

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 October that they may enter joyfully into God's kingdom.

Felicia Ongarello, Salvatore Caputo, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Ken Nettleton, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Frser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green

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 Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels; **Wednesday:** St. Francis of Assisi;
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

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE the October issue is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy. As October is World Mission Month there are several articles of how the church is developing in many parts of the world.
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. The 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 Oct. 7.30pm-9.30pm at YTU 34 Bedford Street Box Hill

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.

RALLY FOR REFUGEES Calling for an end to Offshore Processing & Mandatory Detention. Seeking Safety for All People Who Have Come Here Seeking Our Protection. Sunday, 8 Oct. 2pm State Library, Swanston St, CBD

SPEAKING OF OLD DOGS

An old German Shepherd started chasing rabbits and before long discovers that he is lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch. The dog thinks "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on them with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap the old dog exclaims loudly "Boy, that was one delicious panther, I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the panther, "That was close! That old dog nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use, and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes. The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. '

The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what is going to happen to that conniving canine!" Now, the old dog sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "what am I going to do now?" Instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he has not seen them yet. Just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says

"Where is that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!" The moral of this story - Don't mess with the old dogs Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!

Of course, I am in no way insinuating that you are old, just "youthfully challenged".



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There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

French Proverb

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1 October 2017

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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.
Do not remember the sins of
my youth.
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 Phil 2:1-11

(or shorter form Phil 2:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition

among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in
the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name
of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

*I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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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

Sunday 1st October 2017

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7th & 8th October 2017

Diamond Creek. 9 am

Special Ministers:

S. Yeoh, K. Watson., M. Cusack, J. Bruce, C. Elso

Reader: J. Hoyne

Commentator: B. Ward

Welcoming: M. Dunn

Setting up: J. Bruce A. Pieper

Counters: M. Farrell, L. McCrohan

Cleaners: A. Ridsdale

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

Special Ministers: H. Edmonds, Y. O'Brien, P Keenan,

Reader: B. Greaves

Commentator: P. Leonard

Set Up: M. Frisby

Greensborough North

Special Ministers:

6.00pm: M. McKenzie, K. Salm, M. Sturmar, J. Bohan, M. Gargan.

10.30am: F. Landy M. Tipping, C. O'Brien, E. Sutherland, R. Piccolo.

Readers: 6.00pm: J. Bohan 10.30am: L. Hobson.

Commentators: 6.00pm: E. Sacchetta 10.30am: B. Watts.

Setting Up: 6.00pm: C. Leahy 10.30am: M. Bates.

Cleaners: 14th October L. Carty & J. De Carlo.

Counters: K. Irvine, S. King, H. Weir..

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

Wed 4th Lunch at Wallan. Ring Margaret Jose for details.

Wed 18th Lunch & games 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

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

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.