

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 Kevin Power who died this week and for those whose anniversaries occur in the month of September, that they may enter joyfully into God's kingdom.

Terry Moran, Lucy Rotin, Michael Holland, Andrew O'Dea, George Ind, Peter Thomas, Francis Goodge, Margaret Fitzgerald, Jean Watson, Maria Scordo, Gennaro Mascia, Bernadette Richardson, Norah Moylan, Jane Tremayne, Tess Natoli, Barry Williamson, Mollie Kerr, Rocco Crea, Bernadette Linehan, Vincent Mascia, Jim Hardwick Snr.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Wednesday 20th September Lunch and Games 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

PARISH PYX COUNT: it would be much appreciated if all Sacred Heart Parish Communion to the Sick Ministers in possession of a parish pyx contacts Pat. Thank you

LEAVING COLLECTION last weekend raised \$1,103.70 for our sick and retired priests. Thank you

WEBSITE FOR SACRED HEART AND ST THOMAS

Over recent weeks there has been changes made to the parishes' websites including new web addresses;

New addresses are:

Sacred Heart www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

St Thomas www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

These websites are being updated every week now and on the St. Thomas site you will also find the latest rosters. Please go on the sites and have a look.

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.

YOUR HELP IS REQUIRED

At both Sacred Heart and St. Thomas there has been some gaps left in our roster due to people moving on for many different reasons. We are in need of people to fill in these gaps and would like to hear from you. If you could assist the parishes in any of the following please ring Pat on 9438 1159 or Mary on 9434 7373.

Over head projection at Mass, Cleaners, Readers, Communion Ministers, Counters, Singers, Musicians. Have a think and see how you may be able to help!!!!!!

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom; Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross;

Friday: Our Laid of Sorrows.

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 won the 2017 Bishop Philip Kennedy Memorial Award for Overall Excellence. The September issue is available in the Gathering Space for \$4.

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

2017-18 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

EVERYONE'S BUSINESS is the topic for this year's statement. You are invited to the launch by Susan Pascoe AM on Mon. 18th Sept. at 3pm at Mackillop Room, St. Francis' Pastoral Centre. RSVP/Inq. justice@cam.org.au 9926 5727.

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 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

PARISH YEARLY COLLECTION FOR ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTER

This collection will once again be held from the weekend of 26th/27th August until 23rd/24th September. This year we will also be collecting items for the **Mercy Cottage at Sacred Heart Parish**, which houses 2 refugee women and a 4 year old child. Parishioners from St Thomas and Sacred Heart are asked to donate non-perishable items and toiletries for men & women over the month of September. Some of the urgent items are: healthy breakfast cereals, dried fruit, nuts & seeds, flour, long life (UHT) milk, healthy snack foods, tomato paste, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, corn and peas, tinned beans and lentils (without sauce), tinned fruit shaving items, shampoo & conditioner, baby shampoo, washing powder, toilet paper. At St Thomas the large basket will be available to receive the items; at Sacred Heart there will also be a basket available. There will also be a more comprehensive list of items needed.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

MEDITATION ON JESUS Day Retreat 9.30am-4pm Sat. 30 Sept. or 3 Day Retreat Oct. 2-4 9.30am - 4pm. Both at the Janssen Spirituality Centre Boronia RSVP 9762 6625 or enquiries@janssencentre.org

MAGDALENE: A WANTON SAINT Renaissance Theatre. 826 High Street, Kew East4 - 7 October - 7pm Daily Matinee Saturday 1pm. Enq. Florence D'Costa: 0433 851 662 or Geraldine: 0413 398 528 or Email:

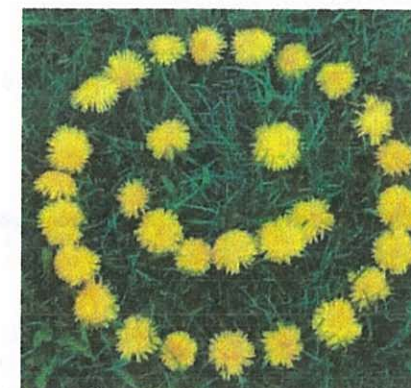
cogtheatre@group@gmail.com or geraldine343@gmail.com Tickets from Try Booking at TryBooking.com/qzmg

ST JOHN'S PARISH 2017 SEMINAR. Thursdays 19 and 26 October and 2 November. Rev Dr Elio Capra, a Salesian priest, speaks about Amoris Laetitia—the Joy of Love, by Pope Francis. Topics: 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Francis Xavier meeting rooms (St John's parish house) 52 Yarra Street Heidelberg. Entrance through the meeting room doors at the back of the parish house. All Welcome. Entrance Free. RSVP 94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au

A STATEMENT from Rev. John Henderson Bishop Lutheran Church of Australia and Archbishop Christopher Prowse from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference on the occasion of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is available at https://www.cam.org.au/Portals/66/documents/A_statement_500th_Anniversary_Reformation_Website.pdf there are also copies in the Gathering Space.

