



Sunday 26th August, 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Workers: Sr. Margaret Sapsford and Christina O' Connor

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The Partnered Parishes of:

<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u>
204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088	25 Gipson Street, Diamond Creek 3089	251 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough Nth 3088
Parish: 9435 1543	Parish: 9438 1159	Parish: 9434 7373
Presbytery: 9432 2515	Email: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au	Email: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au
Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au	Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek	Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth
Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough	Secretary: Pat Guatta	Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy
Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser	Mass Times	Mass Times
Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux	Monday: Communion Service 9.15am	Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am
Mass Times	Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am	Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am	1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm	Sunday: Mass 10.30am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am	Sunday: Mass 9.00am	Reconciliation Times
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm	Reconciliation Times	Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	Parish School Principal	Parish School Principal
Reconciliation Times	Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email
Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	Parish School Principal	Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms	Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email	
2nd & 3rd Sunday 11.30 am. Please see Fr. Steven or Fr. Dong to make the necessary arrangements after any Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.	principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	
Parish School Principal		
Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email		
principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au		

Communion to the Sick:

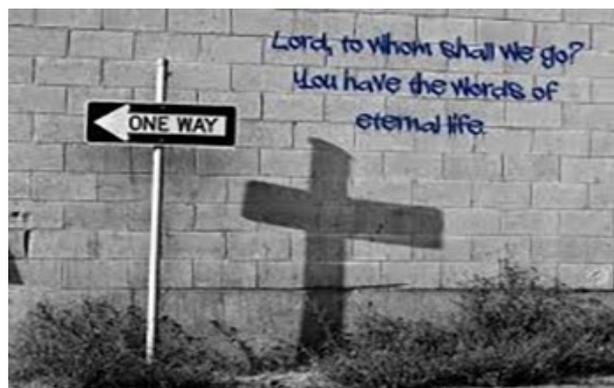
Any parishioner who cannot attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive Communion is asked to contact the parish office.

Message and Medium

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium—the person—IS the message (or at least should be!).

We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

PARISHIONERS are asked to dedicate their prayers to migrants and refugees this weekend, as part of World Refugee and Migrant Sunday.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION collection next Sunday 2nd September.

MEMORIAL MASS 9.15am next Friday 31st August. This monthly Mass is offered for all parishioners' deceased family members and friends. The Bereavement Support Group invites you to a cuppa and chat after Mass in the Gathering Space.

THERE ARE A FEW COPIES OF Pope Francis' Letter of Apology available in the Gathering Space for those interested in reading it.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? Thank you for your Sacrificial Giving over the last financial year and support over the years. New envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. If your envelopes are missing or you have questions, please contact the Parish Office-94351543.

MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us for an outing to the Shrine of Remembrance, on the **12th September**; included in the price is a two course meal. Cost Members \$33.00 Non Members \$36.00. Seats still available. There is a limited number of wheel chairs for members who may need them and lift access for 3 floors. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance, please arrive by 9.15am for 9.30am departure, returning home 3.30 pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

HIGH TEA on **Sunday 7th October**—The partner parishes of St Thomas' North Greensborough, Sacred Heart, Diamond Creek and St Mary's are holding a High Tea at the (smaller) Hall at St Thomas', **2pm-4pm**. \$25.00 per person. Bookings and tickets available after masses weekends **8th/9th September, 15/16th September** or by phoning Clare (DC) 0438 058 620 or Judy 9435 4506 or 0433 311 323.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL St Mary's parish donated \$645.60 to this appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: POPE FRANCIS' VISION FOR A LISTENING CHURCH. The Diamond Valley Deanery and Yarra Deanery in partnership with the Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation (AOFE) invites you to a conversation on the Plenary Council 2020: "Pope Francis' vision for a listening church" with facilitator and presenter Fr Noel Connolly. Fr Noel Connolly SSC is a lecturer in Missiology at both the Broken Bay Institute and the Catholic Institute of Sydney. **Thursday 30 August 7:30pm - 9:30pm**, St Francis Xavier Hall, 88 Mayona Road, Montmorency. For any enquiries please contact: Beth 9435 2178 / beth.krolkowski@cam.org.au

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the Parish House, St Mary's Greensborough. Anyone wanting to pray for our children and youth are warmly invited to come along to pray and support one another, non-grandparents also welcome. For information call Maria or John 9467 5173.

LINC (Live in the name of Christ) is made up of volunteers from St Mary's and neighbouring Churches. We mainly assist in transportation to Doctors, Hospital, Dental appointments, or maybe help with shopping etc. If you need help, perhaps we can assist you. Office open Monday and Wednesday 10-12, or ring anytime and leave a message. We will ring you back. Our number is 9431 3022.

