



Sunday 29th April 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

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Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

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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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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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

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5th & 6th May

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: B. Flynn, R. Padget, C. Bell, A. Schellens, R. Belli

Reader: J. Libertino

Commentator: C. Gardner

Welcoming: A. Pieper

Set-Up: P. Thomas

Counters: J. & P. Hoyne

Cleaners: P. Guatta

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 5th May, 2018

Special Ministers: R. Nicolaisen, H. Edmonds, P. Leonard

Reader: M. Millard

Commentator: R. Edmonds

Set-Up: P. Frisby

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

Special Minsters 6.00pm: C & L Leahy, M. Bedford, L. Carty, S. Bishop

Special Minsters 10:30am: J. Millar, B. Riordan, A. Kerr, R. Piccolo, M. Tipping

6.00pm: Reader: E. Sacchetta

Commentator: J. Bohan

Set-Up: K. Salm

10:30am: Reader: J. Kerr

Commentator: S. Millard

Set-Up: J. Kerr

Counters: D. Bonello, S. Bishop, B. Carr

Cleaners: 5th May B. Guldon, G. Kilkenny

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 2nd May Lunch and Neil Diamond Show at Greensborough RSL

Friday 4th May Ladies Dinner 7pm Sacred Heart Hall

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 April that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Bertuna, Margaret McCarthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Ray Money, Rod Nettleton,.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 2nd May; Lunch and Neil Diamond Show at the Greensborough RSL. Car pool 11.30am from the Parish Centre.

ST. MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP: Our next outing to Woop Woop on the 9th May 2018, with 2 course lunch at the Cumberland Hotel. Cost is \$47 Members & Non Members \$54. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am and returning home at 4.30pm. Bookings are required before each event so please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298 or Kay 9435 5736 if you are interested in attending.

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.

ANNUAL LADIES DINNER AT SACRED HEART

On Friday 4th May the Annual Ladies Dinner will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 7.00pm til late!!

A delicious Buffet Dinner including Dessert is provided at a cost of \$30.00 per person, BYO Drinks. This is an ideal opportunity to book a table of friends just to catch up and have an entertaining & fun evening together or come alone and take the time to meet some new friends.

There are still limited tickets available so be quick to ensure your place at this fantastic event.

Ladies from our three Partner Parishes are more than welcome to attend

RSVP 1st May to Pat at the Sacred Heart Parish Office on 9438 1159

Raffle tickets available after 9.00am Mass



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: In this month's issue they look at what and where people call home. The articles open the doors to peoples thinking of where home is and what it means to some people. The magazine is available in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Wednesday: St. Athanasius

ANNOINTING 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.

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 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly
of your people.**

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to
the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the
earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the
dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children
serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet
to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we
love one another.*

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his
presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own
conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the
Lord;**

my branches bear much fruit.

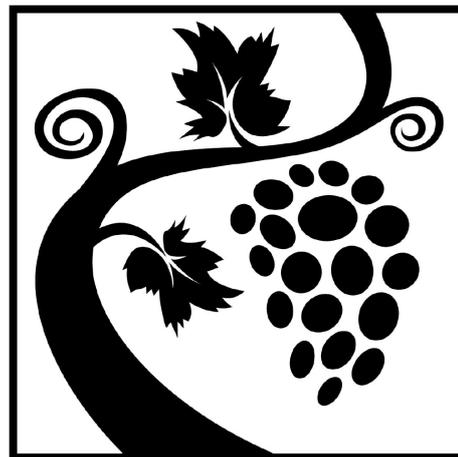
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he
prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to
you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in
you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
- he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on
the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should
bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer - 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' - becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vigneron desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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