



Sunday 4th February 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

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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

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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 10.30am

**Parish School Principal**

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**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 10th & 11th February**

**SACRED HEART 9:00am:**

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

**Reader:** J. Hoyne. **Commentator:** B. Ward. **Welcoming:** M. Roadley **Set-Up:** P. Thomas

**Counters:** J. & P. Hoyne

**Cleaners:** U. Federico

**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, K. Salm, M. Sturmar, J. Bohan, M. Gargan

**Special Minsters 10:30am:** F. Landy, M. tipping, C. O'Brien, E. Sutherland, R. Piccolo.

**6:00pm: Reader:** J. Bohan.

**Commentator:** E. Sacchetta.

**Set-Up:** K. Salm.

**10:30am: Reader:** L. Hobson.

**Commentator:** M. Kenny.

**Set-Up:** J. Kerr.

**Counters:** T. Williamson, M. Bates, A. Tomasiello **Cleaners:** 24th February E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L. Stephens.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Senior Moments** next meeting Wed 7th Feb. 12pm Parish Centre.

**Ash Wednesday 14th February** Masses Sacred Heart 9.15am St Thomas 12 noon and 7.30pm

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 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, Reginal Chircop, Sanico De Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe.

### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**SENIOR MOMENTS:** Next meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

**ST. THOMAS T/G ENVELOPES** the next set of envelopes which are due to start in March are available for collection in the Gathering Space.

**AFTER SCHOOL FAITH DEVELOPMENT CLASSES** (with Sacramental Preparation) for children in Grade Three and over, NOT currently attending the catholic school begin for this year at **Sacred Heart Church**, 25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek, and also taking enrolments on **Monday February 5th**.

Those who wish to attend the program at **St Thomas** are asked to contact the Catechetical Office on 94341246 and leave a message. Classes start on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

### **THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH.**

Fr Tao has told us of his joy, whilst he was in hospital, when his daily Holy Communion would arrive and the disappointment on the rare occasion when, for whatever reason it didn't come.

We are able to receive the Blessed Sacrament at our Sunday Mass, even daily, if we wish, from the various services in our Parish. We get to choose, when, and at what time. We have Parishioners who are house bound or in the care facilities that we minister to, who are unable to choose and so they rely on the volunteers of the Parish to visit. We all have commitments, caring for an elderly relative, minding grand-children, or volunteering in other ways in the community. There are new facilities being built in the Diamond Valley area and we will be asked to minister to these residents. Please don't hesitate to volunteer even if you haven't done it before as training and assistance will be provided to you. If you are able to spare a couple of hours approximately once a month please contact our Parish offices. Kaye Salm

#### **Please Note**

We are still in need of more volunteers to help with Baptisms, Church Cleaning, Church Set Up and Counting. Please give a think if you would be able to help in any way at either church. Thank you

### **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** the February issue is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy. Again there are many interesting and varied articles for you to read this month.

### **WORSHIP & PRAYER**

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held at St. Mary's during Lent on Friday nights commencing 16<sup>th</sup> February and continuing to the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm. All welcome

**LENTEN PROGRAM** will be held on a Wednesday morning after 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Parish for the six weeks of Lent. Booklets will be provided.

**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.

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING.** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm Holy Hour 7.30pm Mass St Patrick's Cathedral. Celebrant: Very Rev Joe Caddy, Episcopal Vicar for Social Services and Justice. Inquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

### **EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS**

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,

The Presbytery collection/account (1<sup>st</sup> coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**4 February 2018**

**First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7**

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'how slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

*or*

**(R.) Alleluia!**

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23**

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the

Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 1:29-39**

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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