

Sunday 21st August 2022

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Martin Tanti

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am-10.00am & 5.45pm-6.15pm
before evening Mass

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

St Peter's: 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm

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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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period. Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners should be encouraged to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers are asked to wear face coverings for the distribution of communion.



Those expecting no place at the feast will be offered one.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C,

21 August 2022

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflection--the-last-shall-be-first>

Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.

Diamond Valley Deanery

www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au

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

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

The Partnered Parishes THINK AND BREATHE Child Safety – KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.

With the return of families at our Masses and as our toilets are out of view, parental supervision of your children is required while using the facilities. Parents/guardians are to supervise children at all times when at our parishes.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are to:

- Use language that is positive and engaging, and avoid language that is threatening and frightening.
- Avoid discriminatory, racist or sexist language or treatment.
- Avoid derogatory, belittling or negative language.
- Avoid inappropriate comments about a child or young person.

JACINTA BRIGHT'S FAREWELL

Following Jacinta Bright's sad news last week that she is retiring in October as our Pastoral Associate, it is appropriate that we farewell her with her family present so as to express our gratitude and well-wishes to her.

All parishioners from our Partnered Parishes are warmly welcome to farewell Jacinta at the **10.00 am Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday October 2nd.**

This will be followed by refreshments in the Gathering Space of the church. If you are coming, you might consider bringing a plate to share.

Fr Steven Rigo.

Dear parishioners,

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that I am retiring from my Pastoral Associate role at the end of September (or the first week in October.) I have been here at St Marys' for over 17 years now and 32 years in total in Pastoral Associate Ministry in Melbourne.

I am older and tired and a recent spell of illness sharpened my appreciation of the need to slow down.

The parish will advertise for a new Pastoral Associate and I am sure you will welcome and support that person, as you have for me.

Thank you for everything you have given me over my time here and I look forward to seeing you over the next couple of months.

Jacinta

ZOOM

Jacob's Blessings

Illuminate & Inspire Today

4 Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm

Marc Chagall's 12 windows, inspired by Jacob blessing his 12 sons (Genesis 49), offer the opportunity to illuminate and inspire us on our faith journey. Participant Guide will assist your reflection.

24 & 31 Aug, 7 & 14 Sept,

Book before 11am Tue 23 Aug at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBWJL>

Further information contact: sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



Baptisms: we pray for Ella, Harrison, Pia and Bella who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in August.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 11th August:

Tonina opened the meeting with prayer. **Agenda** items included:

Funeral Ministry brochure ready for printing. Photo of Sacred Heart and St Peter's churches to be inserted.

Thanksgiving Renewal update. Positive responses from parishioners.

St Peter's 50th Anniversary Saturday 3rd December 5 pm Mass. Volunteers have offered to assist with celebrations.

Sacred Heart School Report: 60th Anniversary History Project underway. Parishioners encouraged to help.

Families are participating in *Education in Faith* Survey. Refurbishment completion date 17th October.

Baptism Families Reconnection: Families who celebrated Baptisms in 2021 and 2022 will be invited to a Mass followed by refreshments in November.

Parish Fundraising **Craft Market** in hall in October. Stall holders needed. Details to follow.

Partnered Parishes Plenary Council Facilitators Group Atonement Plaque discussion progressing.

Formation of Umbrella PPC for three parishes to be re-tabled.

Maintenance Report: gas heater removed from crying room, and leaking roof repaired. Meeting with CAM Parish Advisor to be arranged to discuss future use of Parish hall.

Parish to host **Sacred Heart School Parent Foundation Year Connection Night.**

Parishioner suggested we consider installing **Tap Machines** for cashless Mass attendees. No Internet Connection in church so we need to assess cabling/online/Wi-Fi options.

Suggestion box at back of Church. Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

St Peter's Hurstbridge 50th Anniversary: Celebration Mass 5pm Saturday 3rd December 2022

Senior Moments: Wednesday 7th September 12pm Lunch at Diamond Creek Tavern. All welcome. Contact Margaret Jose for bookings. Wednesday 21st September 12pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre.

Rosters for Weekend 28th August

Sunday 28th August 9am Sacred Heart

Reader: B. Flynn

Commentator: C. Fernando

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Ledda, P. Keenan

Saturday 3rd September 7.15pm St Peter's

Reader: P. Keenan

Commentator: E. Gittins

Eucharistic Ministers: volunteer

Recently Deceased: Funeral Memorial for Colleen Gardner 11am Friday 26th August Sacred Heart Church followed refreshments in the Hall. Contact Parish Office for link to virtual feed.

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

Mario Molinaro, Lina Molinaro, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Margaret Holland, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper,

We pray for those who have died including and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of August that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Jim Beattie, Fr Gerard Loughnan, Kevin Nihill, Win Atkinson, Mary Burke, Wayne Robinson, John O'Connor

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY EVENING: Celebrating Women's Strengths Guest Speaker - Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park Friday 16th September 6 pm - 9 pm \$25 per head includes two course meal RSVP 08/09/2022

To book please go to the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBOSD> or call the parish office on 9407 6700

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION : Assertiveness, Trusting Your Own Inner Voice (via Zoom), Tuesday evening 30th Aug 2022, 7pm-9.30pm (AEST). This reflection event will explore: assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perspective and how that influences my judgement and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God. Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)). Cost \$35. Book and pay by 26/8/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne
Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern VIC, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



Baptisms: We welcome into our community Noah, Charlotte, Joey and Charlotte who are being Baptised later this month.

