



Sunday 25th February 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

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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

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Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3rd & 4th March

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: G. Beeby, M. Beeby, A. Schellens, C. Bell, B. Flynn

Reader: J. Libertino

Commentator: C. Gardner

Welcoming: A. Pieper

Set-Up: P. Thomas

Counters: J. Hoyne, P. Hoyne

Cleaners: P. Guatta

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: M. McKenzie, C. & L. Leahy, S. Bishop, K. McMahon.

Special Minsters 10:30am: R. Piccolo, B. Riordan, B. Iacobucci, E. Sutherland, J. Millar.

6:00pm: Reader: K. Salm.

Commentator: J. Money

Set-Up: T. Corcoran.

10:30am: Reader: A. Tomasiello

Commentator: F. Mascia.

Set-Up: J. Kerr.

Counters: M. Loy, C. Bell, B. & P. Klepp.

Cleaners: 10th March: A. Cichello, N. Mefflin, B. Murray.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

7th Senior Moments Lunch Diamond Creek Tavern 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 Maria Fernandes and Judith Edwards who died this week and 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,

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS Wednesday 7th March. Lunch 12pm at Diamond Creek Tavern.

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.

SPECIAL MINISTERS TO THE SICK are asked to join with Christina in the Parish Meeting Room on Wednesday 7th March at 11.00am to 12 noon 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.

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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS is available for free in the Gathering Space. There are some very interesting articles on some of Australia's Catholic Women who have lived prophetic lives apart from our first Saint Mary Mackillop. Another article on how the aboriginal people are taught that they are caretakers of the land and we all can learn how to look after this great country of ours. Francis Sullivan also answers some questions from the royal commission. Please take a copy and read it for yourself.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be held on **MARCH 2nd** 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.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

25 February 2018

First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. *(R.)*
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. *(R.)*
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

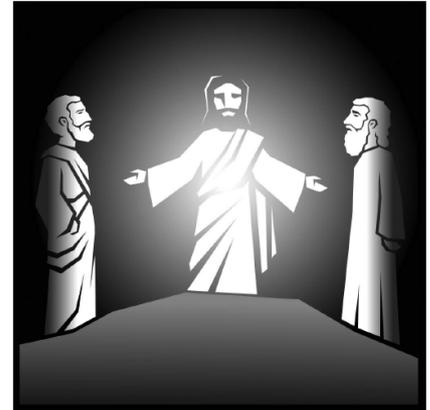
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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