



Sunday 7th March 2021

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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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Mass Times

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Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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Secretary: 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

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13th & 14th March

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: M. Cusack, Sr Margaret
Reader: R. McEvoy

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: J. Bohan, W. Watson, L. Carty
Special Minister 10.30am: M. Tipping, J. Millar, R. Piccolo

6.00pm: Reader: J. Bohan **Commentator:** S. McMahon **Set Up:** J. De Carlo
10.30am: Reader: T. Williamson **Commentator:** L. Hobson **Set Up:** J. Kerr

Counters: K. Irvine, J. Kerr **Cleaners:** Marg McKenzie, Glenis McDonald, Lyn Stephens (13th March)

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our Websites

*******NO MASSES AT ST PETER'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED*******

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Elaine Chapman, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Wimal Piyumsiri, Annette Hyland

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of March that they enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Les Ginnivan, Madeleine Blake, Laurence Dunn, John McGauran, Kath Glennen, Sydney Raymond, Michael Pase, Carl Troiano, Rollo Jackson, Elizabeth Salm, Antonio Gallo, Kathleen Sheehan, Lina Bertuna, Bernadette O'Brien, Bonnie Dickson, Ian Stephens

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Senior Moments meeting 12pm Wednesday 17th March "Lunch and Scrabble" in the Parish Centre. Please BYO lunch and cup.

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM: These Zoom catch ups for morning tea for members of our partnered parishes, have been such a great initiative. Now that we are venturing out and about, the need is not so great for us to be finding ways to see and speak with others. However, the group who has been gathering doesn't want it to simply stop, so we have decided to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.30. This gives people who go to morning mass, time to get back home and settle in for morning tea. This is a great way to get together with old friends and meet new people. If you are interested please contact Jacinta Bright at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or call the parish office at St Mary's on 9435 1543.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: We wish to advise all community groups that should you wish to have an event listed in our Weekly Newsletter the deadline is the 2.00pm on the Wednesday prior. Should you have any queries please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES: It is time again to update those who we have been praying for within our Parishes. If you wish to have anyone added to the prayer list could you please notify Pat **9401 6361** or Lisa **9434 7373** or email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

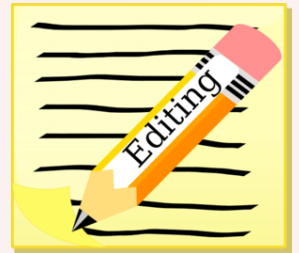
RCIA: A small group, for adults, is commencing for those interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith. We warmly welcome anyone who is interested in joining this group to contact either the Sacred Heart or St Thomas parish office.

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CALLING EDITORS OR BUDDING EDITORS!

We need help with the e-book. Amanda Grieg the IT leader at St Mary's School, has begun work on editing and formatting the famous e-book, to which Fr Steven invited parishioners to contribute, describing their experiences, large or small, of COVID lockdown. We have a number of contributions and Amanda has completed some work in getting this e-book ready, but she needs help. If you are interested please contact your parish office and your details will be passed on to Amanda.

If you want to know more before committing, please contact Jacinta Bright at St Mary's Parish on 9435 1543 or via email Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning **1800 024 413**

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

ACN AUSTRALIA: Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation



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.

LENTEN THEME 2021– ‘God has come near’

Lent is the liturgical season for prayer, reflection and contrition for any wrongdoing we have made in our lives as we prepare for the joyous season of Easter. The theme for Lent 2021 has been taken from the Gospel of Mark. In chapter 1, Jesus came into Galilee after spending 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan, and there He uttered His first words in public ministry:

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near; repent and believe in the gospel.”

The world has experienced a great upheaval because of the coronavirus which has shaken our sense of certainty and expectations of the future; all of our lives have been disrupted and changed; our livelihoods may have been adversely affected, our health and those we love may have been compromised; we may have suffered loss and grief, periods of time filled with fear, anxiety and uncertainty; we may have been challenged to find hope and peace in our lives. This theme reaches out of each of us, to remind us that God is always with us, offering us a way back from the wilderness into God’s love and care and a way to live, through the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel. Let us embrace God and each other and allow the love and peace of God to fill our hearts.

