



Sunday 11th February 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

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Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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The Partnered Parishes of:

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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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

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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 10.30am

Parish School Principal

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17th & 18th February

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: P. Leonard, C. Bell, T. Sirianni, F. Ledda, Y. O'Brien

Reader: A. Pieper **Commentator:** C. Fernando **Welcoming:** P. Thomas **Set-Up:** P. Leonard

Counters: C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y. O'Brien **Cleaners:** T. Sirianni

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 3rd March, 2018

Special Ministers: R. Nicolaisen, H. Edmonds, B. Greaves

Reader: R. Edmonds. **Commentator:** E. Gittins. **Set-Up:** M. Frisby.

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE 6:00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6:00pm: K. Salm, A. McCarthy, C. & L. Leahy, J. Bohan.

Special Minsters 10:30am: D. Nixon, F. Landy, A. Letzia, R. Piccolo, R. Rendina.

6:00pm: **Reader:** M. Gargan. **Commentator:** D. Haesler. **Set-Up:** M. McKenzie.

10:30am: **Reader:** L. Hobson. **Commentator:** A. Tomasiello. **Set-Up:** C. O'Brien.

Counters: J. Bohan, B. Riordan, A. McCarthy. **Cleaners:** 24th February E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L. Stephens.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

14th Ash Wednesday Masses Sacred Heart 9.15am St Thomas 12 noon and 7.30pm

21st Senior Moments Lunch Parish Centre 12pm

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.

Greensborough North: Maureen Elks, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Rosemary Schneider, Gwen Walsh, Jo,

We Pray for for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of February that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom
Patricia Murphy, Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Ursula Morrissey, Judy Vincent, Fr. Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginal Chircop, Sanico De Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 21st February 12pm Pizza Lunch in the Parish Centre

ST. THOMAS T/G ENVELOPES the next set of envelopes which are due to start in March are available for collection in the Gathering Space.

AFTER SCHOOL FAITH DEVELOPMENT CLASSES (with Sacramental Preparation) for children in Grade Three and over, NOT currently attending the catholic school begin for this year at **Sacred Heart Church**, 25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek, and also taking enrolments on **Monday February 5th**.

Those who wish to attend the program at **St Thomas** are asked to contact the Catechetical Office on 94341246 and leave a message. Classes start on Thursday 8th February in the Parish house.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS collect your vouchers when you shop and put them in the box in the Gathering Space at St Thomas and Sacred Heart.

Dear Sacred Heart families and friends,

I am pleased to inform you that Sacred Heart has been successful in receiving support from Catholic Education Melbourne to embark on a \$1.9 million building refurbishment project. This project will enable us to bring to reality the concepts and dreams in our Master Plan, which was collaboratively developed by all stakeholders in our community throughout 2016.

This project will not necessitate an increase in fees as Sacred Heart's share of the loan repayments fit within our existing loan repayment schedule.

Over two years of continued effort has finally proven to be worthwhile and will result in the Sacred Heart community having the physical resources to provide a quality learning environment for our students and to reward the tremendous heart of this community.

Regards Jim O'Sullivan Principal

THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH.

Fr Tao has told us of his joy, whilst he was in hospital, when his daily Holy Communion would arrive and the disappointment on the rare occasion when, for whatever reason it didn't come.

We are able to receive the Blessed Sacrament at our Sunday Mass, even daily, if we wish, from the various services in our Parishes. We get to choose, when, and at what time. We have Parishioners who are house bound or in the care facilities that we minister to, who are unable to choose and so they rely on the volunteers of the Parish to visit. We all have commitments, caring for an elderly relative, minding grand-children, or volunteering in other ways in the community. There are new facilities being built in the Diamond Valley area and we will be asked to minister to these residents. Please don't hesitate to volunteer even if you haven't done it before as training and assistance will be provided to you. If you are able to spare a couple of hours approximately once a month please contact our Parish offices. Kaye Salm

Please Note

We are still in need of more volunteers to help with Baptisms, Church Cleaning, Church Set Up and Counting. Please give a think if you would be able to help in any way at either church. Thank you

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 February issue is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy. Again there are many interesting and varied articles for you to read this month.

DO YOU NEED HEALING? You are invited to reach out and touch **The FRINGE of HIS GARMENT**, a 2 day journey of inner healing, 9am-5pm, Sat 24 & Sun 25 March, at St Thomas the Apostle, parish hall, Greensborough North. A donation of \$50 is appreciated, students \$30. Book before 19 March via: online at <https://www.trybooking.com/TKLD> and use Promo Code CSOE for 10% discount email: melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au phone Rose 0411 650 339 Retreat presented by the

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Wednesday: Ash Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held at St. Mary's during Lent on Friday nights commencing 16th February and continuing to the 23rd March at 7.30pm. All welcome

HEALING MASS will be celebrated on Thursday 15th February at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. For further details, please contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. Please see Father before Mass to arrange.

Our Partner Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's & St. Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
- By now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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