INVITATION TO ECONFERENCE AT ST MARY'S. In the past year alone, communities around the world have been grappling with momentous socio-political change and uncertainty. Examples include the rise of fundamentalism, the growing violence and displacement of peoples in the Middle East, the election of numerous populist leaders such as Presidents Trump in the USA and Duterte in the Philippines, Britain's historic vote to leave the European Union, whilst Nationalist parties across the EU achieve electoral success through promoting xenophobic policies of division. Pope Francis represents the hope of many people in these times of uncertainty: his message talks about belonging, dialogue, social justice, and mercy in a way that is both a challenge and inspiration for the world and the church. At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists: Professor Massimo Faggioli, Mr Paul Kelly, Professor The Hon Bob Carr, St Clare Condon SGS, Rev Dr Gerald Arbuckle SM, Ms Elizabeth Proust, St Ruth Durick OSU, facilitated by Mr Noel Debien - reflected upon these turbulent times and discussed them in the context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership. This eConference will be shown at St Mary's parish in the Gathering Space of the church, on Wednesday September 27 starting at 10.30 and concluding at 3.00. All are welcome. Bring a small plate of lunch to share. RSVP St Mary's parish Office 9435 1543.

VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL University of the third age together with the Nillumbik Shire Council has arranged for two low-cost activities for the Victorian Seniors Festival during October 2017 celebrating the valuable contribution older people make to our community. The two activities are Sunday 8 Oct. *The D V Open Door Choir* 2.30pm-4pm at Diamond Creek Community Centre and Sunday 15 Oct. *Dinner Dance* at Diamond Creek Community Centre 6.30pm-9.30pm. Further information on Notice board and also on Website.



If I could summarize nonviolence in one word, it would be: patience.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10 September 2017

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

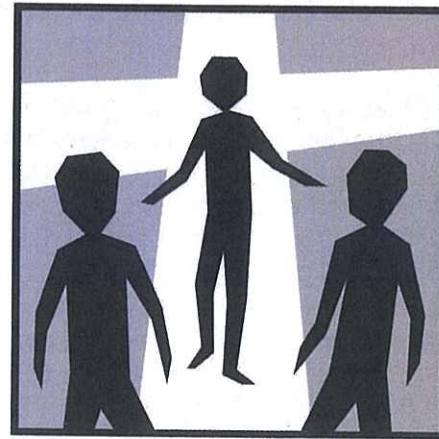
'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Reflection

by Dianne Bergant

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult



process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2,6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not



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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: 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, Mardi Bowers, William Harvey, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Peter Mejak, Nathan Fistic, Emily Selar, A young parishioner, Denis Gardiner, Marajna Susec, Luka Kasalo.

Sunday 10th September 2017

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16th & 17th September 2017

Diamond Creek. 9 am

Special Ministers:

P. Leonard, C. Bell, T. Sirianni, C. Peckham, Y. O'Brien
Reader: B. Greaves
Commentator: Y. O'Brien
Welcoming: P. Thomas
Setting up: P. Leonard
Counters: C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y. O'Brien
Cleaners: C. Ledda

Next Mass at St. Peter's Hurstbridge - Sat 7th October @ 7.15pm.

Greensborough North

Special Ministers:

6.00pm: L. Carty, M. Gargan, D. & D. Haesler, M. McKenzie.
10.30am: C. O'Brien, R. Piccolo, E. Sutherland, A. Kerr, M. Tipping.
Readers: **6.00pm:** E. Sacchetta. **10.30am:** B. Watts.
Commentators: **6.00pm:** K. Salm. **10.30am:** J. Kerr.
Setting Up: **6.00pm:** T. Butera. **10.30am:** J. Kerr.
Cleaners: B. Iacobucci, V. Vella.
Counters: R. McEvoy, C. Leahy.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September:

Tues. 12 Combined Liturgy Meeting S/T 7.30pm
Wed. 20 Senior Moments lunch and Games P/C 12pm
Wed 20 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting S/T 7.30pm

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