

PLEASE NOTE: When ringing either Parish Office or Parish House please let it ring for about 12 rings. This is due to an unusual set up of our phones.

We pray for 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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Wednesday 4th October Lunch at Wallan. Ring Margaret Jose for details. Wednesday 18th October lunch and games 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

PARISH PYX COUNT: it would be much appreciated if all Sacred Heart Parish Communion to the Sick Ministers in possession of a parish pyx contacts Pat. Thank you

ST. MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP: next outing to Myriad Glass Design Kilmore, 11 October with lunch at MacNamara's Irish Pub, cost for members is \$44.00 and non members \$49.00. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.00pm. Final outing for the year is at Noorlim Estate Homestead with a 2 course lunch at Nagambie Lakes Entertainment Centre, cost \$59.00 for members, non members \$61.00 Bookings contact Geraldine on 9435 4306 or Angela on 9444 6298. All welcome.

FORMATION NIGHT FOR READERS AND MINISTERS will be held at St. Mary's Greensborough on Tuesday the 3rd October at 7.30pm. Parishioners from both Sacred Heart and St. Thomas are invited to take part in this evening.

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.

YOUR HELP IS REQUIRED

At both Sacred Heart and St. Thomas there has been some gaps left in our roster due to people moving on for many different reasons. We are in need of people to fill in these gaps and would like to hear from you. If you could assist the parishes in any of the following please ring Pat on 9438 1159 or Mary on 9434 7373.

Over head projection at Mass, Cleaners, Readers, Communion Ministers, Counters, Singers, Musicians.
Have a think and see how you may be able to help!!!!!!

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul; **Friday:** St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS Gluten Free, Wheat Free, Dairy Free, Corn Free communion hosts are available for those with allergies. Please see Father before Mass if you require these hosts.

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

YOUTH

YEAR OF YOUTH IN YOUR PARISH workshop day on October 21 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne. Cost is \$20 or \$60 for groups of four. To register for this event go to www.cam.org.au/youth/yearofyouth

RESOURCES ON MARRIAGE AND THE PLEBISCITE

The Pope along with the Bishops of Australia have written articles on the current issue on same sex marriage. Copies of Pope Francis and Archbishop Hart's articles are available in the Gathering Space and all articles can be read on the websites at www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth or www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

2017-18 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

EVERYONE'S BUSINESS is the topic for this year's statement. The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is available for sale at \$1 per copy in the Gathering Space.

STORIES OF FAITH AND HOPE Hear the inspiring stories of 2 Christian men and their challenging life journeys. **October 14-Hear Jeremiah Temple** tell the story of his escape from the war in Sierra Leone, West Africa, his life in Australia and his involvement with asylum seekers and refugees in Melbourne. **November 4-Sam Farbod** will describe his life in Shiite Iran, before his conversion to Christianity and arrival in Australia and his life now as a Baptist minister here in Melbourne. Both talk will be at the Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty from 2:00- 4:00pm RSVP Janet 041 041 3774

HIGH IMPORTANCE

It is now required under **state law** that anyone who does either paid or voluntary work in the Parish or for the Parish is required to obtain a **Working With Children Check**. We ask that everyone please fill this requirement. WWCC for volunteers does not cost anything and can be applied for on line and finalised at an Australian Post Office outlet. If you are having problems please contact the Parish Office.

The detailed WWCC protocol is available at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements>

Thank you for your assistance in this matter Pat and Mary

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

THINKING OF A UNIQUE OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE? Come along to hear about some amazing travel ideas, with likeminded parishioners and friends. Hosted by Diamond World Travel, our fully escorted tours will be discussed and tailored to your interests. A meeting will be held on Thurs. Oct. 12th at 7pm at St Mary's in the Gathering Space. Refreshments provided, all welcome. Please RSVP by 10 Oct. to: diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au 0481321055

BUILDING A HEALTHIER CHURCH: Where to from here? An evening of conversation with Bishop Vincent Long, Maria Kirkwood and Francis Sullivan on Thursday 12th October 7.30pm-9.30pm at YTU 34 Bedford Street Box Hill

