



Sunday 6th June 2021

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am
Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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Secretary: 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 12th & 13th June

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: M. Jenkins, J. Bruce

Reader: R. McEvoy

MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: C. Leahy, W. Watson

Special Minister 10.30am: E. Sutherland, R. Piccolo, J. Millar

6.00pm: Reader: Volunteer **Commentator:** T. Corcoran **Set Up:** J. de Carlo

10.30am: Reader: S. Millar **Commentator:** J. Kerr **Set Up:** C. & B. Riordan

Counters: T. Williamson, M. Bates **Cleaners:** B. Iacobucci, V. Vella (12th June)

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our Websites

*******NO MASSES AT ST PETER'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED*******

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

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper, Peg Wilcox

We pray for those who have died including Kevin Rogers Henry Van Oosterom, & Kevin Rogers and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they 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. Gordon Shannon

WORSHIP & PRAYER

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: There is now a small quantity of Low Gluten Hosts available at our Masses.

These hosts will be available from the main celebrant. If you approach him and let him know you would like to receive the Low Gluten Host.

NEW VISION, NEW ENERGY, NEW LIFE: Here is a link to an upcoming virtual conference [Alive in the Spirit](#) 8th -10th July 2021 (Being the Community Christ Calls us to be). Hosted by the Pastoral Ministry Network, Mission Planners Network of Oceania and the Christian Initiation Australia Network.

These groups have worked extremely hard to replace the planned 2020 in person conference, with a stimulating and informative online experience. All the keynotes and workshops will be available for up to six months afterwards for the very small fee.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES: If you wish to have someone added or removed from the sick or Anniversaries list for our newsletter could you please notify **Pat 9401 6361** or **Lisa 9434 7373**.

ALIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Alight Youth Group: This invitation is open to all young people within our Parishes aged between 15 to 30.

Our youth group meets on the 1st Friday of every month at 7.30pm. We come together in friendship, fun and to become "Alight" in our faith. Our next gathering is scheduled for Friday 4th June. Please contact us for more details if you would like to come along!

Youth Mass will be held every 3rd Sunday of each month, 5pm at St Mary's Church. The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 20th June and we look forward to seeing you all there.

If you would like to find out more or register your attendance to come along to our next gathering, please contact Nicole Ridler, 0403 714 045 or Caitlin Jakubik 0455 251 046.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021 - 27 MAY TO 3 JUNE

More than a Word. reconciliation takes action

National Reconciliation Week is framed by two very significant dates. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which over 90% of Australians voted to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Indigenous people and include the original inhabitants in the census. June 3 marks the 29-year anniversary of the High Court of Australia's decision in the MABO case. The decision recognised the Native Titles Rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples, the original inhabitants of the land. It overturned the myth of "terra nullius", that the country was empty prior to colonisation. [extract from Reconciliation Liturgy This liturgy is produced in collaboration with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)] The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year is: 'More than a Word. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

(extract from: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week>)



"STORIES FROM OUR COVID-19 BUBBLES"

At the end of May we will be launching our new eBook from the Partnered Parishes of St Mary's, Sacred Heart and St Thomas the Apostle.

In this eBook 45 parishioners have recorded thoughtful stories of their experience of the COVID-19 Melbourne lockdown. Some tales are amusing and others are quietly reflective. While we were 'social distancing' we learnt new ways to be kind and resilient.

See the link Home (cam1.org.au) – also some hard copies will be made available.



MASK WEARING

Fitted face coverings are now mandatory indoors and should be worn at all times, unless under 12 years of age or have a lawful reason not to.

You will be required to sanitise your hands when entering the Church and before receiving Communion.

Could you please take home your bulletins as we are not allowed to reuse them. **Thank you**

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 16th June, Lunch & Games in Parish Centre 12.00pm.

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM: These Zoom catch ups for morning tea for members of our partnered parishes, have been such a great initiative. Now that we are venturing out and about, the need is not so great for us to be finding ways to see and speak with others. However, the group who has been gathering doesn't want it to simply stop, so we have decided to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.30. This gives people who go to morning mass, time to get back home and settle in for morning tea. This is a great way to get together with old friends and meet new people.



If you are interested please contact Jacinta Bright at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or call the parish office at St Mary's on 9435 1543.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: We wish to advise all community groups that should you wish to have an event listed in our Weekly Newsletter the deadline is the 2.00pm on the Wednesday prior. Should you have any queries please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.

TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

UNDER CURRENT RESTRICTIONS 25TH MAY 2021, MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.

As part of these changes, electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship.

Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, weddings and funerals within a Place of Worship, **must use an electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API).**

- ***This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.***
- Everyone entering the Church can scan the QR Code using the camera on their smartphone or tablet device.
- In exceptional circumstances, due to age, disability etc., the Parish has the ability to manually record their attendance (and maintain records for a period of 28 days). This form of record keeping should only be offered as a backstop solution, as it does not provide 'real time' connectivity to the Department of Health's contact tracing system.
- ***Sacred Heart & St Thomas Parishes will continue to use the Trybooking system to enable parishioners to book in for Mass so we do not exceed our density quotient.***
- ***Social distancing must still be maintained.***
- ***Use of the Services Victoria QR code service will still be mandatory.***

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

It's that time of year again. The nights are getting colder and we at the St Vincent De Paul Society increase our efforts for those who have no warm home to go to at the end of each day.

Sleeping rough must be so difficult at any time, but especially in the winter months. Each year Vinnies hold a Sleepout to raise awareness and money so that we can help those who find themselves homeless. As State President of Vinnies, I will be sleeping out again on the 17th June. I have set myself a target of \$5000 and I am almost half way there. Please consider supporting me by making a donation <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/kevinmcmahon>

I personally will be most grateful but so will the many disadvantaged people who will benefit from your generosity.

With thanks, Kevin McMahon.



ACN AUSTRALIA: Support our project of the month and help contemplative religious sisters in Peru to contribute to the pastoral work in Peru and the world through their prayer, their presence and the testimony of their faith.

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



Aid to the Church in Need

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EXHIBITION OF FLOW PAINTINGS BY JUDY RACZ

You are all invited to an exhibition of Flow Paintings by Judy Racz at Bridges Restaurant, 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge. Please call 9718 0099 before attending, in case there is a function at the restaurant.

Open 9.00am until late. Wednesday to Sunday only, from the 12th of May until 20th June.

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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

6 June 2021

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!**

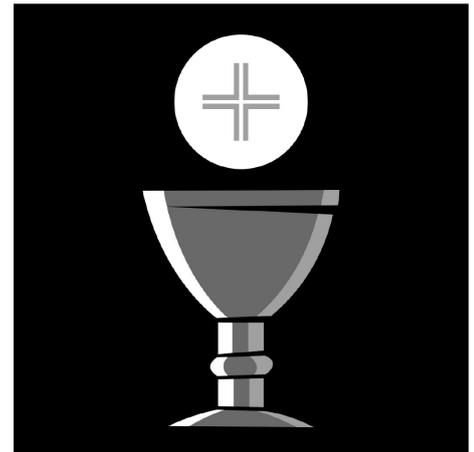
Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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