



Sunday 4th March 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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The Partnered Parishes of:

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

Parish School Principal

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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 10th & 11th March

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: K. Watson, M. Cusack, J. Bruce, Aminda & Dharshani
Reader: R. McEvoy **Commentator:** B. Ward **Welcoming:** M. Dunn
Set-Up: J. Bruce, A. Pieper **Counters:** R. Padget, M. Farrell **Cleaners:** F. Peckham

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 6:00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6:00pm: M. Sturmar, K. McMahon, W. Watson, M. Bedford, K. Coen
Special Minsters 10:30am: E. Sutherland, J. Jamieson, R. Rendina, M. Tipping, A. Letzia
6:00pm: **Reader:** J. Bohan **Commentator:** B. Bedford **Set-Up:** C. Leahy
10:30am: **Reader:** F. Mascia **Commentator:** F. Landy **Set-Up:** M. Bates
Counters: D. & D. Haesler **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, Noel Casemore, Jo,

We pray for Rosemary Schneider and Alphonso Nguyen who died this week, and for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of March that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Les Ginnivan, Madeleine Blake, John McGauran, Kath Glennen, Sydney Raymond, Michael Pase, Carl Troiano, Rollo Jackson, Elizabeth Salm, Antonio Gallo, Kathleen Sheehan.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin McMahan a member of the Greensborough Branch of St. Vincent de Paul Society who was elected last Saturday as the next State President of the organisation effect from 25th March. Please keep both Kevin and Sue in your prayers over the coming weeks as Kevin embarks on this new position. There will be a commissioning Mass at St Thomas the Apostle some time after Easter to which all parishioners are warmly invited too. More information to follow.

DIAMOND CREEK ANTIOCH REUNION: Sunday 18th March, 2018 12.00 to 5pm at Westerfolds Park, Porter St. Picnic Area, off Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe, which has a covered BBQ area. Melways Map 33, E3. BYO everything - and some memorabilia. Antioch ran in the Parish for approximately 10 years during the 1980's/1990's. We would like to see as many of the past Antiochers together as possible. Please pass this message on to anyone you know who was part of our Group. For more info: Cam 0403 136457 (after Tues 6/3/18). Ronda on 0427 331006

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. Articles on some of Australia's Catholic Women who have lived prophetic lives apart from our first Saint Mary Mackillop, 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. Please take a copy and read it for yourself.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE in this months magazine the articles look at the many forms of suffering that occur in peoples lives. We all need help and support at times we just need to know where to turn for this help. The magazine is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION evening on the Eucharist is being presented by Rev. Dr. Kevin Lenehan on Tuesday March 6th, 7.00 – 8.15 p.m. at St. Mary's in the church's Gathering Space for parents who's children are preparing for First Eucharist. All parishioners are welcome. Kevin is a lecturer in theology at Catholic Theological College and is experienced in Adult Faith formation. It is a great opportunity to gain deeper insight into the significance of the Eucharist in our lives.

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.

EASTER LITURGIES

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 21st March 7pm St Thomas the Apostle **Thursday** 22nd March 7.30pm St Mary's

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 29th March 7.30pm Sacred Heart

Good Friday The Lord's Passion

Friday 30th 3pm Sacred Heart **Friday** 30th 3pm St. Thomas the Apostle

Easter Vigil

Saturday 31st March 7.30pm St Thomas the Apostle (replaces 6pm Mass)

Easter Sunday

Sunday 1st April 9am Sacred Heart **Sunday** 1st April 10.30am St Thomas the Apostle

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

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.

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

4 March 2018

First Reading Ex 20:1-17 (or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth all of them just. *(R.)*

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

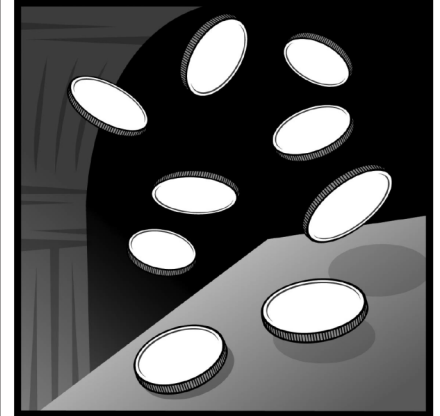
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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