



Sunday 9th 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

Parish School Principal

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

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 8th & 9th May

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: P. Leonard, C. Bell

Reader: F. Ledda

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: M. Sturmar, J. Bohan, L. Carty

Special Minister 10.30am: C. Riordan, E. Sutherland, M. Tipping

6.00pm: Reader: K. Salm

Commentator: D. Haelser

Set Up: C. Leahy

10.30am: Reader: L. Hobson

Commentator: S. Millar

Set Up: C. & B. Riordan

Counters: F. Landy, B. Meehan, J. Barker, O. Nguyen

Cleaners: B. Guldon, G. Kilkenny (15th May)

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

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

AID TO CHURCH IN NEED. ACN AUSTRALIA

ACN Australia has just launched its new Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa Global Campaign. Tragically, Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious and catechists and it is also home to 234 million Catholics. As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit www.aidtochurch.org/africa.



WORSHIP & PRAYER

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

These hosts will be on 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**.

HISTORY STEPS PROCESS

Recently Sacred Heart parishioners engaged with the 'History Steps' process. Now a further invitation is extended to all parishioners to gather with Fr Steven and Jacinta Bright for a Follow-up Parish Leadership Meeting on Saturday, 29th May 10.00 am 12.00pm. Venue will be either Sacred Heart Church or Sacred Heart Parish Centre depending on COVID requirements then. Hoping to see you there. **RSVP TO Parish Office 94016361.**

A Mother's Day Blessing



*Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.*

Mary, on this day, when we honour all mothers, grand-mothers, carers; we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history.

You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Intercede for all of our mothers. Please ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own.

May they find daily strength to say "yes" to the call of sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood.

May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers' day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.

Amen

St Margaret's Parish Merrylands 2020

MASK WEARING

Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors but should be worn by participants if a distance of 1.5metres cannot be maintained. People must carry a fitted face covering at all times.

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 19th May Lunch & Games in the 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.



ANGELA CACCETTA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Friends of Sacred Heart parishioner Angela Caccetta are invited to celebrate her 96th Birthday on Sunday 23rd May 1pm-4pm at Diamond Creek Bowling Club.

Invitations with more information are available from the Parish Office.



TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

On Friday 26th March, Victoria moved to a more relaxed COVIDSafe setting.

As part of these changes, electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship.

Importantly, from the 26th March, 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).**

The API allows non-Government electronic record keeping systems to 'speak' with the Victorian Department of Health (DH) contact tracing system, which is the primary line of defence in keeping our community safe and open.

The 28-day compliance amnesty that began on the 26th March and ends at 6pm on 23rd April 2021.

The previous rule was that electronic record keeping was required for a Place of Worship when applying the one person per two square metres density quotient.

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.
- This automatically opens the registration app, which knows that they are registering at your Church.
- They will then be asked to enter their name and phone number, and have the option of providing details of other individuals in their party.
- 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.***
- ***With restrictions still on numbers in the Churches by using the Trybooking system with many sacraments coming up, this is the only way to know when are Churches are fully booked.***
- ***Due to Government regulations you will still be asked to scan the QR Code on arrival.***

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

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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