



Sunday 18th March 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

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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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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**

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24th & 25th March

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: C. Ledda, C. Garzia, F. Ledda, A. Keenan, P. Keenan

Reader: C. Fernando, M. Farrell, J. Pittle, Y. O'Brien **Commentator:** M. Nguyen. **Welcoming:** M. Dunn

Set-Up: M. Farrell, P. Keenan

Counters: G. Ind, P. Guatta

Cleaners: J. Hiser

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

Special Ministers: E. Gittins, Y. O'Brien, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Leonard

Commentator: P. Keenan

Set-Up: R. Nicolaisen

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: J. De Carlo

10:30am: Reader: M. Kenny

Commentator: J. Kerr

Set-Up: C. O'Brien

Counters: T. Quinlan, B. Murray, M. Cullinan

Cleaners: 24th March: K. Coen, K. Coen

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

Wed. 21 Senior Moments Parish Centre 12 noon BYO lunch

April

Wed. 4 Bus Trip From Diamond Creek Station to Laurimar for Lunch

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: Noel Casemore, Jo, Helene Grech.

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of March that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Les Ginnivan, Madeleine Blake, Laurence Dunn, John McGauran, Kath Glennen, Sydney Raymond, Michael Pase, Carl Troiano, Rollo Jackson, Elizabeth Salm, Antonio Gallo, Kathleen Sheehan.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MONMENTS Wednesday 21st March. BYO light lunch to share 12pm at Parish Centre.

Wednesday 4th April Bus Trip from Diamond Creek station to Laurimar for lunch.

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.

DIAMOND CREEK ANTIOCH REUNION: Sunday 18th March, 12.00 to 5pm in **Sacred Heart Hall**, Bring memorabilia. Antioch ran in the Parish for approximately 10 years during the 80's/ 90's. We would like to see as many of the past Antiochers together as possible. Please pass this message on to anyone you know who was part of our Group. For more info: Cam 0403 136457 Ronda on 0427 331006

ST VINCENT de PAUL Diamond Valley Region is organizing a "Community Sleepout" on Saturday 7th –Sunday 8th July to raise funds to support single parents and their children who are experiencing hardship in the Diamond Valley Region. The committee are in desperate need of volunteers to join the Committee to assist with the coordination and continuation of this fantastic event. The next meeting will be on Monday 19th March at the Greensborough Football Clubrooms at 5.30pm. For info or to RSVP your attendance to the meeting contact John ellis 0437 490 389 or diamvalley.rc.cnc@svdp-vic.org.au

ST PATRICK'S MORNING TEA We are having a morning tea on Wed 21 March at 10.30am in the Gathering space. Entry \$5.00 per person. An invitation is extended to all parishioners, ladies and gentlemen to join us for wonderful music and great home-made food. Raffle tickets available on the day. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

ATTENTION CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF DIAMOND CREEK Colouring and activity sheets about the gospel reading are available for children under 6 years each Sunday. The blue Children's Box is at the back of Diamond Creek Church. Please return the folders and pencils and there will another surprise next week. For older children please to take home a gospel information sheet from the table. Jasna and Margaret rsc.

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

LENTEN PROGRAM: continues on Wednesdays during Lent after 9.15am Mass in Sacred Heart Church. All welcome

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 Catholic School of Evangelisation

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE in this months magazine the articles look at the many forms of suffering that occur in peoples lives. We all need help and support at times we just need to know where to turn for this help. The magazine is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy.

DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MASS MORE PRAYERFULLY? Learn about the Mass by visiting www.2vatican.va/audiences Here you will find that Pope Francis has been offering information or catechesis about the meaning of the different parts of the Mass at his Wednesday audiences. Begin with January 2018.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

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

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.

EASTER LITURGIES

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 21st March 7pm St Thomas the Apostle Thursday 22nd March 7.30pm St Mary's

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 29th March 7.30pm Sacred Heart

Good Friday The Lord's Passion

Friday 30th 3pm Sacred Heart Friday 30th 3pm St. Thomas the Apostle

Easter Vigil

Saturday 31st March 7.30pm St Thomas the Apostle (replaces 6pm Mass)

Easter Sunday

Sunday 1st April 9am Sacred Heart Sunday 1st April 10.30am St Thomas the Apostle

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

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

18 March 2018

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again - the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

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