



Sunday 17th June 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

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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Diamond Creek 3089

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

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

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Secretaries: Mary Gargan & 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

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email** principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23rd & 24th June

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: C. Ledda, C. Garzia, P. Keenan, M. Cusack, A. Schellens

Reader: M. Farrell

Set-Up: M. Farrell, P. Keenan

Commentator: M. Nguyen

Counters: P. Guatta, G. Ind

Welcoming: M. O'Dea

Cleaners: P. Leonard

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 7th July, 2018

Special Ministers: Y. O'Brien, H. Edmonds, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Keenan

Commentator: E. Gittens

Set-Up: R. Nicolaisen

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

Special Minsters 6.00pm: T. Holland, M. Gargan, K. Salm, A. McCarthy, M. Sturmar

Special Minsters 10:30am: B. Riordan, E. Sutherland, A. Letzia, F. Landy, A. Kerr

6.00pm: Reader: K. McMahon

Commentator: S. McMahon

Set-Up: T. Butera

10:30am: Reader: E. Rainsbury

Commentator: T. Williamson

Set-Up: M. Bates

Counters: T. Quinlan, B. Murray, M. Cullinan

Cleaners: 30th June: E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L. Stephens

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 20th June

Lunch & Games at Parish Centre Sacred Heart

Wednesday 4th July

Winter Celebration in Sacred Heart Parish Centre

Saturday 21st July

Fr Michael Golden Jubilee Mass. 6.00pm St Thomas the Apostle

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

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft, Julia Liddard

Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Doug Armstrong, Beling Dasilda

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Pauline Georgiades, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Wednesday 20th June Lunch & Games at parish Centre sacred Heart BYO Light Lunch.

Wednesday 4th July Winter Celebration Lunch in Parish Centre. For catering Purposes, please contact Margaret with bookings by Sunday 1st July.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: Thank you to those parishioners who have purchased 2018 Entertainment Books. We have purchased another box (including Geelong area) or we can arrange for the electronic version. Please contact Sacred Heart Parish Centre.

PARTNERED PARISHES HIGH TEA

Members of the St Mary's community would like to form a committee with interested parishioners from the Sacred Heart and St Thomas Parishes to organise a High Tea. The date for the event is Sunday the 7th of October in the St Thomas hall.

This will be a time for all three Parishes to get together and enjoy a relaxed afternoon. If you are able to help you can contact one of the following ladies. Maria: 9434 2947 Lucy: 9435 6990 Judy: 9435 4506/0433 311323

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 June edition is available now in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Thursday: St Aloysius Gonzaga Friday: St John Fisher, St Thomas More

RECONCILIATION: There will be no reconciliation at St Thomas Parish on both Saturday the 16th and 23rd of June as all our Priests will be attending Ordinations at St Patricks Cathedral.

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.

HEALING MASS AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: You are invited to join us on Thursday 21st June commencing at 7.30pm with Praise and Worship followed by mass at 8.00pm. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. For further details contact Rose on 9434 3962. Our Lady Help of Christians Henry Street Eltham.

DIAMOND VALLEY REFUGE SUPPORT: – Thanks to all parishioners for continuing to support this project. Could you possibly please ensure all your donation envelopes are returned by the **17th June**. This will be the last collection for banking before the end of the financial year. Lentara Uniting Care will be issuing receipts sometime in July. If you have any queries, please feel free to call Lilian Hobson (0402 823 679). Our Parishes will continue to support the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project; new envelopes for 2018/19 will be provided in July.

BIG GROUP HUG

Based in Rosanna, the Big Group Hug is a grassroots charity supporting struggling families in our community. They provide donated goods to assist parents in caring for their children aged newborn to 12 years old. Big Group Hug wants to ensure all kids are warm this winter by including pyjamas, singlets, socks & underwear in all their donated packs of clothing this year.

They are seeking donations of NEW Pyjamas, Singlets Socks & Underwear for both Boys & Girls in sizes 2 to 16. For more information on how you can assist this very worthwhile organisation please visit www.biggroup hug.org or contact Carly in the St. Thomas School Office or email: carly@biggroup hug.org



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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

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.

EVENTS SACRED HEART.