MAGDALENE: A WANTON SAINT Renaissance Theatre. 826 High Street, Kew East 4 - 7 October - 7pm Daily Matinee Saturday 1pm. Enq. Florence D'Costa: 0433 851 662 or Geraldine: 0413 398 528 or Email: cogtheatre@gmail.com or geraldine343@gmail.com Tickets from Try Booking at TryBooking.com/qzmg

VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL University of the third age together with the Nillumbik Shire Council has arranged for two low-cost activities for the Victorian Seniors Festival during October 2017 celebrating the valuable contribution older people make to our community. The two activities are Sunday 8 Oct. *The D V Open Door Choir* 2.30pm-4pm at Diamond Creek Community Centre and Sunday 15 Oct. *Dinner Dance* at Diamond Creek Community Centre 6.30pm-9.30pm. Further information on Notice board and also on Website.

A PRAYER FOR PEACEMAKERS

*Spirit of God,
give us the openness, deep within us
to recognise, daily,
all people as made in your image and likeness.
Help us to learn from one another the ways of being fully alive,
at peace with ourselves and with those around us.
Give us the courage to transform
those parts of ourselves and our world
that separate and create enmity.
Help us to take steps to stop
the cycle of violence
in our homes, in our workplaces,
in our neighbourhoods, in our country,
in our world.
May we be open to our deepest yearning
for a world alive with your justice and truth,
to dream of a society
where all are treated with respect,
and, with the power of your Spirit,
to take steps to bring it about.*

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Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.

Carl Gustav Jung

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

24 September 2017

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Mass Times:
Weekend Masses:

Saturday:
 6pm Greensborough North
 7.15pm Hurstbridge
 First Sat. of Month

Sunday:
 9.00am Diamond Creek
 10.30am Greensborough North

Weekday Masses:
 Mon. Eucharistic Service 9.30am Sacred Heart
 Tues. & Thurs. 9.15am Greensborough North
 Wed. & Fri. 9.15am Diamond Creek

Reconciliation:
 Friday 9.30-10.00am Sacred Heart
 Saturday 9.30-10.00am St. Thomas

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioner and friends from
Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Noela Atkinson, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, and from
Greensborough North: Maureen Ellks, Frankie Leonard, Mardi Bowers, William Harvey, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Peter Mejak, Nathan Fistic, Emily Selar, A young parishioner, Denis Gardiner, Marajna Susec, Luka Kasalo.

Sunday 24th September 2017

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30th Sept & 1st October 2017
Diamond Creek. 9 am
Special Ministers:

G. Beeby, M. Beeby, A. Schellins, R. Belli, Sr. Margaret

Reader: M. Hardy
Commentator: G. Hardy
Welcoming: M. Roadley
Setting up: P. Thomas
Counters: J. Hoyne Team
Cleaners: F. Peckham

Next Mass at St. Peter's Hurstbridge - Sat 7th October @ 7.15pm.

Greensborough North
Special Ministers:

6.00pm: A. McCarthy, R. Garner, D. & D. Haesler, M. Bedford.
10.30am: B. Riordan, R. Rendina, J. Jamieson, M. Elks, D. Nixon.
Readers: **6.00pm:** K. Salm. **10.30am:** T. Williamson.
Commentators: **6.00pm:** B. Bedford. **10.30am:** S. Millar.
Setting Up: **6.00pm:** T. Corcoran. **10.30am:** J. Kerr.
Cleaners: L. & M. Todesco, J. Millar.
Counters: F. Landy, B. Meehan, J. Barker, O. Nguyen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September:

**Sacred Heart and St. Thomas are member parishes of
 Diamond Valley Deanery**

First Reading Is 55:6-9
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
 call to him while he is still near.
 Let the wicked man abandon his way,
 the evil man his thoughts.
 Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
 to our God who is rich in forgiving;
 for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
 Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
 as my ways are above your ways,
 my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm
 Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18
(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 1:20-24. 27
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ,

which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 20:1-16
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



Reflection
 by Greg Sunter

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

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