

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright



Sunday 15th April 2018



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

Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

Sacred Heart St. Mary's St. Thomas the Apostle 25 Gipson Street, 204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088 251 Diamond Creek Road, Diamond Creek 3089 Parish: 9435 1543 Greensborough Nth 3088 Presbytery: 9432 2515 Parish: 9438 1159 Parish: 9434 7373 *Email:* Greensborough@cam.org.au Email: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser Secretary: Pat Guatta Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux **Mass Times** Mass Times Mass Times Monday: Communion Service 9.15am Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am 1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at Sunday: Mass 10.30am Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm **Reconciliation Times** Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm Sunday: Mass 9.00am Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am **Reconciliation Times Reconciliation Times Parish School Principal** Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm *Friday:* 9.45am to 10.15am Parish School Principal **Parish School Principal**

Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

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Mr David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22nd April

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: C. Garzia, C. Ledda, F. Ledda, A. Keenan, P. Keenan Reader: M. Farrell Commentator: J. Pittle Set-Up: P. Keenan, M. Farrell Counters: P. Guatta, G. Ind

Welcoming: M. O'Dea Cleaners: P. Leonard

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 5th May, 2018 **Special Ministers:**

Reader: Commentator: Set-Up: P. Frisby

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: M. Bedford, K. McMahon, C. & L. Leahy, J. Bohan Special Minsters 10:30am: E. Sutherland, B. Iacobucci, B. Riordan, R. Piccolo, J. Millar Reader: B. Bedford 6.00pm: Commentator: S. McMahon Set-Up: C. Leahy 10:30am: Reader: E. Rainsbury Commentator: L. Hobson Set-Up: M. Bates Cleaners: 21st April - K. D'Angelis, J. D'Angelis Counters: K. Irvine, S. King, H. Weir

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed. 18th April Lunch & Games in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

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Wed 2nd Movie day. Fri 4 Ladies Dinner 7pm Sacred Heart Hall 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. Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, John Muscat, Noel Casemore.

<u>We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom</u> Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Bertuna, Margaret McCarthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester

COMMUNITY LIFE

<u>SENIOR MONMENTS</u> Wednesday 18th April Lunch & Games in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share. Wednesday 2nd May Movie Day

LADIES DINNER AT SACRED HEART Friday 4th May 7pm in Parish Hall. \$30ph carvery & dessert. Come on ladies put it in your diary and start organising a table of friends for a good night of chat and giggles and catching up with old friends. RSVP 1st May to Pat in the Parish Office on 94381159

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS Sacred Heart fundraiser 2018 Entertainment Books: \$70.00 book or digital. 4 books left. Please contact Pat 9438 1159

ST. MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP Our next outing to Woop Woop on the 9th May 2018, with 2 course lunch at Cumberland Hotel. \$47 Members, Non Members \$54 Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.30pm. Bookings are required before each event so please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298, Kay 9435 5736 if you are interested in attending.

<u>THE CHURCH IN THE FUTURE</u> the Diamond Valley Deanery Group are holding a conversation night to look at Parish Partnerships and the Church in the future. The meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April in James Kierce Centre at St Mary's Parish from 7pm-9pm. All Parishioners are welcome and are asked to RSVP to St Mary's 9435 1543 by 16th April.

PARISH COUNSELLOR This is a brief message for the St Thomas community to let you know that I will be working in the Parish again this year. I am located at the Parish House every Tuesday during school term and can be reached through the parish Secretary on 9434 7373 or by contacting the Dandenong office of CatholicCare on 8710 9600. If you simply leave your name and phone number I will return your call as soon as possible. The service is offered to individuals and couples and is strictly confidential.

<u>REMOVAL OF TREES</u> due to the increasing movement in the pavers due to tree roots the Parish Finance Committee decided that it best to remove the trees before work commenced on repairs to the fore court area. We intend to replant the area with trees that hopefully won't impact on the pavers.