DIAMOND CREEK ST. VINCENT SOCIETY ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL: There will be a leaving collection after 9.00am Mass on Sunday 17th June. Envelopes are available for cash or Credit card donations, which can be placed in collection bags or left at the Parish Centre during June. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, or blankets would be most appreciated.

SVdP Diamond Creek Conference.

VINNIES DIAMOND VALLEY COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT: Breeda O'Regan (President of Diamond Creek ST Vincent de Paul) and Pat Guatta are participating in the Overnight Sleepout at Watermarc carpark on Saturday 7th July. If you would like to sponsor, go to:

<https://vinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/PatGuatta> or Breeda O' Regan or ring Sacred Heart Parish Thank you.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS FOR FR. MICHAEL McENTEE

On the 13th July 2018 I will celebrate my Golden Anniversary, 50 Years, of my ordination. In thanks to God for a long life and for fifty years of exercising the ministry of a priest, I cordially invite you all to join me in celebrating my Golden Jubilee Mass at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Greensborough North, on Saturday 21st July at 6.00pm.

Along with my sister and her family, my extended family, my brother priests and all the companions on this journey of faith, your encouragement helped me to stay the course in good health and contentment. I was very happy throughout the twelve years among the community at St Thomas the Apostle and the five years among the Sacred Heart and St Peter's communities hence my decision to celebrate this milestone in my life with you all.

I would also be very pleased if you are able to stay for refreshments after Mass as hot finger food, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available. If you are able to attend please RSVP to St Thomas the Apostle Parish Office, greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au or phone 9434 7373 by 12th July.

In lieu of personal gifts, please consider assisting one of these charities:

- Melbourne Overseas Mission,
- CARITAS Australia,
- Asylum Seekers Resource Centre or
- Cookhouses and Tanks a Lot (Sister of Mercy Australia in rural villages of Papua New Guinea) ctal.png@gmail.com

I look forward to celebrating my thanks to God with you,
Michael McEntee

2018 St VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The **Winter Appeal to be conducted over the weekend of 16th & 17th June** is Vinnies' major mid-year appeal. Your donations in past years have been distributed to support local families in need – donations for which those families and we, the Greensborough Conference, are extremely grateful.

Once again this year we are seeking financial donations, either cash or credit card, so as to provide direct financial support to families to meet their immediate needs. Envelopes will be provided at each Mass on this weekend for your donations which will be taken up during the leaving collection. Additional envelopes will also be provided in the gathering space if required. Collection bins will also be available in the Gathering Space for any donations of non-perishable food items.

Thank you
SVdP Greensborough Conference

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

17 June 2018

First Reading Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a
shoot
and plant it myself on a very high
mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of
Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade
of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that
I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low
ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most
High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are
intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we
do by faith and not by sight - we are full of
confidence, I say, and actually want to be
exiled from the body and make our home
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the
body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will
be brought out in the law court of Christ,
and each of us will get what he deserves for
the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower;*

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into
the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed
on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting
and growing; how, he does not know. Of
its own accord the land produces first the
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the
ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no
time; he starts to reap because the harvest
has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom
of God is like? What parable can we find for
it? It is like a mustard seed which at the
time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest
of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown
it grows into the biggest shrub of them all
and puts out big branches so that the birds
of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke
the word to them, so far as they were
capable of understanding it. He would not
speak to them except in parables, but he
explained everything to his disciples when
they were alone.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that
poetic imagery is an apt way of
describing the mysterious presence
of God in our midst. The cedar
began as a seedling that takes years
to grow into a magnificent tree. The
same is true of the mustard tree. It
too requires time to develop its
trunk and branches. The
development of moral integrity in a
human being is just as gradual.
Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's
presence and it produces fruit even
into old age. Although God is present
in all things, sustaining them and
allowing them to follow their natural
courses, God really transcends all
things. Metaphorical language may
be the best means for speaking
about God and the things of God. It
enables us to live in the tension that
both reveals something about God
and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very
ordinary circumstances, and it
matures gradually until it has spread
itself far and wide. Although the
mystery of the reign of God unfolds
within human history, we need eyes
of faith to recognise it. Like the
cedar and the mustard seed, it
grows within the concreteness of
human experience. Just as the life
force that thrusts the branches of
the trees further and further out
cannot itself be seen, so the reign of
God is mysterious, even
incomprehensible. Still, it is there,
inviting us, urging us to move
forward, transforming our world.

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