

Sunday 19th September, 2021

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dixon George & Fr. Tao Pham

Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright and Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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The celebration of Masses in our parish

Unfortunately during this time of lockdown, because of the Coronavirus, we cannot have Mass as usual. The Government has listed churches as among the venues that must remain closed. You can find Fr Steven's Masses on our website at <https://www.cam1.org.au/greensborough> or Facebook page - St Mary's Catholic Parish Greensborough. Various other information is uploaded frequently so feel free to browse at any time.

The Cathedral Mass online <https://www.cam.org.au/cathedral>. Daily Mass is streamed at 1pm Monday to Friday and 8am on Saturday. Sunday Mass is streamed at 11am and is also available on demand.

MASS AT HOME: St. Patrick's Cathedral: on Channel 31, 44 on Digital TV, for Sunday Mass at 11am. This is free to air.

Have you thought? Last of all?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

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Scripture reflection: 'Welcome the Children'



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Our Partner Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

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For updated COVID19 **GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES** as supplied by the Archdiocese, please go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>.

NEW

RECORDED MASSES – HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED Every week since March last year, St Mary's parishioners Troy and Trevor have shared the recording and uploading of the Saturday evening Mass from one of our partnered parishes and Masses during lockdowns. We thank them for their faithful commitment to our communities. However, **to continue to offer recorded Masses on a regular basis, help is urgently needed.** Troy was married recently and will soon be moving from the parish, and Trevor has an ongoing commitment as projectionist at a Sunday Mass. An invitation is extended to St Mary's, St Thomas' and Sacred Heart parishioners to assist with this valued ministry. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Marian 0409 591 527. Thank you.



'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' – Social Justice Statement 2021-2022—Many young people are urging us to make choices towards a simpler and more environmentally sustainable lifestyle. For the sake of their future, we need to think carefully about our use of water and energy, and even about the food and goods we choose to purchase. They are supported by Pope Francis, who advocates taking action on climate change and pollution. St Mary's Social Justice Group

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY—On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

NEW



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PREPARING FOR SUNDAY From -Sr Margaret Sapsford

There is a useful website that may be of service to you, your family and friends as you prepare for Sunday Mass each week: **liturgy.slu.edu** There you will find links to the Sunday's readings, prayers, spiritual reflections and explanations. The material is for all – the people in the pews. The site is free, sponsored by the Center for Liturgy at St Louis University. www.liturgy.slu.edu

BOTH THE BELOW LINKS HAVE BEEN REPLACED FROM LAST WEEK'S NOTICE. PARISH EBOOK RE-VISITED

[Ebook Version 8 051921 1.pdf \(cam1.org.au\)](#) - "Stories from our COVID-19 bubbles"

Now that we are back in COVID-19 delta bubbles in 2021, it might be time to re-visit the Parish eBook and put a smile on your face by finding:

- The Silkie chickens story and photos on page 38 and 39, or the poem "Every day we turn to Dan" on page 26 etc.

Keep well and be kind. The link to the eBook is also on St Mary's Catholic Parish Greensborough page [Home \(cam1.org.au\)](http://Home (cam1.org.au))



NEW

To-

Fan the Flame

wards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;'

Mark 9:30-37

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

(Instrumentum Laboris #133)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



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BULLETIN DEADLINE- 4pm Wednesday. Unfortunately anything received after deadline will be included in following week's bulletin.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

IN PRAISE OF PEACE Peace is something we all often long for. Even the idea of an **International Day of Peace** (21 September) soothes and warms us. Our images of peace are various, but they are

NEW always happy. Perhaps of a sunlit valley with a stream running through green grass and flowering trees. Or of a family chatting quietly around the fire at night. Or of people walking down the street smiling at one another and exchanging greetings. Or of ourselves sitting quietly, happy with our own company and our thoughts, contented with ourselves and the world. All these images are touched by longing. We know that these moments are passing and that our lives are full also of conflict and anxiety. St Augustine, a sharp observer of his world, said that in all we do we seek peace. That seems an extraordinary thought when we look at the world around us – full of war, violence, social media pile-ons. Augustine's point was that even when nations went to war, they wanted peace – on their own terms. Fr. Andrew Hamilton SJ



LEADING A MISSIONARY PARISH—SIGNS OF HOPE— Missionary parishes transform lives and yield a growing army of disciples for whom worship and sacraments come to life and whose ministry and service flourish. Hosted by Ron Huntley, this series of live **NEW** online talks and interviews explores signs of hope in our Church—globally, nationally and locally. **Fortnightly Thursday sessions: 7.30-8.45pm**, from 23rd September. All sessions are free and via Zoom. Register: See attached flyer.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation
free Zoom Information Session. **Saturday 12 October at 7.00pm – 7.30pm.**

Presenters: Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche and Dr Chris Morris.

