



Sunday 8th 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

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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 14th & 15th April

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: P. Leonard, C. Bell, T. Sirianni, Y. O'Brien, R. Padget
Reader: A. Pieper **Commentator:** R. McEvoy
Set-Up: P. Leonard **Counters:** C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y.O'Brien

Welcoming: P. Thomas
Cleaners: M. Dunn

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 5th May, 2018

Special Ministers:
Reader: **Commentator:** **Set-Up:** P. Frisby

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

Special Minsters 6.00pm: M. McKenzie, S. Bishop, M. Sturmar, W. Watson, K. Salm
Special Minsters 10:30am: D. Nixon, A. Kerr, C. O'Brien, R. Rendina, A. Letizia
6.00pm: Reader: M. Gargan **Commentator:** T. Holland **Set-Up:** T. Corcoran
10:30am: Reader: T. Williamson **Commentator:** F. Landy **Set-Up:** J. Kerr
Counters: F. Landy, B. Meehan, J. Barker, O. Nguyen **Cleaners:** 21st April - K. D'Angelis, J. D'Angelis

DATES FOR THE DIARY

April

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

May

Wed 2nd Movie day.

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 Herbert, Helene Grech, John Muscat.

We pray for Leonie Dibdin Patrick Moriaty, Margaret MacDonald who died recently 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 MONMENTS Wednesday 18th April Lunch & Games in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share. Wednesday 2nd May Movie Day

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS Thank you to all who collected Coles vouchers. The boxes will be removed from the Gathering Space at St Thomas and Sacred Heart after next weekend Masses.

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



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS Sacred Heart fundraiser 2018 Entertainment Books: \$70.00 book or digital. 4 books left. Please contact Pat 9438 1159

FR. TAO made a point at the end of the Easter Vigil of thanking all who had contributed to make the Easter ceremonies run smoothly at both of our churches over the four days. Without the help of many volunteers this would not have been possible. A big thank you to all.

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.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord; **Wednesday:** St. Stanislaus.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS will be celebrated at Sacred Heart on Friday 25th May at 9.15am.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. Please see

EASTER REFLECTION "If Jesus is risen, then - and only then - has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then He, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in his message, but in Jesus himself, for the Risen One does not belong to the past, but is present today, alive."

-Benedict XVI, Easter 2012

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.

Second Sunday of Easter, Year B (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8 April 2018

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord 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.
I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

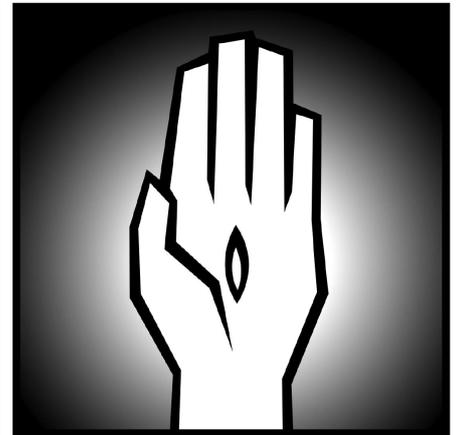
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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