Contactless Payments: We are now able to allow electronic transfer of funds through the purchase of a Square Tap Machine. Parishioners will be able to 'tap and go' for the Presbytery and Parish collections. There are instruction in the Church or you can ask for help.

Square



UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TABERNACLE

Dear parishioners ,

This week in the newsletter we have provided a visual depiction of the **possible addition** of a Tabernacle in the body of the Church. This temporary measures have been implemented until the 1st of October. An existing extra tabernacle has been placed in the Seasonal Chapel. A makeshift temporary "wall" has been erected to block off the Adoration Chapel from the body of the Church, thus retaining the ability to pray after hours in the Adoration Chapel or to collect hosts for the sick.

Following a PPC meeting held on Wednesday night a proposal was put forth which will go to the working committee that we have 2 tabernacles in the church, but the Sacred Host of the Eucharist is only kept in the Adoration Chapel.

When a Mass or other liturgies are celebrated, the Eucharist is moved into the Church before Mass and returned to the Adoration chapel after Mass concludes.

Under Church law 'Canon Law' we are not permitted to have 2 active tabernacles under the same roof.

This proposal would firstly, allow the parishioners who long for the presence of the Eucharist in a tabernacle in the body of the Church during a Mass to be fulfilled. Secondly the need for any structural alterations to the Church would be obsolete as the Eucharist is securely kept in the Adoration chapel at other times.

Could you please submit any feedback by the 2nd of October by email directly to Fr Martin: Martin.Tanti@cam.org.au



Rosters for Weekend 27th & 28th August

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: E. Sacchetta **Commentator:** P. Carty **Eucharistic Ministers:** T. Holland, M. McKenzie, K. Salm **Set Up:** K. Salm

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Kenny **Commentator:** J. Kerr **Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kerr, C. Riordan **Set Up:** C. Riordan

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

Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis, Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of August that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Arthur Walker, Jane de Carlo, Rachael Casale, Frank McMahan, Frank Ventura, Tony Chirico, Marie Lewis, Michael De Popolo, Maris Sacchetta, Guido Micheluzzi, Orazio Palazzoto, Giovanna Formosa, Robert Capocchi, Denis McCarthy, James McCarthy, Bill Ahern, Marina Micai, Anne Honeywell, Giusepa Minutolo, Paul Silverwood, Jim Lysaght, Salvatore Scala, Margaret Hardwick, Ted Tremayne, Giselle Caliste, Nadia Mefflin, Alan Corcoran, Margaret Howse, Alan McCarthy, Salvador Catalogna, Rose Masabni, Antun Sich, Dragan Zilic

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"



PLEASE NOTE TEMPORARY NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

St Marys' secretarial team will only be present in the office on Tuesdays until August 29th.

For assistance other days please call 9435 1543. Jacinta will generally be around on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A phone call to make sure she is on if you need to access the office, would be best.

During this time, please send any bulletin contributions to Lisa at greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin.

Thank you.

RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB: Are now accepting players for Juniors teams. Available for Girls & Boys teams, new and returning.

Contact Juniors co-ordinator, Kirsty Doyle on 0412 888 296. or email Juniors@riversidecricketclub.com.au

HIRING OF PARISH FACILITIES: Unfortunately due to a number of various circumstances, the James Kierce Centre and the Parish Hall are no longer available to hiring for social functions.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT : First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can.

All Welcome.

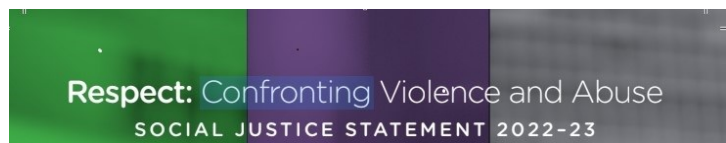
St MARY'S PRAYER SHAWL GROUP: Meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enq: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

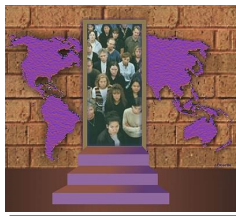
ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY: If there is no-one in attendance in the Library, it can be opened and you can record which books you take on the sheet. The Library catalogue can be accessed at home on: cloud.collectorz.com/247780

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS: At the end of August we start a year with the new Social Justice theme for the Church for 2022/2023 - "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse". We pray that all Church and civic leaders model respectful relationships, challenge structures that perpetuate control over others, and compassionately attend the vulnerable.

For information, counselling and support if you are impacted by violence and abuse: - 1800 RESPECT or 1800 737 732

St Mary's Social Justice Group





Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close The Kingdom of God is not an exclusive place because people from all over can share in its bounty; but there are some life choices to be made in order to enter through the narrow door. If we are excluded it is because we have not understood or lived the kingdom values which give preferential option to the poor and the marginalised.

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First Reading Is 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) *Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except
through me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

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