



Sunday 18th February 2018

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo

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

**Pastoral Associate:** Jacinta Bright

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**Pastoral Worker:** Christina O'Connor

**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

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**Secretaries:** Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

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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 24th & 25th February**

**SACRED HEART 9:00am:**

**Special Ministers:** C. Ledda, C. Garzia, J. Pittle, A. Keenan, P. Keenan

**Reader:** Loyola College Student. **Commentator:** Loyola College Student. **Welcoming:** Loyola College Students.

**Set-Up:** M. Farrell, P. Keenan. **Counters:** P. Guatta, G. Ind. **Cleaners:** M. Dunn

**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. McMahon, A. McCarthy, D. & D. Haesler, R. Garner.

**Special Minsters 10:30am:** D. Nixon, M. Tipping, A. Kerr, F. Landy, J. Millar.

**6:00pm:** **Reader:** E. Rainsbury. **Commentator:** S. McMahon. **Set-Up:** J. De Carlo

**10:30am:** **Reader:** S. Millar. **Commentator:** R. Rendina. **Set-Up:** C. O'Brien.

**Counters:** C. O'Connor, E. Sacchetta. **Cleaners:** 24th February E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L. Stephens.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**February**

**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, Judith Edwards.

*We Pray 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.

**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.

**DAY OF PRAYER** In response to the recent invitation from Archbishop Hart, there has been organised a **Day of Prayer and Penance for Peace for all People of the world**, but especially for the people of the Congo and South Sudan on **Friday** of the First Week in Lent, **23 February**, at St Mary's Greensborough. Our day will start with 9:15am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which will continue until 7:30pm. Our Day of Prayer will come to a close with Stations of the Cross starting at 7:30pm finishing about 8:05pm.

**SPECIAL MINISTERS TO THE SICK** are asked to join with Christina in the Parish Meeting Room on either Wednesday 21st February or Wednesday 7th March at 10.30am to 11.30am to share experiences and to get to know one another. Anyone who is thinking about taking communion to the sick is also very welcome to attend to find out what is involved.

**FAIRFAX ARTICLES** "In response to criticisms addressed against the Church in The Age over the last week, a clarification of the financial status of the Church in Australia is given by Francis Sullivan, the CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth, Justice and Healing Council. Copies are available in the Gathering Space on Yellow Paper."

### **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

**LENTEN PROGRAM:** starts this Wednesday 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](mailto:melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au) phone Rose 0411 650 339 Retreat presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation

### **WORSHIP & PRAYER**

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Thursday:** The chair of St. Peter

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held at St. Mary's during Lent on Friday nights commencing **16th February** and continuing to the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

will be held on **MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 10.30am at **St. Johns Anglican Church, Main Road Diamond Creek**. Speaker is Julie Blinco. The theme is **ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD**, prepared by The Churches of Suriname. Refreshments will be served after the service a great opportunity to meet up with old and new friends from the churches in our local area.



***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.***

## **First Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**18 February 2018**

### **First Reading Gn 9:8-15**

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10**

***(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.***

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness,  
O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

### **Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22**

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

### **Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4**

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

***No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.***

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

### **Gospel Mk 1:12-15**

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



### **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel this week need to be looked at together. In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In the short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start – a clean slate – for humankind. It is a clear indication of God's commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go – give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

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