Enquiries: Jenny Delahunt: T: 9412 3333 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au, W: ctc.edu.au/open-days/

NEW

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: One Million Children Praying the Rosary: ACN **NEW** invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children



LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK THREE A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown

NEW

Making the most of lockdown: Local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3

Opening up the Old Testament: Getting Started: This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3



St Mary's Parish is in the process of updating our data base, with parishioners' contact details. We comply with Australian Privacy Principles in our collection, storage, use and disposal of private information.

It is our intention that the information provided via your Trybooking registration for Masses, be used to update our records. If you prefer that we do not use the contact details you have provided when you have registered for a Mass, please notify the parish office 9435 1543

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Have you ever wondered what is the Whole Story of Mental Ill Health?

This is an invitation to explore the hidden dimension of mental ill health, in particular, the spiritual dimension of mental ill health and the nature of spiritual care. Rather than splitting off the lived experience of the person with mental ill health, from the lived experience of the one who is well, our starting point is that life and longing for purpose and meaning is an experience shared by all.

Given our concern for the spirit of the person and how that will infuse the whole of life experience, we will consider the inherent dignity of the individual living with mental ill health and how they find meaning and purpose within this context.

Rather than move directly to solutions, we will consider our shared humanity. Should you take up this invitation, you will experience an exploration of a pastoral view, which we might all embrace, that is consistent with spiritual care and healthcare practice, and complementary to the current medical paradigm.

The foundation of pastoral/spiritual care is listening. In this initial session we will explore how particular listening skills enable reflection and action which has the potential to change us all.

Who is this for? *Everyone!* We are quite sure that everyone reading this will know of someone now or in the future, who has been touched by the lived experience of mental ill-health, particularly given the last 18 months of COVID.

When? 7.30pm until 9.00pm Thursday, 14 October 2021

Where? The Gathering Space of St Mary's Church, Greensborough
Or Zoom, if need be. Interested people will be emailed a Zoom link.

RSVP & Enquiries Email our parish office greensborough@cam.org.au
or phone 9435 1543 by Monday, 11 October 2021



SR. ROSALIND CAIRNS, MSC

Ros is a member of St Mary's Parish

Ros worked in mental health for 27 years initially as pastoral care worker and coordinator with experience in hospital and community settings and then in management.

As Manager of Mental Health within the Healthcare Chaplaincy Council of Victoria, Inc. Ros's responsibilities involved leadership, consultation, and education in the strategic development of spirituality, chaplaincy, and pastoral care in Victorian Mental Healthcare Services.

Ros is semi-retired and maintains a particular interest in the relationship between spirituality and mental wellbeing and offers education and training in this area, in communities and at the University of Divinity. Her background is varied having worked in the areas of education, liturgy, counselling, and community development work in PNG.



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With Ron Huntley

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From the 'imposed lockdown' comfort of your home, be inspired by a hope-filled vision for your parish and discuss practical ideas with fellow leaders.

How are parishes successfully reaching their 21st century neighbourhoods with God's transforming love?

Fortnightly sessions 7.30–8.45pm

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| Thu 23 Sep | Signs of Hope – International Perspectives |
| Thu 07 Oct | Signs of Hope – An Australian story
An interview with Fr Chris Ryan |
| Thu 21 Oct | Signs of Hope in Melbourne – A panel of Melbourne Parish leaders |

VENUE Zoom (link will be emailed to you upon registration)
REGISTER www.trybooking.com/BUCSW

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE



About Ron Huntley

Based in Canada, Ron Huntley works internationally with church leaders to achieve fruitful parish missionary renewal. He is driven by a deep love for Christ, people and the Catholic Church. A speaker, author and podcast host, Ron's primary passion is coaching parish priests and their teams to lead parishes that transform lives.

Hear Ron speak of how parishes are making disciples and transforming lives around the world, through reliance on the Holy Spirit and great leadership principles.



About Fr Chris Ryan MGL

Born and raised in Melbourne, Fr Chris Ryan is currently the Parish Priest of Penshurst and Peakhurst parishes in NSW. He has been involved in leading youth ministry, new communities and parishes since 1993. He was the coordinator of the pilgrimage of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon in preparation for World Youth Day in 2008.

Hear Fr Chris's joy as he shares his experiences of leading a parish renewal that intentionally makes and grows disciples.

