



Sunday 12th November 2017

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

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Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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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

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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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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

Mrs. Gail Smith **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18th & 19th NOVEMBER 2017

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

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

Reader: M. Farrell **Commentator:** J. Hoyne **Welcoming:** P. Thomas **Set-Up:** P. Leonard

Counters: C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y. O'Brien **Cleaners:** M. Dunn

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 2nd December, 2017

Special Ministers: H. Edmonds, P. Leonard, R. Nicolaisen.

Reader: P. Keenan . **Commentator:** E. Gittins. **Set-Up:** C. Chetcuti .

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

Special Minsters 6:00pm: M. Sturmar, K. McMahon, R. Garner, A. McCarthy, M. Bedford.

Special Minsters 10:30am: J. Jamieson, A. Kerr, B. Iacobucci, M. Tipping, B. Riordan.

6:00pm: **Reader:** T. Holland. **Commentator:** S. McMahon. **Set-Up:** C. Leahy.

10:30am: **Reader:** M. Kenny. **Commentator:** J. Kerr. **Set-Up:** J. Kerr.

Counters: M. Loy, C. Bell, B. Klepp, P. Klepp. **Cleaners:** 25th November; Karyn. Coen, Kate. Coen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 15th Nov. 2017 - Seniors Moments Lunch Parish Centre, 12.00pm, BYO Lunch to share.

Friday 8th Dec. Annual Anointing Mass 11am Sacred Heart followed by light lunch.

Tuesday 12th Dec. 7pm St Thomas Reconciliation Service

8pm Liturgy meeting

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.

Greensborough North: Maureen Elks, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Nathan Fistic, A Young Parishioner.

We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of November, that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Jack Ridley, Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Rebekah Weston, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke, Nick Piccolo, Kathleen Hudson, Maura Coyle, Lena Brullo, Ray Tipping, Lawrence Meilak, Theresa Meilak, Marcel, Bishara, Frank Mercieca, Thomas Iacobucci, Fr. Kelvin Kenny, Christopher Kenny, Joan Campbell, Serge Teychency.

COMMUNITY LIFE

REMEMBERANCE BOOK will be available during November in the Gathering Space at both churches. You **are invited to write the names of any deceased family or friends** in the book and it will be taken to the Altar at each Mass with the Gifts. November is a time we remember and pray for our loved ones who are no longer here with us.

SENIORS MOMENTS Wednesday 15th November lunch and games 12pm Parish Centre. BYO light to share.

THANK YOU TO THE GARDNERS AT ST. THOMAS: a big thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to help keep our grounds neat and tidy. A special thanks to those who have undertaken extra work over the past couple of weeks to tame the spring growth. If you would like to spend some time outside on the ride on mower cutting the grass or doing other gardening tasks around the Parish please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE INTER CHURCH CAROLS ON SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER will be held on Wednesdays: 15, 22, 29 November from 7:30-9 pm at St Mary's Church, Greensborough. We will perform two songs and as many voices as possible from all our Mass Centres would be made very welcome. Contact Megan on 9435 1551 or email: mamitchem@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this event.

THE COLUMBAN CALENDAR is available in the Gathering Space at St. Thomas at **\$9 per copy**. If we have run out please let the Parish Office know and we will obtain some more.

CHRISTMAS CARDS that depict different scenes of Bethlehem are available in the Gathering Space of both Churches.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: a special leaving collection will be taken up today to help continue the support for the **John Pierce Centre** the Spirit of the Deaf Community. The John Pierce Centre helps the Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals take an active part in the community as well as their spiritual lives. Envelopes in the Gathering Space for credit card donations. Your support today would be greatly appreciated.

ST MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP the final activity for the year is a trip to Noorlim Estate Homestead with lunch at Nagambie Lakes entertainment Centre on Dec. 13 . More information and bookings ring Geraldine 0438148896.

ANNUAL ANOINTING/HEALING MASS:

Sacred Heart Church 11.00am on **Friday 8th December** followed by a light luncheon in the hall. Volunteers to help with hall set-up, transport and serving lunch will be appreciated.

