



Sunday 3rd 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

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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

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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

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**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9th & 10th June**

**SACRED HEART 9:00am:**

**Special Ministers:** M. Cusack, Aminda, Dharshanie, J, Bruce, F. Ledda

**Reader:** A. Pieper

**Commentator:** B. Greaves

**Welcoming:** M. Dunn

**Set-Up:** J. Bruce, A. Pieper

**Counters:** R. Padget, M. Farrell

**Cleaners:** T. Sirianni

**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:** M. McKenzie, C. & L. Leahy, S. Bishop, K. McMahon

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

**6.00pm: Reader:** P. Carty

**Commentator:** J. Money

**Set-Up:** M. McKenzie

**10:30am: Reader:** J. Kerr

**Commentator:** M. Bates

**Set-Up:** M. Bates

**Counters:** D. & D. Haesler

**Cleaners:** 16th June L. Carty, J. De Carlo

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Wednesday** 6th June

Movie Day 12.00pm Pat Frisby's. Car pool 11.30am at parish House Light lunch

**Thursday** 7th June

Feast of Sacred Heart Mass 9.15am St Thomas Church

**Friday** 8th June

Feast of Sacred Heart 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, Julia Liddard

**Greensborough North:** Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, John Muscat, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maureen Porter, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Rocco Di Pierro

**We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May 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 6th June. Movie Day 12pm at Pat Frisby's BYO lunch to share.

**CHURCH FLOOR:** Due to an accidental flooding in the Church last weekend the floor in the Gathering Space may feel spongy under foot but every effort has been made to make the area safe. Just be aware there may be some slight lifting of the boards near the joins, and you may also be able to smell a sour odour as the carpet dries out. Every effort has been made to make the area safe for the present and restoration work will be undertaken in the coming weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

**St MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP:** Join us for an outing to the Casino Wednesday 13th June, which includes a Buffet Lunch. Members \$21.00 Non Members \$23.00. Bus leaving 9.15am returning 3.00pm. Enquiries Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 or Kay 9435 5736

### **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.

**REFLECTION DAY:** Saturday 14th July commencing at 10.00am until 2.30pm at Currajeen Retreat Centre, 811 Bridge Inn Road, Doreen. Treat yourself to some time with the Lord, guided by Sister Maureen Delaney. Cost is only \$10.00, BYO lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To make a booking please contact Sacred Heart Parish Office, as numbers are limited.

### **WORSHIP & PRAYER**

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK:** Tuesday: St Boniface Wednesday: St Norbert, St Marcellin

**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.

**FEAST OF SACRED HEART MASS:** Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas Thursday 7th June 9.15am & Sacred Heart Friday 8th June 9.15am.

### **FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAMS**

Both Sacred Heart & St. Thomas are seeking any parishioners who may like to assist with the important ministry of assisting with the preparations of funerals in each parish. Currently St. Thomas have a small team which and are hoping to add members and Sacred Heart are looking to establish a team. This important Ministry assists with the preparation of all funerals within each Parish and liaises with the Families, Priest and Parish Office to ensure everything runs smoothly. If anyone is interested in sharing their talents by contributing to the Ministry of your Parish please feel free to contact either the Sacred Heart or St. Thomas Parish Office.

**DIAMOND VALLEY REFUGE SUPPORT:** – Thanks to all parishioners for continuing to support the 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.biggroupug.org](http://www.biggroupug.org) or contact Carly in the St. Thomas School Office or email: [carly@biggroupug.org](mailto:carly@biggroupug.org)



### **EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS**

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,

The Presbytery collection/account (1<sup>st</sup> coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2<sup>nd</sup> coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.



## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B (Corpus Christi)**

**3 June 2018**

### **First Reading Ex 24:3-8**

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13**

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. (R.)

### **Second Reading Heb 9:11-15**

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal

redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

### **Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven, says  
the Lord;*

*whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

*Alleluia!*

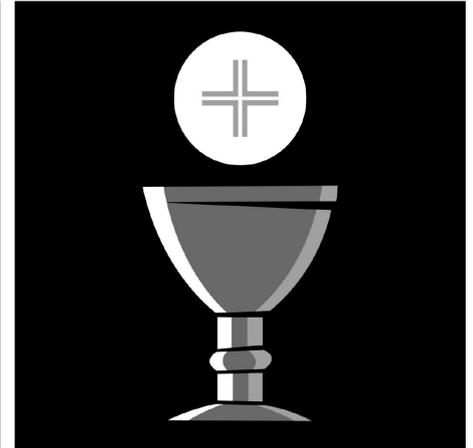
### **Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26**

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



### **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week's first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being 'the blood of the covenant' would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God's people – a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people – a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

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