LENTEN WEEKLY REFLECTION.

Week 3 Beauty in Knowing

Today is the third weekend of Lent and we pause to reflect.

To know God is not through scientific reason or facts. At times this is what we seek. It is comforting to have ‘the facts’ to prove our position. However there are many ways in which we may come to know God. Look around at the beauty of the natural world, that world that many of us ‘discovered’ more clearly and intimately during the lockdowns and we see the work of God. Such beauty, such order and purpose, as all living things are interconnected, starts with God. And then there is the human race, freely created in God’s image, searching for a connection to the spiritual, to the Creator. It is faith that brings us to God and to the beauty in all creation and there is beauty in this knowing.

HELP NEEDED FOR BAPTISMS.

As you are all know last year virtually all of our Baptisms were cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions. We now have a substantial amount of Baptisms to get through.

Michael Bates has been assisting with Baptisms for quite a few years now and has performed a sensational job. Unfortunately due to personal reasons he will be unavailable to assist for a little while. **This is where you come in!!**

This year I am in desperate need of **your** help as we navigate through this rush of Baptisms.

We are in need of some loyal parishioners to assist on the day only, duties include:

- Greet the families & Guests
- Mark off their names on arrival
- Assist Fr Tao with the Baptism & Set-Up

You would be only required from 11.30am for up to 1 hour.

We are already booked out for Baptisms from February to May.

Baptism dates for 2021 are as follows:

28th March 18th April 23rd May 27th June 25th July

29th August 26th September 24th October 28th November 19th December

If you are able to assist please feel free to call me. I will run you through the process and there is a list of what needs to be done in the Church to assist. *Lisa*



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Loyola College celebrates InterCultural Night **ALL WELCOME**

Date / Time: 26 March 2021 (Friday) / 6:00 PM

Venue: 325 Grimshaw St., Watsonia VIC 3087

Registration fee: \$10.00/person (Book tickets trybooking or tickets on sale at the door)

Attire: National Costume or traditional dress or colours (only if possible)

Special Mass: 6:00 PM in Old Loyola Chapel

Mass President: Msgr Joselito Asis, Melbourne Episcopal Vicar for Migrants & Refugees

Followed by a celebration commencing at 7:00 PM held at Loyola College Companion Hall (Entrance via Grimshaw Street – Gate 1)

Featuring different cultural presentations in dance, music from communities of Filipinos, Vietnamese, Indonesians, Italians, Sri Lankans, Indians, Chinese, Maltese...followed by dance dance dance

BYO Food / Free coffee and tea

Some packed Food and drinks available for sale

Exchange gifts (Bring enclosed food, souvenir items, gifts of your country). Free music and tables.

Trybooking: www.loyola.vic.edu.au/tickets/ or

Please contact Sr Nelia or Mr John Tran 9433-0265 / 0411 361 081

Funds raised for the Cambodia, East Timor, Philippine Immersion Programmes



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MARY MacKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites you to their first open day for 2021 on Saturday 13th March from 10.00am-4.00pm.

Visit the Museum, Chapel where Mary prayed as well as the Gift Shop and Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea.

A socially distancing tour will take place at 11.00am.

Everyone welcome and entry is free.

For further information contact 99269300 or

admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

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**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, nor 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.

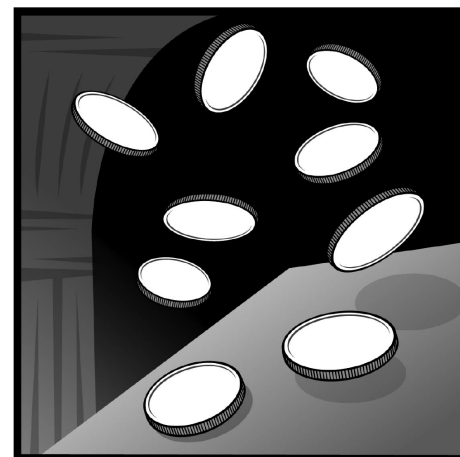
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Gospel Jn 2:13-25

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 Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

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