



Sunday 5th November 2017

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's Parish

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088
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Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser
Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux
Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

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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Sacred Heart Parish

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Secretary: Pat Guatta
Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Mass Times

Monday: Communion Service 9.15am
Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am
1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at
 St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm
Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Parish School Principal

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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Parish: 9434 7373
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Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth
Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy
Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am
Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Gail Smith **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 11th & 12th NOVEMBER 2017

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: S. Yeoh, K. Watson, M. Cusack, J. Bruce, C. Elso
Reader: F. Ledda **Commentator:** M. Nuygen **Welcoming:** M. Dunn **Set-Up:** J. Bruce, A. Pieper
Counters: M. Farrell, L. McCrohan **Cleaners:** L. McCorhan

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 2nd December, 2017

Special Ministers: H. Edmonds, P. Leonard, R. Nicolaisen
Reader: P. Keenan **Commentator:** E. Gittins **Set-Up:** C. Chetcuti

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE 6:00pm & 10:30am:

Special Ministers 6:00pm: K. Salm, A. McCarthy, C. & L. Leahy, J. Bohan.
Special Ministers 10:30am: D. Nixon, E. Sutherland, F. Landy, R. Piccolo, R. Rendina.
6:00pm: **Reader:** M. Gargan **Commentator:** D. Haesler **Set-Up:** T. Corcoran
10:30am: **Reader:** A. Fistic **Commentator:** A. Tomasiello **Set-Up:** M. Bates
Counters: C. O'Connor, E. Sacchetta **Cleaners:** 11th November; A. Cichello, N. Mefflin, B. Murray

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 8th Nov. 2017 - Sacred Heart & St. Thomas combined Liturgy Meeting, 7.30pm at St. Thomas Parish House.
Wednesday 15th Nov. 2017 - Seniors Moments Lunch Parish Centre, 12.00pm, BYO Lunch to share.

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

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Noela Atkinson, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale & June Saunders.

Greensborough North: Maureen Elks, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Nathan Fistic, Denis Gardiner & A Young Parishioner.

We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of November, that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Jack Ridley, Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Rebekah Weston, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke, Nick Piccolo, Kathleen Hudson, Maura Coyle, Lena Brullo, Ray Tipping, Lawrence Meilak, Theresa Meilak, Marcel, Bishara, Frank Mercieca, Thomas Iacobucci, Fr. Kelvin Kenny, Christopher Kenny, Joan Campbell, Serge Teychency,

NOVEMBER - A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Throughout the month of November, we will have a Book of Remembrance in the Gathering Space. Parishioners are invited to write the names of any deceased family or friends in the book. The Book will be carried to the altar during each Mass so that those included in the book will be remembered as part of the Mass prayers and offerings.

COMMUNITY LIFE

REMEMBRANCE BOOK will be available during November in the Gathering Space at both churches. You are invited to write the names of any deceased family or friends in the book and it will be taken to the Altar at each Mass with the Gifts.

November is a time we remember and pray for our loved ones who are no longer here with us.

SENIORS MOMENTS Wednesday 15th November lunch and games 12pm Parish Centre. BYO light to share

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY At St Mary's we have a Library collection of over 3000 books, DVDs and CDs, mostly on religious/spiritual themes, which we would like to share with other Deanery parishes. As the Library is open only at weekend Masses at St Mary's we would like to make it available at other times. We are appealing for interested parishioners of Deanery parishes to volunteer to help staff the Library on a weekday to make this possible. The Library's collection can be seen at cloud.collectorz.com/247780 Please contact St Mary's Parish Office: 9435 1543 or greensborough@cam.org.au if you would like to visit the Library and /or volunteer.

THANKS GIVING ENVELOPES FOR SACRED HEART will be available in the Gathering Space for you to collect. Please look out for them and please take your envelopes home.

HELP AT ST THOMAS: If there is anyone who would like to spend some time outside on the ride on mower cutting the grass around the Parish please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

As you can see anyone can do it!!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO THE Food Collection For Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) And Mercy Cottage All items donated at both Sacred Heart and St Thomas have been distributed to the ASRC and Mercy Cottage. Thanks to all those who donated to this appeal, it was again supported very successfully, and your generosity is very much appreciated.

Social Justice Group

ST MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP will meet on the 8 Nov., for a game of Bingo in the James Kierce Centre, meeting starting 11.30am, with Bingo starting at 1.00pm. We will be collecting names and money for our next outing to the Noorlim Estate Homestead, on Dec 13 with lunch at Nagambie Lakes Entertainment Centre, non Members \$61.00. Bus will leave William Street entrance at 9.15am returning at 4.00pm. Enq. Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE INTER CHURCH CAROLS ON SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER will be held on Wednesdays: 8, 15, 22, 29 November from 7:30-9 pm at St Mary's Church, Greensborough. We will perform two songs and as many voices as possible from all our Mass Centres would be made very welcome. Contact Megan on 9435 1551 or email: mamitchem@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this event.

THE COLUMBAN CALENDAR is available in the Gathering Space at St. Thomas at **\$9 per copy**. If we have run out please let the Parish Office know and we will obtain some more.

CHRISTMAS CARDS that depict different scenes of Bethlehem are available in the Gathering Space of both Churches.

