





#### Sunday 2nd September 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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Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux

#### **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

#### Parish School Principal

Mrs. Helen Anderson *Ph:* 9433 4000 *or Email* principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

# Sacred Heart

25 Gipson Street, Diamond Creek 3089 *Parish*: 9438 1159

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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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# St. Thomas the Apostle

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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 8th & 9th September**

#### SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: M. cusack, Aminda, Dharshanine, J. Bruce, F. Ledda

Reader: M. Farrell. Commentator: B. Ward Welcoming: M. Dunn Set-Up: J. Bruce, A. Pieper Counters: R. Padget, M. Farrell Cleaners: P. Guatta

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 6th October, 2018

Special Ministers: Y. O'Brien P. Keenan, P. Leonard

Reader: R. Nicolaisen Commentator: B. Greaves Set-Up: R. Nicolaisen

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

**Special Minsters 6.00pm:** M. Sturmar, J. Bohan, S. Bishop, A. McCarthy, M. Gargan **Special Minsters 10:30am:** F. Landy, B. Iacobucci, C. O'Brien, D. Nixon, B. Riordan

6.00pm: Reader: K. McMahon Commentator: S. McMahon Set-Up: J. De Carlo 10:30am: Reader: M. Bates Commentator: T. Williamson Set-Up: J. Kerr Cleaners: 8th September: B. Guldon, G. Kilkenny

# **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

(Full details listed inside)

September

Wed 5th Senior Moments Pizza Lunch Parish Centre 12pm (Please note change)

Sat 8th NO RECONCILATION AT ST THOMAS

Wed 12th Mature Aged Group Shrine of Remembrance Outing Wed 19th Senior Moments Lunch & Games Parish Centre.

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

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

**Greensborough North:** Jo Herbert, Marg Dobson, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Doug Armstrong, Beling Dasilda, May Teycheney, Marie Pfitzer, A sick parishioner, Nicole Bistricic, Sandra Bishop, Matthew Mc Ginley.

We pray for all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of September that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom Terry Moran, Lucy Rotin, Michael Holland, Andrew O'Dea, George Ind, Peter Thomas, Francis Goodge, Margaret Fitzgerald, Jean Watson, Maria Scordo, Gennaro Mascia, Bernadette Richardson, Norah Moylan, Jane Tremayne, Tess Natoli, Barry Williamson, Mollie Kerr, Rocco Crea, Bernadette Linehan, Vincent Mascia, Jim Hardwick Snr., Kevin Power, Antonio Lunardello, Ines Lunardello, Vincenzina Varalla.

# **COMMUNITY LIFE**

<u>SENIORS MOMENTS:</u> Wednesday 5th September Pizza Lunch 12pm at Parish Centre (Please note change). Wednesday 19th September Lunch and games in the Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

<u>MATURE AGED GROUP:</u> St Mary's next outing to Shrine of Remembrance on the **12th September**, will be with a 2 course lunch. Members \$33.00 Non Members \$36.00 Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306 Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

<u>COMBINED PARISHES HIGH TEA:</u> put the date in the diary Sunday 7 Oct. 2pm Cost \$25 p/h at St Thomas Hall Bookings Judy 9435 4506 or Claire 0438 058620

**JAMES A. WALKER**, Professor of Language Diversity, La Trobe University is researching communities where people are likely to have deep family roots and Diamond Creek's history suggests that it would be ideal. Older residents interested in participating in the study, a 1 hour discussion on the changing community, please contact Parish Centre.

<u>LETTERS</u> of apology from his Holiness pope Francis and Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne, are available in the Gathering Space or go to www.cam.org.au and download from the Website.

<u>ST VINCENT DE PAUL STORE BRIAR HILL</u> is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** Monday through Saturday, to work in their shop at 23 Sherbourne Road, Briar Hill. Please **Phone 9432 6797** to arrange a time for a chat on how to join our friendly team.

#### **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

<u>MELBOURNE CATHOLIC</u> the September issue is available in the Gathering Space. In this issue it looks at how different walls are built and what they are built around. Walls are not only built to keep people in or out but also to enclose things of beauty and importance.

#### **WORSHIP & PRAYER**

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:** Monday: St Gregory

<u>RECONCILIATION</u> there will be no reconciliation at St Thomas next Saturday as Fr Tao will be attending the Ordinations in at St Patricks Cathedral.

