



Sunday 2nd September 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

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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

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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

Counters: D. & D. Haesler

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 Bisticic, 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

SENIORS MOMENTS: 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.

MATURE AGED GROUP: 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

COMBINED PARISHES HIGH TEA: 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.

LETTERS 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL STORE BRIAR HILL 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

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC 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

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

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 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

Happy Father's Day to All our Dads, Grand Dad's and Father Figures of the Parish



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.

1. 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.)*
2. 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.)*
3. 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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