



Sunday 26th November 2017

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

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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

Parish School Principal

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2nd & 3rd December 2017

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: M. Beeby, G. Beeby, A Schellens, R. Belli, Sr. Margaret

Reader: M. Hardy **Commentator:** G. Hardy **Welcoming:** M. Roadley **Set-Up:** P. Thomas

Counters: J. Hoyne Team **Cleaners:** C. Ledda

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. Gargan, D. & D. Haesler, S. Bishop, R. Garner.

Special Minsters 10:30am: R. Rendina, J. Millar, D. Nixon, A. Letzia, A. Kerr.

6:00pm: **Reader:** E. Sacchetta. **Commentator:** K. Salm. **Set-Up:** K. Salm.

10:30am: **Reader:** F. Mascia. **Commentator:** S. Millar. **Set-Up:** J. Kerr.

Counters: J. Bohan, B. Riordan, A. McCarthy. **Cleaners:** 9th December: A. & L. Hobson, M. Manison.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday	8th Dec.	Annual Anointing Mass 11am Sacred Heart followed by light lunch.
Tuesday	12th dec.	7pm St Thomas Reconciliation Service
Tuesday	12th Dec.	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,

COMMUNITY LIFE

REMEMBRANCE 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 6th December 12pm Christmas Lunch in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre.

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.

ST MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us for our last outing for the year to the Noorlim Estate Homestead, on the 13 December 2017, with a 2 course lunch at Nagambie Lakes Entertainment Centre, cost members TBA Non Members \$59.00. Seats still available. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.00pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Christmas Stall after the 9am Mass **TODAY**

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.

2017 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

St Thomas

The Christmas Appeal to be conducted over the weekend of 2/3 December is Vinnies' major end of year appeal. Your donations in past years have been distributed to support local families in need – donations for which those families and we, the Greensborough Conference, are heartily thankful. **Again this year, we are asking for cash or credit card donations, to provide direct financial support to families to meet their immediate needs.**

Please place your donations in the envelopes provided, and place them in the leaving collection. More envelopes will be provided in the gathering space if required. Collection bins will also be provided for any non-perishable food or Christmas items which might be donated. The group is always appreciative of gift toiletries for both males and females. Thank you Ian Fraser, President

Sacred Heart

Diamond Creek St Vincent de Paul is hoping to bring some Christmas joy to the families that we help throughout the year. If you can donate by giving **gift cards** or **cash** for the hampers, it would be very much appreciated. Envelopes will be available in the churches. You can drop these off up till Sunday 10th December at the church or Parish Centre. There will also be a **leaving collection on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd December**. **Thank you.**

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Thursday: St. Andrew

ADVENT REFLECTIONS - CURRAJEEN RETREAT CENTRE DECEMBER 9 and 16, Sr. Maureen invites you to these two Saturday morning Reflections 10 –11.30am at Currajeen Retreat Centre, 811 Bridge Inn Rd, Doreen (white tyres at the entry). Let us prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time... See you there!

THE LOURDES DAY MASS in Melbourne this year is at 10:30am on Saturday 2 December at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Terry Curtin will be the principal celebrant. Each person that attends is given a gift pack containing water from the Lourdes grotto in France, rosary beads and other devotional material. Disability access is available at the Cathedral.

CATHOLICCARE HIV/AIDS MINISTRY invites you to the World AIDS Day Vigil Mass to REMEMBER those who have died from AIDS, to CELEBRATE the great inroads in treatment of HIV and to HOPE for a cure. St Francis Church corner Elizabeth & Lonsdale Sts Melbourne at 5.30pm on Thursday November 30.

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.

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

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First Reading Ez 34:11-12,15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep. I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

***(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power.

For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!***

***Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!***

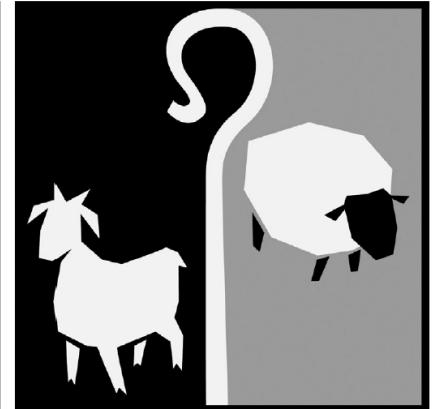
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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