



Sunday 1st April 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux

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

Parish School Principal

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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

Parish School Principal

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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 10.00am

Parish School Principal

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7th & 8th April

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: K. Watson, M. Cusak, J. Bruce, Aminda & Dharshanie

Reader: J. Hoyne

Commentator: J. Libertino.

Welcoming: M. Dunn

Set-Up: J. Bruce, A. Pieper

Counters: R. Padget, M. Farrell

Cleaners: T. Sirianni

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 7th April, 2018

Special Ministers: E. Gittins, Y. O'Brien, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Leonard

Commentator: P. Keenan

Set-Up: R. Nicolaisen

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: M. Gargan, J. Bohan, S. Bishop, R. Garner, A. McCarthy

Special Minsters 10:30am: R. Rendina, J. Millar, D. Nixon, E. Sutherland, R. Piccolo

6.00pm: Reader: E. Sacchetta

Commentator: K. Salm

Set-Up: J. De Carlo

10:30am: Reader: F. Mascia

Commentator: S. Millar

Set-Up: C. O'Brien

Counters: G. Lynch, L. Vecchio, B. Vecchio

Cleaners: 7th April - A. & L. Hobson, M. Manison

DATES FOR THE DIARY

April

Wed. 4 Bus Trip From Diamond Creek Station to Laurimar for Lunch

Wed. 18th April Lunch & Games in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

May

Fri 4 Ladies Dinner 7pm Sacred Heart Hall

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, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft.

Greensborough North: Jo, Helene Grech, John Muscat.

We pray for Fr Robert Coghlan and Sr. Maureen Cullen who died this week and for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Bertuna, Margaret McCarthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Ray Money, Rod Nettleton,

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS Wednesday 4th April Bus Trip from Diamond Creek station to Laurimar for lunch.

Wednesday 18th April Lunch & Games in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

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.

LADIES DINNER AT SACRED HEART Friday 4th May 7pm in Parish Hall. \$30ph carvery & dessert. Come on ladies put it in your diary and start organising a table of friends for a good night of chat and giggles and catching up with old friends. RSVP 1st May to Pat in the Parish Office on 94381159



ST. MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP On 11th April we are having a Bingo game, in the James Kierce Centre. Meeting starting at 11.30am - 12.30 with Bingo starting at 1.00pm. We will also be collecting for our next outing to Woop Woop on the 9th May 2018, with 2 course lunch at Cumberland Hotel. \$47 Members, Non Members \$54 Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.30pm. Bookings are required before each event so please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298, Kay 9435 5736 if you are interested in attending.

THE CHURCH IN THE FUTURE the Diamond Valley Deanery Group are holding a conversation night to look at Parish Partnerships and the Church in the future. The meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April in James Kierce Centre at St Mary's Parish from 7pm-9pm. All Parishioners are welcome and are asked to RSVP to St Mary's 9435 1543 by 16th April.

REST IN PEACE Sister Maureen Cullen pbvm who was Pastoral Associate at St Thomas from 1992 to 1996 passed away last week. May she rest in peace.

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

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE in this month's issue they look at what and where people call home. The articles open the doors on peoples thinking of where home is and what it means to some people. The magazine is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy.

A FORMATION EVENING for MINISTERS of the WORD and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION for our partnered parishes, Sacred Heart, St Thomas' and St Mary's will be held at **St Mary's Church Greensborough** on **Wednesday 18 April at 7.30pm (please note the change of venue.)** If you are interested in proclaiming the Word of God or assisting with the distribution of Communion (or both) we would love you to come along to the Formation Session which will include the theological and historical background to both ministries and the opportunity for practical input and feedback. Please contact Frances or Sharon at St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543 so that we have an idea of numbers attending. Current Ministers who have not attended a formation session in recent years are also invited to attend to fulfil the Archdiocesan requirement of ongoing formation.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

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.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

If you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet we ask that you do so immediately. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au many thanks Pat and Mary.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN Friday 11 May 7pm to Sunday 13 May 2pm at Pallotti College Wesburn.
Cost \$130 for men 18 to 35. For more information call 9926 5733.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN Friday April 6 7pm to Sunday April 8 2pm at Pallotti College Wesburn
Cost \$130 for women 18-35 For more information call 9926 5733.

'CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES' featuring Daniel Wells, current Collingwood Champion. The venue is the CQ Club, 113 - 123 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am - 9am Thursday 24th May 2018, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia

DO YOU HAVE ONE HOUR A FORTNIGHT/MONTH TO DO A VISIT

As some of our parishioners become less mobile or are incapacitated due to ill health they are unable to join in the weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We are looking for men and women who could give some of their time to visit these people either in their homes or the nursing homes and take communion to them.

These people not only look forward to the visit and the receiving of communion but also the friendly smile and chat that you also take to them.

ALSO

Both parishes need the help of volunteers to go on rosters for the following:- Ministers of Communion at weekend Mass, Readers and Commentators at weekend Mass, AV at Mass, church cleaners, counters, people to help prepare the families for Baptism, Sacred Heart is also looking for Archivist. By participating in any of these activities you are helping the Parish Community reach out.

If you can assist and would be prepared to go on a roster please contact Pat on 94381159 or Mary on 94347373.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion money can be returned by either putting the envelopes/boxes in the collection baskets or leave them in the marked boxes in the Gathering Space at each church. Thank you for your support.



For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to go to your Parish Website

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A copy of all Parishes Privacy Policy is available to any Parishioner at the Parish Office and on our Websites.

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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

1 April 2018

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' *(R.)*
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. *(R.)*
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings. The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

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