNIES GREENSBOROUGH:</u> New members welcome. Our small group of about 15 members invites you to join us in our work for disadvantaged people, including whole families, in the Greensborough/Watsonia area. Women and men of all ages are welcome to join us in assisting people in need. For more information about Vinnies or how to join please call Ian Fraser on 0412 658 968.

#### THANK YOU

We would both like to thank the many parishioners who attended Kevin's Commissioning Mass as Victorian President of St Vinnies last Sunday as it was a wonderful celebration. We especially thank our celebrants Fr. Steve, Fr. Tao, Fr. Dong, Fr. Owen, Fr. Tony Kerin and Rev David Fuller. We would also like to thank Mary Gargan, Lisa and Chris Leahy for all their help setting up, and the choir and musicians – Leonie Rizzi, Rhona Reyes, Michael Kenny, Bill Naim, Terri Kittel-Sherri, Ruth Garner and Jan Money for making it such a joyful celebration. We thank also our MC, John Bohan, our ministers, Jackie Bohan and Basil Riordan, and our readers, Ernie, John, Margaret, Vinka, Nicole and Maria and Maureen. You all helped to make the Mass a very joyous occasion. Lastly we thank the many parishioners who sent their congratulations, prayers and blessings. May God bless you all.

**Kevin and Sue McMahon** 

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

# 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

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 conventional boundaries 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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