



Sunday 30th May 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

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Parish School Principal

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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 5th & 6th June

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: A. Schellens, R. Belli

Reader: T. Jenkins

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: J. Bohan, S. Bishop, M. Bedford

Special Minister 10.30am: F. Landy, A. Letzia

6.00pm: **Reader:** T. Holland

Commentator: Volunteer

Set Up: J. De Carlo

10.30am: **Reader:** R. Rendina

Commentator: F. Landy

Set Up: C. & B. Riordan

Counters: D. Bonello, S. Bishop, B. Carr

Cleaners: B. Iacobucci, V. Vella (12th June)

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, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,

Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Wimal Piyumsiri, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper, Peg Wilcox

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May

that they enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Dorothy Pittle, Alan Bentley, Glenn Hurley, Michael Berriman, Helen McCrohan Steve Molnar, Domenica Picollo, Kath Mumford, Theodora Ellul, Maura McGauran, Stephen Ruzic, Marg Watson, Ray Money, Gaetano Palazzolo, Peter Beaumont, Frank Perversi, Noela Atkinson, Mary Camilleri

WORSHIP & PRAYER

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: There is now a small quantity of Low Gluten Hosts available at our Masses.

These hosts will be available from the main celebrant. If you approach him and let him know you would like to receive the Low Gluten Host.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES: If you wish to have someone added or removed from the sick or Anniversaries list for our newsletter could you please notify **Pat 9401 6361** or **Lisa 9434 7373**.

ALIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Alight Youth Group: This invitation is open to all young people within our Parishes aged between 15 to 30.

Our youth group meets on the 1st Friday of every month at 7.30pm. We come together in friendship, fun and to become "Alight" in our faith. Our next gathering is scheduled for Friday 4th June. Please contact us for more details if you would like to come along!



Youth Mass will be held every 3rd Sunday of each month, 5pm at St Mary's Church. The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 20th June and we look forward to seeing you all there.

If you would like to find out more or register your attendance to come along to our next gathering, please contact Nicole Ridler, 0403 714 045 or Caitlin Jakubik 0455 251 046.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021 - 27 MAY TO 3 JUNE

More than a Word. Reconciliation takes action

National Reconciliation Week is framed by two very significant dates. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which over 90% of Australians voted to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Indigenous people and include the original inhabitants in the census. June 3 marks the 29-year anniversary of the High Court of Australia's decision in the MABO case. The decision recognised the Native Titles Rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples, the original inhabitants of the land. It overturned the myth of "terra nullius", that the country was empty prior to colonisation. [extract from Reconciliation Liturgy This liturgy is produced in collaboration with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)]

The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year is: 'More than a Word. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

(extract from: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week>)



"STORIES FROM OUR COVID-19 BUBBLES"

At the end of May we will be launching our new eBook from the Partnered Parishes of St Mary's, Sacred Heart and St Thomas the Apostle.

In this eBook 45 parishioners have recorded thoughtful stories of their experience of the COVID-19 Melbourne lockdown. Some tales are amusing and others are quietly reflective. While we were 'social distancing' we learnt new ways to be kind and resilient.



See the link Home (cam1.org.au) – also some hard copies will be made available.

MASK WEARING

Fitted face coverings are now mandatory indoors but should be worn at all times, unless under 12 years of age or have a lawful reason not to.

You will be required to sanitise your hands when entering the Church and before receiving Communion.

Could you please take home your bulletins as we are not allowed to reuse them. **Thank you**

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 2nd June Lunch 12.00pm Diamond Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant.

Wednesday 16th June, Lunch & Games in Parish Centre 12.00pm.



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.

TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

UNDER CURRENT RESTRICTIONS 25TH MAY 2021, MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.

- As part of these changes, electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship.
- Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, weddings and funerals within a Place of Worship, **must use an electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API).**
- **This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.**
- Everyone entering the Church can scan the QR Code using the camera on their smartphone or tablet device.
- In exceptional circumstances, due to age, disability etc., the Parish has the ability to manually record their attendance (and maintain records for a period of 28 days). This form of record keeping should only be offered as a backstop solution, as it does not provide 'real time' connectivity to the Department of Health's contact tracing system.
- **Sacred Heart & St Thomas Parishes will continue to use the Trybooking system to enable parishioners to book in for Mass so we do not exceed our density quotient.**
- **Social distancing must still be maintained.**
- **Use of the Services Victoria QR code service will still be mandatory.**

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

It's that time of year again. The nights are getting colder and we at the St Vincent De Paul Society increase our efforts for those who have no warm home to go to at the end of each day.

Sleeping rough must be so difficult at any time, but especially in the winter months. Each year Vinnies hold a Sleepout to raise awareness and money so that we can help those who find themselves homeless. As State President of Vinnies, I will be sleeping out again on the 17th June. I have set myself a target of \$5000 and I am almost half way there. Please consider supporting me by making a donation <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/kevinmcmahon>

I personally will be most grateful but so will the many disadvantaged people who will benefit from your generosity.

With thanks, Kevin McMahon.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit: www.yearofstjoseph.com.au

EXHIBITION OF FLOW PAINTINGS BY JUDY RACZ

You are all invited to an exhibition of Flow Paintings by Judy Racz at Bridges Restaurant, 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge.

Please call 9718 0099 before attending, in case there is a function at the restaurant.

Open 9.00am until late. Wednesday to Sunday only, from the 12th of May until 20th June.

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.

The Most Holy Trinity, Year B

30 May 2021

First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: ‘Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

‘Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation See Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with ‘Abba’, Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: ‘In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’

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