<u>ANZAC DAY CEREMONY</u> Diamond Creek RSL ANZAC Day Ceremony: Wed 25th April March 10.15am from Chute St and service 10.30am at Cenotaph. Descendants wearing medals are encouraged to March.

<u>MARY ON LEAVE</u> I will be on long service leave from the Parish Office for the next few weeks. During my absence Lisa Leahy will be in the office to attend to all Parish matters. If no answers to the phone please leave a message and Lisa will contact you.

<u>PROJECT COMPASSION</u> Reminder that the Project Compassion money is due back this weekend. Thank you to those that have already contributed.

FORMATION IN FAITH

<u>RCIA</u>: 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

<u>MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE</u> in this month's issue they look at what and where people call home. The articles open the doors on peoples thinking of where home is and what it means to some people. The magazine is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS will be celebrated at Sacred Heart on Friday 25th May at 9.15am.

HEALING MASS will be celebrated on Thursday 19th April at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. Enquiries Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. Please see

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.



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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC	*	ſ
If you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one		
that you do so immediately. To obtain your card go to <u>www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au</u> many thanks Pat a	ıd Mary. 🕺	-
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<u>A FORMATION EVENING for MINISTERS of the WORD and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION</u> for our partnered parishes, Sacred Heart, St Thomas' and St Mary's will be held at <u>St Mary's Church Greensborough</u> on Wednesday 18 April at 7.30pm (please note the change of venue.) If you are interested in proclaiming the Word of God or assisting with the distribution of Communion (or both) we would love you to come along to the Formation Session which will include the theological and historical background to both ministries and the opportunity for practical input and feedback. Please contact Frances or Sharon at St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543 so that we have an idea of numbers attending. Current Ministers who have not attended a formation session in recent years are also invited to attend to fulfil the Archdiocesan requirement of ongoing formation.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

RECITIAL AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL Wednesday 18th April 6.45pm-7.45pm \$20 no concession. Enq michelle.ehlers@cam.org.au Ph 9665 2252.

<u>RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN</u> Friday 11 May 7pm to Sunday 13 May 2pm at Pallotti College Wesburn. Cost \$130 for men 18 to 35. For more information call 9926 5733.

<u>'CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES'</u> featuring Daniel Wells, current Collingwood Champion. The venue is the CQ Club, 113 - 123 Queen St. Melbourne, 7am – 9am Thursday 24th May 2018, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, <u>michael.bohan@menalive.org.au</u>

The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia

<u>'GURRUMUL' THE FILM</u> at Cinema Nova Carlton Sunday 29th April 2pm \$20.00 per ticket. Fundraiser for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, bookings by Monday 23rd April 9878 7939 or jandpschmidt@bigpond.com

<u>CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE</u> 2018 Knox Public Lecture Wed. 16 May at 7.30pm Dr Jeff Kildea What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War Bookings and Info.: jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or ph. 9412 3304. R.S.V.P.: Wed.9 May. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

<u>PALMS AUSTRALIA</u> Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, Come to the Palms Info Session: Saturday 5 May 10:30am Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne <u>www.palms.org.au/volunteer</u> or ring 02 9560 5333

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 21st-23rd June at Ibis Melbourne Cost \$199.00. A time to come together to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Reg: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com or email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com Ph 1300734880.



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<u>St VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY</u>

INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

to

Kevin McMahon Victorian State President

Commissioning Mass

Sunday 29 April at 2pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Refreshment will be served after Mass. RSVP by 20th April to <u>tracey.thomas@svdp-vic.org.au</u> (for catering purposes)

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.

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

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

(R.) Alleluia.

- 1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, hay
- from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
- It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
 - (R.)
- 3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.Lift up the light of your face on us, O
 - Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
- 4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in
 - safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,

God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

- Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
- make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

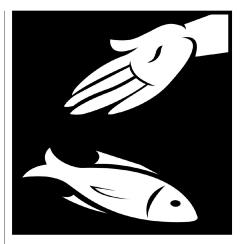
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.