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN. If you are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy of the Word, which engages children during the Liturgy of the Word, at Sunday mass, please contact Jacinta Bright on 9435 1543 or Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au. Mary Ryan from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation will come to meet with interested parishioners on Wednesday September 12th, in the Gathering Space. Volunteers are needed to make this initiative work.

Music and Children Dates for the next time we have children making music at Mass are **Saturday the 1st of September at 6.30pm and Sunday the 9th of September at 10.00**. If you have maracas, bells or shakers you would like to donate this this wonderful initiative, please contact the Parish office.

MILK - MILK - MILK The Asylum Seeker Support Group is in urgent need of milk. Can you help? Demand is growing due to the removal of Government support for thousands of people seeking asylum. Social Justice Group.

WOOL NEEDED One special ministry in the parish, is the Prayer Shawl Ministry, where a small group meet together on Mondays, with some who can't make it working from home, to knit Prayer Shawls for people who are either coping with loss, or illness, struggling in some way. This group also knits Prayer Shawls and baby garments for women who have given birth at the Royal Women's Hospital. The knitters do not know who they are knitting for, they simply pray together that those who receive these shawls and garments feel the embrace of God's love. To date, over the last ten years, perhaps a thousand prayer shawls and knee rugs and baby's garments have been blessed by Fr Steve or Fr Dong and given to their grateful recipients, from whom, at times, we subsequently hear wonderful stories of comfort and grace. Our knitters are running out of wool. If you would like to either donate some money or wool for this project we would be very grateful. We buy our wool from the Bendigo Knitting Mills. However, if you prefer to donate some wool (and we prefer to use wool, rather than acrylic), we also need to have 350 – 400 grams in wool the same colour and dye lot, of 8 ply wool, for each shawl or knee rug, or garment. If you would like to join these knitters, they meet on a Monday morning at 10.00, in the gathering Space. You will be made very welcome.

CURRENT ROLES LISTED ON CAM WEBSITE - Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for positions of:

[Pastoral Care Coordinator, Assisi Aged Care, Rosanna;](#)

[Personal Assistant, Ministry to Priests, Carlton;](#)

[Project Support Officer, Archdiocesan Office for Youth, East Melbourne;](#)

[Youth Ministry Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe;](#)

[Campus Pastoral Associate, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne;](#)

Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Bookings for Hall , James Kierce Centre, Parish Club Rooms— via Parish Office: greensborough.bookings@cam.org.au/9435 1543.

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 10am –4pm. If office unattended, please leave a message via phone – 9435 1543 or on a note at the office window or email at greensborough@cam.org.au, and we will contact you as soon as we can.

Laudate Si by Pope Francis [261.8362 FRA] is a worldwide wake-up call to help humanity understand the destruction that man is rendering to the environment and his fellow man. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY The Library stocktake is now complete. A few items are missing. Can all library users please check for any overdue items you may have at home and place in Library return chute (at left of Library door)?

WELCOME Parishioners are invited and always welcome to come in and make a cuppa and have a biscuit in the gathering space kitchen. We ask that you please clean up after use. Thank you and welcome.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER –8am until 9am-parish house using Ignatian style prayer, contact Jacinta Bright - parish office on 9435 1543.

THE SECRET IS OUT Pope Pius X said "Visit to the BLESSED SACRAMENT is the practice which is the fountainhead of all devotional works." From the Adoration Group.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament first and third Friday of every month, from 10.00am to 9.00pm or starting at 11.00am when there is no Mass - every 2nd, 4th and 5th Friday 8.00-9.00am.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TIME OUT from a busy lifestyle? Join silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at the Irish Martyr's Chapel Loyola College Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm. All welcome-queries Brian Rooney 0413 885 168.

Community News

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 26 August Sr Hilda from the Abbey shares her wisdom with us yet again, Fr Dave Callaghan in his God spot, encourages us to ask, "What's Under The Bonnet"? and our very own Trish McCarthy talks to us about Motivation & Discipline in her Milk and Honey segment. Our diverse music selection is such a gift to Journey Catholic Radio program, where faith, hope, love and life come together. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au

HEALING MASS FOR FATHERS: SEVEN FIRST-CLASS RELICS ON TOUR—Sun 2 Sept, 3.30–7pm . Sacred Heart Church, corner Rathdowne and Pelham Streets, Carlton. This Mass for Healing will offer prayers for all fathers and all those present for healing from addictions, anger, violence and any other needs. Seven first-class relics of Saints and Blesseds that are on tour in Melbourne will be present.

