



Sunday 13th May 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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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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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

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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 19th & 20th May

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: P. Leonard, C. Bell, T. Sirianni, Y. O'Brien, J. Pittle

Reader: C. Fernando

Commentator: B. Flynn

Welcoming: P. Thomas

Set-Up: P. Leonard

Counters: C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y. O'Brien

Cleaners: A. Risdale

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 2nd June, 2018

Special Ministers:

Reader:

Commentator:

Set-Up: M. Frisby

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: D. & D. Haesler, S. Bishop, M. Gargan, M. McKenzie

Special Minsters 10:30am: D. Nixon, C. O'Brien, J. Jamieson, J. Millar, B. Iacobucci

6.00pm: Reader: B. Bedford

Commentator: K. McMahon

Set-Up: J. DeCarlo

10:30am: Reader: M. Kenny

Commentator: M. Bates

Set-Up: C. O'Brien

Counters: B. Bedford, L. Hobson

Cleaners: 19th May B. Iacobucci, V. Vella

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 16th May

Senior Moments: Lunch & Games 12.00pm Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share

Thursday 17th May

Mass by Candlelight Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham

Friday 26th May

Anointing of the Sick Mass 9:15am Sacred Heart Church

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, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft.

Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, John Muscat, Noel Casemore.

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May that they may 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

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Lunch & Games at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Wednesday 16th May at 12.00pm. BYO light lunch to share.

PARISH COUNSELLOR: This is a brief message for the St Thomas community to let you know that I will be working in the Parish again this year. You can find me at the Parish House every Tuesday during school term and I can be reached through the Parish Secretary on 9434 7373 or by contacting the Dandenong office of Catholic Care on 8710 9600. If you simply leave your name and phone number I will return your call as soon as possible. The service is offered to individuals and couples and is strictly confidential.

DIAMOND VALLEY MEN'S GROUP: A newly formed group is starting up at the Diamond Creek Living and Learning Centre, 119 Cowin Street, Diamond Creek, every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm-9.00pm. This a chance for men to come together to talk, listen and share, all are welcome. If interested please feel free to contact: Ray 0413 185 722.

FORMATION IN FAITH

RCIA: If you are interested in learning more about your Catholic faith or perhaps looking at becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Mandy through either of the Parish Offices

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: Melbourne Catholic provides a simple and contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith in Melbourne and beyond The May edition is available now in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS: will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Friday 25th May at 9:15am. More information over the page.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. These Hosts can be found on the Offertory Table prior to Mass, please feel free to place a Host in the Pict provided.

A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.*

by Helen Steiner Rice



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

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC
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If you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet we ask that you do so as soon as possible. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Many thanks Pat and Mary.

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SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK
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Anointing of the Sick will performed at 9:15am Mass on Friday 25th May at

Sacred Heart Church in Diamond Creek.

This Sacrament is available for all those who are seeking The Lord's healing, be it for ill Health Issues, Age, Sickness, Prior to Surgery or just general difficulties in life. Those requiring this sacrament are warmly welcome to attend on the day and are invited to stay for Morning Tea afterwards.



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EVENTS ELSEWHERE
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'CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES' featuring Daniel Wells, current Collingwood Champion. The venue is the CQ Club, 113-123 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am – 9am Thursday 24th May 2018, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, or Email michael.bohan@menalive.org.au The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia.

CHOSEN CONFERENCE: Jesus Youth Australia invites all young people aged between 18 to 30 to participate in Chosen, a Catholic Youth Conference to be held during July. If you are interested or wish to register please visit www.chosenconference.org.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2018 Knox Public Lecture **Wed.** 16 May at 7.30pm Dr Jeff Kildea What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War Bookings and Info.: jill.donciovio@ctc.edu.au or **ph.** 9412 3304. R.S.V.P.: **Wed.9** May. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: 21st-23rd June at Ibis Melbourne, cost \$199.00. A time to come together to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Register at: www.Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com or Ph: 1300 734 880.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB: Party Night for Over 28's Catholic singles at Benedict House, St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Road Burwood. Cost \$13.00 includes lucky door prizes and supper. Enquiries: 9885 2167 Peter.

VINNIES GREENSBOROUGH: New members welcome. Our small group of about 15 members invites you to join us in our work for disadvantaged people, including whole families, in the Greensborough/Watsonia area. Women and men of all ages are welcome to join us in assisting people in need. For more information about Vinnies or how to join please call Ian Fraser on 0412 658 968.

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY: The ACU is offering a short course entitled "From Death to New Life": Preparing and Celebrating Catholic Funerals in June at its Melbourne Campus. The course explores Christian theology of dying & death as well as the Order of Christian Funerals, specifically in a Catholic way. Registration for those interested is via the website link: <http://www.acu.edu.au/acu-centre-for-liturgy/short-courses>

ST.MARY'S TENNIS CLUB: Is looking for players for next season commencing Term 3 for Juniors (Friday night/Saturday morning) Seniors, Ladies/Tuesday, Mens/Tuesday Vets, Wednesday Ladies, Thursday Mixes, Men's Thursday. For more information email stmarystennis56@gmail.com

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT: At Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry St Eltham on Thursday 17th May . Celebrated in the spirit of Taize , Mass at 8.00pm followed by quiet reflection. Enquiries contact: Rose 9434 3962 or Sandra 9434 7553.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Mass for Expectant Mothers is an annual event that recognises pregnant women at various stages of their pregnancy. The Mass is an opportunity for the Church to joyfully celebrate new life and to impart her blessings for a safe and healthy pregnancy. The Mass includes a special blessing for mothers, fathers and unborn children. Our next Mass for Expectant Mothers will be celebrated by Archbishop Hart on Sunday 27th May at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. To register please go to: <http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Mass-for-expectant-mothers>

ANNIVERSARY MASS: The Annual Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 29th July at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Hart. The Annual Anniversary Mass is held in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and family. To register please go to: <http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Anniversary-Mass> Couples who register for the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate.

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

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

13 May 2018

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Eph 4:1-7. 11-13

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

**I am with you always, until the end
of the world.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This passage makes up the concluding verses of the Gospel of Mark. Actually, literary criticism of the Mark gospel suggests that the original gospel ended at 16:8 with the women fleeing from the empty tomb in fear. Verses 9-20 appear to be a later addition to the gospel. The community in which this gospel was written expected Jesus to return within their lifetime and so the dramatic and suspenseful conclusion of the gospel at the discovery of the empty tomb makes perfect sense. However, it soon became apparent that Jesus' return was not going to come as soon as the believers had hoped and so the post-resurrection appearances and the commissioning to continue on with Jesus' work became much more important.

If we were to read this passage literally, we would believe that to be a Christian one had to be able to perform exorcisms, speak in tongues, handle snakes, drink poison and heal by touch. If this were literally true, I guess there wouldn't be too many Christians around today! Rather, the purpose of the passage is that Jesus sends his followers out 'to the whole world' to continue his ministry. It is the 'whole world' to which they are sent; not just their cosy little corner of the world but the whole world. It's what Christian people for the last 2,000 years have been called to do: continue Jesus' ministry to the whole world. It's what each and every one of us is called to do today: 'proclaim the Good News to all creation'. That doesn't mean standing on street corners with a Bible in our hands but it means proclaiming the Good News through our everyday actions and by being open and honest about our faith. It means treating all people as Jesus would.