ST. MARY'S FETE

Saturday 18th November 10am to 3pm Plenty of food and fun for all the family

All welcome

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.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

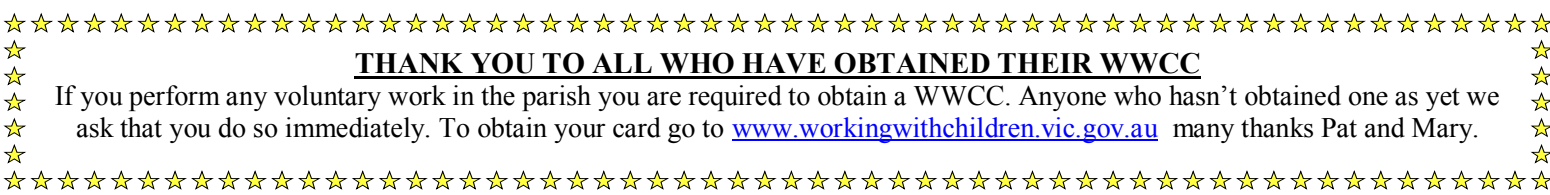
SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

HEALING MASS You are invited to join us in celebrating a Healing Mass on Thursday 16th November at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. For further details, please contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Sandra 9434 7553.

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

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 immediately. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au many thanks Pat and Mary.



FORMATION IN FAITH

RCIA: a small group has begun meeting weekly, with some inquirers, who are keen to join the Catholic Church. If you would like to join in learning more about the Catholic faith e-mail Mandy at greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

ADVENT begins **Year B** and the **Gospel of Mark**, so to prepare come and **Meet Mark, his Gospel and his Jesus**. Three Monday evenings: 27 Nov., 4 & 11 Dec. 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Mary's Church Gathering Space. Donation only. Further information Sandra Bishop 9434 7553. This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE is available in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy. Articles that may be of interest: Pauline Clayton and her art work. Pauline is the artist who produced the Crucifix in St. Thomas Church. An article by Fr. Tony Herbert writing about time he spent with the Indian people, and the changes to their lifestyle through education.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE this free magazine is available in the Gathering Space for you to take today. Main article this edition is looking at "Christmas in the Middle East"

YOUTH

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: The ACYF is a national gathering of young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The festival provides young people with an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus. The third ACYF will be held in Sydney from 7th to 9th December 2017. For more information on being part of the Northern Region Collective please contact your Parish Office or refer to the Parish Websites.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS AT SACRED HEART

On the 22nd November The Passionist Family Group Movement began at Sacred Heart Parish, 32 years ago. (Not a bad innings for our Parish.)

At that time we were the second Parish in Victoria to become involved in this movement, now days there are more than 60 family group parishes across Victoria and over 400 in Australia and overseas.

Of course some of our original groups no longer exist, and leaders and Coordinators have changed, but the values haven't, it's simply to allow people to get to know each other, to accept and love each other and seek to find Christ, through simple hospitality, by sharing our highs and lows, by supporting each other.

Currently we have 3 groups that meet regularly, having functions such as a picnic, a film night, a restaurant meal, a meal in a home, a week end away and much much more.

If you are new in our Parish or not so new and would like to join or would like more information.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

MARCELLIN COLLEGE: The annual memorial Mass for deceased Students will be celebrated by Fr. Pat Harvey on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the College Chapel. Supper will follow. **Enquiries: Mary Norden 9842 3080.**

INFORMATION NIGHT AT YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION Tuesday 14 Nov. 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Undergraduate and postgraduate courses are available. All welcome to come along and find out more. No booking required. **FEE HELP** available. YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill Email: admin@ytu.edu.au **ALL WELCOME!**

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in Oct/Nov followed by a Training Day early December. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) www.mercyworks.org.au PH.9326 1895

ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB is looking for players commencing Term 1 2018 for: Juniors – DVTA Friday twilight, NEJTA Saturday morning, Seniors–HDTA Tues Ladies (day), NENTG (nights) Tues Men/Vets, Wednesday Women, Thursday Mixed, DVTA (night) Thursday Men. We also offer a Monday night Social play at our Kalparrin courts for those not wishing to play competition.

Information: stmarystennis56@gmail.com before November 15th.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB next 28 to 60 singles party Sat 18 Nov. at 8pm, at Benedict House Warrigal Road Burwood. Cost \$13.00 including supper **Enquiries:** Peter; 9885 2167

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL MELBOURNE Wednesday 15th November 6:30pm-7:30pm Recital by Matthias Schlubeck, Panflute & Joachim Neugart, Organ **Admission: \$20.00** (no concessions) Bookings not required.

LOYOLA COLLEGE is holding their **Twilight Market and Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday 3 December in the College grounds. Market starts at 3pm Carols at 7.45pm. Stall enquiries lpfa@loyola.vic.edu.au

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

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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12 November 2017

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

**(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.***

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
(R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary,
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with
a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
(R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

(or shorter form 1 Thes 4:13-14)

***A reading from the first letter
of St Paul to the Thessalonians***

*Those who died as Christians,
God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about

them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

***you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.
Alleluia!***

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

***A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew***

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



Reflection

by Dianne Bergant

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. How it will happen, we do not know. When it will happen, we do not know. That it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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