SPARKS OF BEAUTY IN SPORT "IN THE ZONE" on **Monday 3rd September** which will be looking at the role of sport and its ability to build community, celebrate the human spirit and impart worth—and not just the monetary kind! Featuring three-time AFL premiership player for Richmond Mervyn Keane and 2018 AFLW Best & Fairest medallist Emma Kearney at Deakin Edge Auditorium, Federation Square, (Swanston St & Flinders St, Melbourne). For bookings www.trybooking.com/xbth

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE ELTHAM—Explore unlimited possibilities. Next morning tour—**Fri 7 Sept, 9am**. Upcoming Twilight Tour combined with Junior Art Exhibition on **11 October from 5 – 7 pm**. A great opportunity for future families to investigate College as well as view some of the art projects that our current senior students have been working on. www.clc.vic.edu.au

MENALIVE "Archbishops Catholic Man Breakfast Series, 13 Sept with Archbishop, Peter A Comensoli. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The title is "Being a man; a man of God!" The venue is the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465. The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith." See noticeboard

VOLUNTEER KITCHEN CO-ORDINATOR (1.5 days per month). For our community meal outreach program. At All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough. Please contact treacyc@optusnet.com.au or 0435 107 633.

Pope Francis Verified account @Pontifex – tweet - Love overcomes all difficulties. Love gives us the strength to carry on.

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from
the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 5:21-22

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and

sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!

Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even un-likable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

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21 August 2018

To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear Friends,

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it.” (1Cor 12:26) With these words from St Paul, Pope Francis overnight has written a letter to us all, the People of God. In the letter he expresses his own heart concerning the “culture of death” that is clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up that often has accompanied it, inflicting deep wounds of disgust, bewilderment, shame, and disheartenment. As the Holy Father says:

“These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike... The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.”

I associate myself with these words, and the whole content of Pope’s Francis’ letter: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>

No words of apology – while always needed – will ever be enough to right the evil done to those who have been abused, and those who were not listened to and believed. Efforts to repair the harm done – while entirely necessary – cannot overcome the evil perpetrated upon innocent children and vulnerable adults, and the harm experienced by families and communities.

Therefore, and looking ahead, it falls to me, as your Archbishop, to ensure that our local Church in Melbourne is unequivocally committed to attending to the harm done, prioritising the dignity and care of all who are young and vulnerable, rebuilding trust among our people, and creating safe environments in our communities, agencies and organisations. This is the way of Jesus Christ. It must be my way. And I invite you to join with me in making it our common Gospel way.

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *“The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way.”* To this end, one part of the task ahead is being transparent about the extent of the abuse that has occurred in Melbourne. To date, 469 people have come forward with substantiated allegations against a priest or religious or lay person who has been under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese - 90 priests, 22 religious and 19 lay workers have had findings made against them. A total of \$34,419,767 has been offered in redress. There are currently 754 people for whom ongoing counselling, and allied health and spiritual support has been facilitated.

More important than these facts, however, are the people who have been abused, and their stories of pain and courage. I have had the humbling honour of meeting with some of them already, and I will continue to do so. If there are victim-survivors in your local community, I would encourage you to welcome them, to listen to their stories, and to accompany them in friendship.



Pope Francis reminds us that our task ahead is *“to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable.”* I am learning of the ways – both formally and informally, among our leaders and by ordinary folk – in which efforts are already being made in this regard. But much more is needed.

To this end, I want to let you know that I am committed to exercising my responsibilities according to the framework offered by the Child Safe Standards articulated by the Royal Commission. I am also committed to working closely with the Commission for Children and Young People here in Victoria to implement policies and processes within the Archdiocese that comply with best practice. The Archdiocese has signed up to the National Redress Scheme, and we will join with national Church actions in response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission. In the two weeks since taking office as Archbishop, I have initiated a process of appraisal into our current policies, processes and structures to identify what further action can be taken to improve our transparency, compassion and accountability.

I am strongly committed to reporting to the appropriate authorities, and have already exercised that duty here in Melbourne. I am also strongly committed to upholding the seal of confession. I have begun conversations with our public authorities about finding a way in which these two principles can be upheld, for the sake of the safety of all.

Tomorrow I will be meeting with the Clergy of the Archdiocese, where I will reiterate my commitments and priorities, and seek their full cooperation in our common task ahead.

If you have your own experience of sexual abuse by Church personnel, I strongly encourage you to report to Victoria Police by attending your local police station or calling (03) 9247 6666 in the first instance. You may also wish to contact the Independent Commissioner of the Melbourne Response, (03) 9225 7979. If you know of anyone who has been abused – as a child or adult – please let them know of Carelink (1300 810 957), an independent facility that assists clients in receiving the care needed for their recovery and wellbeing. There are also a number of support groups available.

Might I conclude by encouraging you to hear and take to heart these words of Pope Francis: *“The only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God.”*

May Our Lady, Untier of Knots, intercede for us in our task ahead.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne