

**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 Vincenzina Varalla who died this week and 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 18th October lunch and games 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share. Wednesday 1st November 12pm lunch at Diamond Creek Tavern. Contact Margaret 9438 1540 for bookings.

**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. Bookings contact Geraldine on 9435 4306 or Angela on 9444 6298. All welcome.

### 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.

### WORSHIP AND PRAYER

**FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK** A session, for those who are new to this ministry, will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 15 October at 10.45 am, following the 9.00 am Mass and morning tea. Current ministers are welcome also. On 22 October, a short Rite of Designation and Blessing will be held within the 9.00 am Mass for all who serve or will serve as ministers of Communion to the Sick in Diamond Creek.

**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](http://www.cam.org.au/youth/yearofyouth)

### RESOURCES ON MARRIAGE AND THE PLEBISCITE

The Pope along with the Bishops of Australia has written articles on the current issue on same sex marriage. The articles can be read on the websites at [www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth](http://www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth) or [www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek](http://www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek)

### 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 for 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

**YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION** will be holding an evening conversation with Bishop Vincent Long, Maria Kirkwood & Francis Sullivan Building a healthier Church where to from here □ Thursday 12 October at 7.30pm - 9.30pm YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford St, Box Hill. This event is FREE and there is no need to RSVP

**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. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Mary's in the Gathering Space. Refreshments provided, all welcome. Please RSVP by 10 Oct. to: [diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.30pm-9.30pm at YTU 34 Bedford Street Box Hill **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 Shi'ite Iran, before his conversion to Christianity and arrival in Australia and his life now as a Baptist minister here in Melbourne. Both talks will be at the Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty from 2:00- 4:00pm RSVP Janet 041 041 3774

### LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY

This year, Life, Marriage & Family Sunday focuses on the importance and benefits of family meals. Resources developed focus on the spiritual significance of family meals as well as the very practical physical, social and emotional benefits of eating together. Along with a booklet, a series of four videos have been produced featuring chef and priest Fr Leo Patalinghug, whose world-wide movement Grace Before Meals aims to bring families back to the dinner table and be nourished body, mind and soul. The booklet is available in the Gathering Space or can be view at [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)



St Mary's support of Blue Knot Day began 4 years ago, driven by a desire to reach out to survivors of child abuse. This year we are pleased to host a presentation by **Francis Sullivan**, CEO Truth, Justice and Healing Council the person at the forefront of the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission. **Wednesday 18th October 7:00 pm** St Mary's Catholic Church, Grimshaw St, Greensborough. RSVP: [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) or 9435 1543 (Parish Office) An amazing opportunity. Don't let it pass you by.



# The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do.

Galileo Galilei

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**8 October 2017**

**First Reading** Is 5:1-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*  
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

*(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

**Second Reading** Phil 4:6-9

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Jn 15:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mt 21:33-43

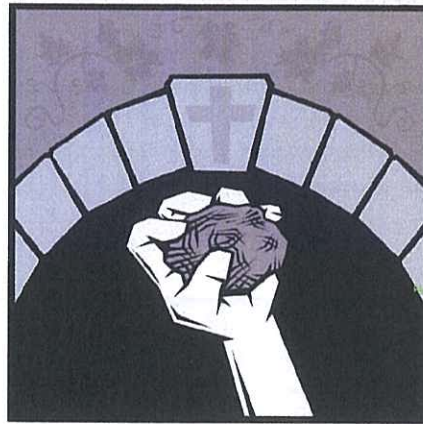
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



**Reflection**

by Dianne Bergant

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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Sacred Heart Church Diamond Creek



St Peter's Church Hurstbridge



St Thomas the Apostle Greensborough

**Sunday 8th October 2017**

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14th & 15th October 2017**

**Diamond Creek. 9 am**

**Special Ministers:**

P. Leonard, C. Bell, T. Sirianni, C. Peckham, Y. O'Brien

**Reader:** A. Pieper

**Commentator:** M. Nguyen

**Welcoming:** M. O'Dea

**Setting up:** P. Leonard

**Counters:** C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y. O'Brien

**Cleaners:** P. Guatta

**Next Mass at St. Peter's Hurstbridge - Sat 4th November @ 7.15pm.**

**Greensborough North**

**Special Ministers:**

**6.00pm:** J. Bohan, M. McKenzie, K. Salm, S. bishop, L. Carty.

**10.30am:** M. Tipping, A. Kerr, A. Letizia, R. Rendina

**Readers:** 6.00pm: P. Carty 10.30am: M. Bates

**Commentators:** 6.00pm: M. Gargan 10.30am: J. Kerr

**Setting Up:** 6.00pm: M. McKenzie 10.30am: C. O'Brien

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

**Counters:** B. Tipping, B. Smiddy, J. De Carlo

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**October**

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

**Wed 18th** Talk by Francis Sullivan 7pm St. Mary's

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

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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

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, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Nathan Fistic, Emily Selar, A young parishioner, Denis Gardiner.