For Further Information

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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law
and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God’s son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they

work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

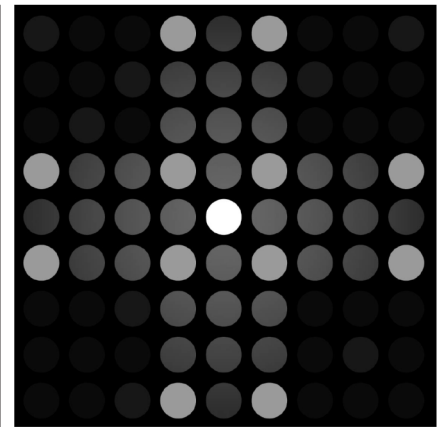
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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13 August 2021

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. Thomas the Apostle,

As you are well aware, we are now in our 6th Lockdown in Victoria and there does not appear to be a clear indication as to when all will return to some type of new normal. Unfortunately, as a consequence all religious services have been again temporarily suspended. This is a particularly sad and anxious time for the many in our parishes who have had to suspend and postpone yet again Marriages, Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations without any clarity and surety of when these can be celebrated. Of course, it is a particularly stressful time for the many who have lost their paid employment or whose businesses have been irreparably damaged for some time to come. Please know that I hold you in my thoughts and prayers as I, together with those in leadership with me, have been making every effort to maintain communication with you and provide pastoral care and sacramental ministry in whatever way we can. I am grateful to our Baptism teams and school leadership for their patient and determined efforts to reschedule our Sacramental celebrations in a time when it's extremely difficult to plan anything.

These past 18 months have also been particularly difficult financially for our Partnered parishes. For much of that time Masses have not been able to be celebrated with a congregation, and when they have, it has been with limited numbers able to come to Mass. We are not permitted to have collections which involves the passing of the plate or bag from one person to another. As such, baskets for the First and Second Collections as well as the various annual appeals have been made available at the entrance to the churches, but the donations have been minimal over this period of time. The larger sources of income from annual celebrations such as First Communions and Confirmations just haven't happened over these last 2 years. I am grateful for parishioners who have decided to contribute through Credit Card or Direct Debit, as well as to those who have faithfully and consistently made their contributions of cash by placing them in envelopes in the boxes near the doors of the parish houses or offices.

During this period our Parishes still require your ongoing financial support if you can find it possible. This will assist us with the maintenance of our churches, Utility Bills and payment of Parish staff who still perform essential services for us. The Jobkeeper funding by the Government has enabled us to continue to employ Parish staff, but this has now ceased. Also, we have been fortunate that the Government eventually considered pastors as eligible for the Jobkeeper assistance. However, only I have been eligible to be paid the Jobkeeper assistance. While Lenin was also eligible, Tao, because he is not yet an Australian citizen and Dixon, because he was not employed by us since March of 2020, have not been eligible. The Jobkeeper assistance and donations to the First Collection as well as stipends for sacramental celebrations from each parish all go into the St. Thomas' Presbytery account which provides for the maintenance of the 3 priests. It provides for the running and maintenance of one vehicle per priest, house-keeping expenses and our stipends paid quarterly. We have come to a point where at the end of this quarter, it appears that there will not be enough funding to pay the stipend of each priest.

The purpose of this letter is to let you all know how you can continue with your weekly contributions to our Parishes should you be able to. Please be assured that when this suspension of services ends and we return to normal Church services you can cancel these arrangements at any time, should you choose to do so.

We understand that these are difficult times for all families as we are all financially impacted in many ways. During these unusual and difficult times, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support of our Parishes. Should you require any further information please feel free to contact our Parish Secretaries, Lisa Leahy at St. Thomas (9434-7373); Pat Guatta at Sacred Heart (9401-6361) and Francesca Olofsson or Sharon Prosser at St. Mary's (9435-1543) during office hours.

Take care and keep safe.

Kind Regards

Fr. Steven Rigo
Parish Priest

Second Collection: For the Support of the Parish

If you are a Thanksgiving Envelope contributor or you simply contribute loose cash and you would like to continue supporting the Parish at this time, you can choose one of the following options:

**Option A: Direct Transfer to Church Account
(Internet Banking - Preferred option as there are no costs involved)**

Make funds payable to St Mary's Parish Greensborough, please use your Name and/or Thanksgiving Number as your reference

BSB: 083 347 **Account No.:** 647043167 \$ _____ Your preferred amount and timing.

**Option B: Debit Credit Card making payments on a monthly/quarterly/yearly basis
(Return completed authorisation to Parish Office)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

My Pledge for \$ _____ per month/quarter/year (please circle one)

MasterCard/VISA Name on Card: _____

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Expiry Date: __/__/__ CVV: _____ Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

Option C: Cash or cheque can be placed in your current Thanksgiving envelopes or a plain envelope marked 'Second Collection – St Mary's Parish Greensborough'. These can be dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the letter box at the front door of the Presbytery (Not the Front Letter box at driveway entrance.)

First Collection: For the Support of our Priests

**Option A: Direct Transfer to Presbytery Account
(Internet Banking – The preferred option as there are no costs involved)**

Make Funds payable to St Mary's Parish Greensborough, please use your Name as your reference

BSB: 083 347 **Account:** 647040492 \$ _____ Your preferred amount and timing.

**Option B: Debit Credit Card making payments on a monthly/quarterly/yearly basis
(Return completed authorisation to Parish Office)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Mobile Number: _____

Email: _____

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