



Sunday 19th September 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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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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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

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister:

Reader:

MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm:

Special Minister 10.30am:

6.00pm: Reader: Commentator: Set Up:

10.30am: Reader: Commentator: Set Up:

Counters: Cleaners:

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, Catherine Leonard,
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper, Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis

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

Terry Moran, Michael Holland, Ann Cusack, Andrew O'Dea, George Ind, Peter Thomas, Bernie Fitzgerald and Margaret Fitzgerald,
Alexander Libertino, 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, Kevin Power, Antonio
Lunardello, Ines Lunardello, Vincenzina Varalla John Ryan, Fr Jim Feenan, John Muscat, Francis Godge,

WORSHIP & PRAYER

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**.

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: During lockdown The Way Prayer Group continues to meet on Thursday evenings via zoom with Rosary from 7.30pm-8.00pm. If you wish you would be most welcome to stay on for the evening's activity.

Zoom link is as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85621062547> Passcode 258371

For any further enquiries, please email Rose: roserendina@gmail.com



BAPTISMS WITHIN OUR PARISHES

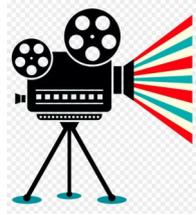
Please pray for Matilda, Chiara, Ariana, Lia and Solomon who are awaiting Baptism at St Thomas. We look forward to the restrictions easing and welcoming these families into the St Thomas Parish community.

Zoe, Joseph, and Lola have been presented to the Sacred Heart Community and will be celebrating their Baptisms in the coming months.

RECORDED MASSES—HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

Every week since March last year, St Mary's parishioners Troy and Trevor have shared the recording and uploading of the Saturday evening Mass from one of our partnered parishes and Masses during lockdowns. We thank them for their faithful commitment to our communities. However, to continue to offer recorded Masses on a regular basis, help is urgently needed. Troy was married recently and will soon be moving from the parish, and Trevor has an ongoing commitment as projectionist at a Sunday Mass. An invitation is extended to St Mary's, St Thomas' and Sacred Heart parishioners to assist with this valued ministry.

Training will be provided. For more information, please contact **Marian 0409 591 527**.



PLENARY COUNCIL

Together we continue to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the Australian church. 'Listen to What the Spirit is Saying

Fan the Flame

16 Days till Plenary One Assembly 3rd-10th October 2021



'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;'

Mark 9:30-37

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY *From -Sr Margaret Sapsford*

There is a useful website that may be of service to you, your family and friends as you prepare for Sunday Mass each week:

liturgy.slu.edu There you will find links to the Sunday's readings, prayers, spiritual reflections and explanations. The material is for all – the people in the pews.

The site is free, sponsored by the Center for Liturgy at St Louis University. www.liturgy.slu.edu

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER – A TIME TO REFLECT AND GIVE THANKS

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

FORMATION OF SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The following people have generously accepted their nomination to be a member of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council.

Alison Pieper, Ann Marie O'Hare, Clare Zabrowarny, Brian Flynn, Frank Ledda, Judy Hoyne, Margaret Farrell, Maureen Walsh, Ted Jenkins, Tonina Sirianni.

Thank you for agreeing to make a commitment to our Parish by joining the PPC.

SHIRLEY Mc CARTHY HAS MOVED

Just to let you all know Shirley has moved to Estia Health 45 Silvan Rd Wattle Glen 3096. Phone: 97182267.

As nursing homes are still in lockdown if you would like to send Shirley a letter from time to time she would very much appreciate hearing from parishioners.



LAMP FORMATION (Love and Mental Peace).

Have you ever wondered what is the Whole Story of Mental Ill Health?



This is an invitation to explore the hidden dimension of mental ill health, in particular, the spiritual dimension of mental ill health and the nature of spiritual care. Rather than splitting off the lived experience of the person with mental ill health, from the lived experience of the one who is well, our starting point is that life and longing for purpose and meaning is an experience shared by all.

Given our concern for the spirit of the person and how that will infuse the whole of life experience, we will consider the inherent dignity of the individual living with mental ill health and how they find meaning and purpose within this context.

Rather than move directly to solutions, we will consider our shared humanity. Should you take up this invitation, you will experience an exploration of a pastoral view, which we might all embrace, that is consistent with spiritual care and healthcare practice, and complementary to the current medical paradigm.

The foundation of pastoral/spiritual care is listening. In this initial session we will explore how particular listening skills enable reflection and action which has the potential to change us all.

Who is this for? Everyone! We are quite sure that everyone reading this will know of someone now or in the future, who has been touched by the lived experience of mental ill-health, particularly given the last 18 months of COVID.

When? 7.30pm until 9.00pm Thursday, 14 October 2021

Where? The Gathering Space of St Mary's Church, Greensborough

Or Zoom, if need be. Interested people will be emailed a Zoom link.

RSVP & Enquiries Email our parish office greensborough@cam.org.au or phone 9435 1543 by Monday, 11th October 2021

SR ROSALIND CAIRNS, MSC -Ros is a member of St Mary's Parish



Ros worked in mental health for 27 years initially as pastoral care worker and coordinator with experience in hospital and community settings and then in management. As Manager of Mental Health within the Healthcare Chaplaincy Council of Victoria, Inc. Ros's responsibilities involved leadership, consultation, and education in the strategic development of spirituality, chaplaincy, and pastoral care in Victorian Mental Healthcare Services.

Ros is semi-retired and maintains a particular interest in the relationship between spirituality and mental wellbeing and offers education and training in this area, in communities and at the University of Divinity.

Her background is varied having worked in the areas of education, liturgy, counselling, and community development work in PNG.

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.

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law

and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son,
God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds
sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
you find disharmony, and wicked things of
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
that comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace,
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they

work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear
fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in
the desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven't got
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't
have what you want is because you don't
pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,
it is because you have not prayed properly,
you have prayed for something to indulge
your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

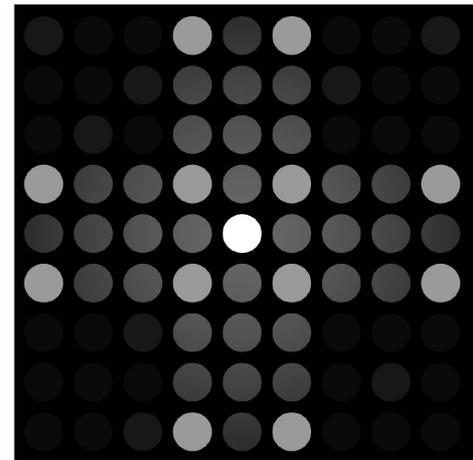
*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity
... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants
of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee;
and he did not want anyone to know,
because he was instructing his disciples;
he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be
delivered into the hands of men; they will
put him to death; and three days after he
has been put to death he will rise again.’
But they did not understand what he said
and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he
was in the house he asked them, ‘What
were you arguing about on the road?’
They said nothing because they had been
arguing which of them was the greatest. So
he sat down, called the Twelve to him and
said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must
make himself last of all and servant of all.’
He then took a little child, set him in front of
them, put his arms round him, and said to
them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these
little children in my name, welcomes me;
and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.’

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing ‘who is the greatest’, he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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