<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 Pix provided.

#### PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL

#### This will be a leaving collection today

Father's Day is the Annual Collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese, in 1990 Archbishop Little established this fund with the motto "caring for those who cared".

The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. Last year the foundation spent \$3.9 million dollars caring for our retired priests. All contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible. The Foundation depends on our support. Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!

#### **Some interesting Facts**

Priests generally retire at 75 years according to Canon (Church) Law: 80 Melbourne priest are currently retired; They have ministered in most Melbourne Parishes; 6 retired priests is aged in their 90's; 46 retired priests are aged in their 80's; 28 retires priests are aged between 75-80; The Retirement Foundation meets their needs. Retired priests have served us well. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring; They are grateful for your support now and in the future; There will be an average of 6 retirements per year for the next six years (our past parish priest Fr Michael being one of them)

#### Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The generous soul of nature,
The wisdom of the ages,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The patience of eternity,
Then God combined these qualities,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,

The majesty of a tree,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The comforting arm of night,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The depth of a family need,

When there was nothing more to add,

And so, He called it ... Dad



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. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



PLENARY 2020—STAY TUNED—THIS PLENARY IS VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH—EVERY

PERSON'S VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD. . All Australians are invited to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. More to follow.

Details: http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/. However, we will need small group facilitators to assist with the process.

Simple process is provided. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

#### FOR YOUR COMFORT DURING MASS

Our churches at both Sacred Heart and St. Thomas have been designed to accommodate a posture of standing during the Eucharistic Prayer. However, this should not restrict people who find standing for any length of time difficult. Please feel free to sit at any time if necessary.

### **EVENTS ELSEWHERE**

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL with the Grail presents an evening with John Allen Jr. on Thursday 6th Sept 7.30pm at St Peter's Church 844 Centre Road East Bentleigh cost \$20. Enq. Jack Stuart jgpstuart@hotmail.com

ST JOHN'S HEIDELBERG Thurs. 25th Oct. and Thurs. 1st Nov. talk by Fr Brendan Byrne sj. Topic: Exploring St Luke's Account of the Childhood of Jesus. More information closer to the date.

**ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES** 13<sup>th</sup> September featuring our new Archbishop, Peter A Comensoli. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Come along and support the new Archbishop. The venue remains the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

**BROCHURES FOR THE CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB** of Victoria current Walks Program available in the Churches. VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA- MAKE A WHEEL DIFFERENCE! It's not just teachers – Mission also needs



mechanics, tools and trades! What skills can you share with our neighbours? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. Right now, the community of Mawlmayine, Myanmar requires a volunteer mechanic to provide mentoring and support for local livelihood programs.

For more mission opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just vet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa- Call us 02 9560 5333 or go to palms.org.au/

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#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

PARISHES YEARLY COLLECTION FOR ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTER AND THE MERCY COTTAGE AT SACRED HEART DIAMOND CREEK will be held from the weekend of 25th/26th August until 29th/30th September. Parishioners are

asked to donate non-perishable items and toiletries for men & women. Some of the urgent items are: basmati rice, spaghetti (not tinned), tinned tomatoes, corn, peas & fruit, packets of split red lentils & dried chick peas, biscuits sweet and savoury, baking flour, raw sugar, tinned fish/tuna in oil or springwater, cornflakes and rice bubbles, jam and peanut butter, long life (UHT) milk, tinned legumes, beans, lentils, chick peas, kidney beans (without sauce), olive oil (tins are OK), dishwashing liquid, nappies all sizes, baby wipes, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shaving items. At St Thomas the large basket will be available to receive the items; there will also be a basket available at Sacred Heart. There will also be a more comprehensive list of items needed.

DIAMOND VALLEY DEANERY REFUGEE SUPPORT FOR LENTARA ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT continues. A number of St Thomas & Sacred Heart parishioners are continuing to support the Deanery's initiative. Information is available in the Gathering Space for any new parishioners wishing to participate. Contact Lilian on 0402 823 679 or e-mail alhobson@optusnet.com.au (after 12th October)

#### **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 (2<sup>nd</sup> coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

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

# **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

# 2 September 2018

#### First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

- Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
   He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
- He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
- He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

# **Second Reading** Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

#### Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,

that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human

regulations.
You put aside the commandment of God to

cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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#### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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