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.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

RCIA RITE OF WELCOME MASS: During the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass on the 11th November our 6 RCIA candidates will be presented to our Parish Community. Please come along to ensure they are welcomed into our Parish Community and stay for a cuppa and cake afterwards in the Gathering Space.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. Please see Father before Mass to arrange.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; **Friday:** St. Leo the Great.

FORMATION IN FAITH

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

ADVENT begins **Year B** and the **Gospel of Mark**, so to prepare come and **Meet Mark, his Gospel and his Jesus**. Three Monday evenings: 27 Nov., 4 & 11 Dec. 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St Mary's Church Gathering Space. Donation only. Further information Sandra Bishop 9434 7553. This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE is available in the Gathering Space at \$4per copy. Articles that may be of interest:- one on Pauline Clayton and her art work. Pauline is the artist who did the Crucifix in St. Thomas Chapel. There is an article by Fr. Tony Herbert talking about his time he spent with the Indian people, and the changes that has occurred for the people through education.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

If you do any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet please do so immediately. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au many thanks Pat and Mary.

YOUTH

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: The ACYF is a national gathering of young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The festival provides young people with an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus. The third ACYF will be held in Sydney from 7th to 9th December 2017. For more information on being part of the Northern Region Collective please contact your Parish Office or please feel free to download the information from our Websites.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

MARCELLIN COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS this annual memorial Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pat Harvey on Wed. 22 Nov. 7.30pm in the College Chapel. Supper will follow. **Enquiries: Mary Norden 9842 3080.**

INFORMATION NIGHT AT YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION Tuesday 14 Nov. 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Undergraduate and postgraduate courses are available. All welcome to come along and find out more. No booking required. **FEE HELP** available. YTU Study Centre 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill Email: admin@ytu.edu.au **ALL WELCOME!**

2017 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION to be delivered by Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO. **THE LEGACY OF JUSTICE HIGGINS** – Seeking a True New Start for all Job Seekers and Workers Wednesday 8th November 7pm light refreshments for 7.30pm start. Concludes promptly at 9.00pm Lecture Theatre – Cardinal Knox Centre. 383 Albert Street East Melbourne Free event RSVP 3rd November 2017 to justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727. The 8th November 2017 marks the 110th anniversary of the decision by Justice H.B Higgins to award a “living wage” in the historic Sunshine Harvester Case. Of particular interest to all those concerned with the Church's Social Teaching on the Dignity and Purpose of Human Work. **All Welcome**

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in Oct/Nov followed by a Training Day early December. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) www.mercyworks.org.au PH.9326 1895

ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB is looking for players next season commencing Term 1 2018 for the following:

Juniors – DVTA **Friday twilight**, NEJTA **Saturday morning** **Seniors** – HDTA **Tuesday Ladies** (day), NENTG (nights) **Tuesday Men/Vets**, **Wednesday Women**, **Thursday Mixed**, DVTA (night) **Thursday Men** We also offer a **Monday night Social play** at our Kalparrin courts for those not wishing to play competition. For more information, email stmarystennis56@gmail.com before 15th November

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB next 28 to 60 singles party Sat 18 Nov. at 8pm, at Benedict House Warrigal Road Burwood. Cost \$13.00 including supper **Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167**

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL MELBOURNE Wednesday 15th November 6:30pm-7:30pm Recital by Matthias Schlubeck, Panflute & Joachim Neugart, Organ **Admission: \$20.00** (no concessions) Bookings not required.

RENEWAL AND HEALING RETREAT (In English) At St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park **JESUS HEALS & HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS** Powerful Healing and Empowering Ministry (Separate sessions included for Teens and Youth) By Agape Retreat Ministry Fr Sabu Joseph Chenackal, Br. Alex George Ponnatt, Br Gigimon Joseph Kuzhivelil & Br Sony Devassy (All are welcome, no prior registration needed.) Friday 10th November 6.00pm to 10.00pm Sat 11th Nov 9.15am to 4.00pm & Sun 12th Nov 1.00pm to 9pm For further information please contact Franca on 0439 670 219 or Reji/Gigi 0401 524 132/0402 652 646

FROM ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE

Dear Friends

Thank you for your generous donation to the ASRC Foodbank. Our Foodbank ensures asylum seeker families without work rights or income support are still able to access groceries. We wouldn't be able to provide that service without donations like yours. At this stage we are seeing around 520 asylum seekers through the Foodbank each week and have found that 1/3 of these are relying on us as their sole source of food. This is a staggering amount, but highlights the responsibility we have to our clients to ensure that enough healthy and safe food is in consistent supply until more humane immigration policies are realised by our Government. And don't forget to like our ASRC Food Network page on Facebook to keep up-to-date with all the ASRC's Foodbank activities and requirements. Many thanks and kind regards.

For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to go to your Parish Website

Our Partner Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's & St. Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 November 2017

First Reading Mal 1:14 - 2:2.8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things
too great
nor marvels beyond me. *(R.)*
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its
mother's breast,
even so is my soul. *(R.)*
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 2:7-9.13

*A reading from the first letter
of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the
Good News but our lives as well.*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have one Father,
your Father in heaven;*

*you have one teacher:
the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 23:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people — particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins — truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

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