

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright





Sunday 15th July 2018

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Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

Sacred Heart St. Mary's St. Thomas the Apostle 204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088 25 Gipson Street, 251 Diamond Creek Road, Parish: 9435 1543 Diamond Creek 3089 Greensborough Nth 3088 Presbytery: 9432 2515 Parish: 9438 1159 Parish: 9434 7373 Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au *Email:* DiamondCreek@cam.org.au *Email*: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek *Website*: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser Secretary: Pat Guatta Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy 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 Mr David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email **Parish School Principal Parish School Principal** principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22nd July

<u>SACRED HEART 9:00am:</u>

Special Ministers: C. Garzia, C. Ledda, P. Keenan, J. Pittle, C. Gardner Reader: E. Sacchetta Commentator: M. Nguyen Welcoming: M. Dunn Set-Up: P. Leonard Counters: G. Ind, P. Guatta Cleaners: A. Risdale

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 4th August, 2018

Special Ministers: Y. O'Brien, H. Edmonds, R. Nicolaisen **Reader:** P Keenan **Commentator:** E Gittens

Set-Up: R. Nicolaisen

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

Special Minsters 6.00pm: M. Gargan, C & C Leahy, M. McKenzie, W. Watson Special Minsters 10:30am: R. Piccolo, A. Kerr, M. Tipping, E. Iacobucci, J. Millar 6.00pm: Reader: T. Holland Commentator: J. Bohan Set-Up: T. Butera 10:30am: Reader: M. Kenny Commentator: R. Rendina Set-Up: M. Bates Counters: K. Irvine, S. King, H. Weir Cleaners: 28th July Karyn Coen, Kate Coen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday	18th July	Winter Celebration Lunch Sacred Heart Parish Centre
Saturday	21st July	Fr Michael Golden Jubilee Mass. 6.00pm St Thomas the Apostle
Sunday	29th July	Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 11:00am
Wednesday	1st August	Senior Moments lunch Beijing House Diamond Creek 12pm

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time: Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft, Julia Liddard Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic,

Greensborougn North: Jo Herbert, Helene Green, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Doug Armstrong, Beling Dasilda, May Teycheney, Marie Pfitzer, A sick parishioner. *We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of July that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom*

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COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Wednesday 18th July Winter celebration Lunch In Parish Centre. For catering purposes, please contact Margaret with bookings by Sunday 15th July. <u>Wednesday 1st August</u> Lunch Beijing House Diamond Creek at 12 noon. <u>MASS OF THANKSGIVING</u> in honour of Archbishop Denis Hart's service to the Archdiocese of Melbourne upon his retirement will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 21 July at 11am. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend. <u>MASS OF RECEPTION</u> for Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1st August at 7pm. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary's and St Thomas' for a very successful Vinnies Winter Appeal of 2018. The total sum donated from the two churches was \$10,256 as cash donations, which is \$1,500 more than the Winter appeal of 2017. Items of food, blankets and clothing were also donated, to help people make it through the winter. Our two primary schools collected a total of 45 laundry baskets of nutritious long life foods to be distributed as food parcels to the people we assist. Thank you all. Ian Fraser, President, Greensborough Conference.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL is fundraising with rotary by selling raffle tickets. 1st prize a Holden. Tickets \$2 each available at back of Sacred Heart Church. Your support of the school would be greatly appreciated.

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

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: Melbourne Catholic provides a simple and contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith in Melbourne and beyond The June edition is available now in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

<u>****RECONCILATION</u>: there will be no reconciliation on Saturday 21st July as Fr Tao will be at the thanksgiving Mass for Archbishop Denis Hart.****

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

<u>MASS BY CANDLELIGHT</u> Come and join us in celebrating Mass by candlelight at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham on Thursday 19th July.

Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, Mass will commence at 8pm, following at time of quiet reflection. Prayer ministry and supper will be available after Mass. For all enquiries please contact Rose 9434 3962.

<u>GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS</u>: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. These Hosts can be found on the Offertory Table prior to Mass, please feel free to place a Host in the Pix provided.

A BROKEN CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD - A REFLECTION DAY

In response to comments made in a recent parish survey at St Mary's, and through various other interactions, revealing feelings of disappointment, shock, humiliation and anger at the revelations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse, noticing also a certain malaise in the Church and sensing a mixture of concern and desperate hope for what our Church might become in the future, in a world which seems to be increasingly fearful and divided – this **reflection day** invites us to honour and name feelings like shame, concern or fear, and despair or hope as important insights and to be open to the Spirit who is already at work in the mess. How might we cooperate with God in transforming the Church so that we become the Body of Christ; a broken Body in a broken world?

Saturday August 4th; 10.00am until 3.30pm; St Thomas the Apostle Church, North Greensborough

Facilitator: Jacinta Bright

Jacinta is Pastoral Associate at St Mary's Parish and also a Spiritual Director

Bring a small plate of lunch to share. Please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543, or email Jacinta at <u>Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au</u> with enquiries and, so that we have an indication of number, to let us know if you will be joining us on the day.

PARTNER PARISHES HIGH TEA

There are a number of ladies within our Parishes who would like to form a committee with other interested ladies to organise a High Tea as a social event for all three parishes. The planned date for this event is Sunday the 7th October in the St Thomas Parish Hall. We hope to provide an excellent opportunity for parishioners from all three communities to come together, enjoy a relaxed afternoon with old friends and to meet new ones. If you would like to assist and join this committee please feel free to contact either Maria: 9434 2947, Lucy: 9435 6990 or Judy: 9435 4506 or 0433 311323

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.

★ <u>THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC</u>
★ If you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet ★ we ask that you do so as soon as possible. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au we ask that you do so as soon as possible. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au ☆ Many thanks Pat and Mary.

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EVENTS ELSEWHERE

LOYOLA COLLEGE REUNION celebrating the classes of 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2016. All former staff and students welcome on Sunday 5th August 2pm-5pm in the Functions Room. Free Event but please register your attendance at WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/VIQP for catering purposes.

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY: Retreat in Everyday Life-The retreat will be held at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, 96 Albion Rd Box Hill Commencing Monday 23rd July- Monday 20th August. From 1.15pm-2.15pm. Please register your interest by Monday 16th July. A small donation will be welcome. Enquiries and bookings by email holsc@bigpond.com or 9890 1101.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: The Annual Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 29th July at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Hart. The Annual Anniversary Mass is held in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and family. To register please go to: http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Anniversary-Mass Couples who register for the Mass will receive a Commemorative Certificate.

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE: Junior Art Exhibition Twilight Tour, Wednesday 8th August 4.00pm-6.00pm. Book a tour and experience our Junior Art Exhibition. Year 7, 2020 Enrolments close 17th August 2018.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE The aim of The Marriage Course is to help couples grow closer and build a healthy relationship that will last a lifetime. Over eight sessions, the couples learn practical tools to help them invest time in their marriage, heal ways they've hurt each other, discover how their partner feels loved and much, much more. It begins on Thurs 19th of July. At St Francis of Assisi Parish 290 Childs Road Mill Park in the Small Hall, at 6:30pm. Please do not hesitate to contact us on 0439 612 694, or by email at desimone family@bigpond.com if you have any further questions Chiara & Elio DeSimone (Green flyer in Gathering Space)

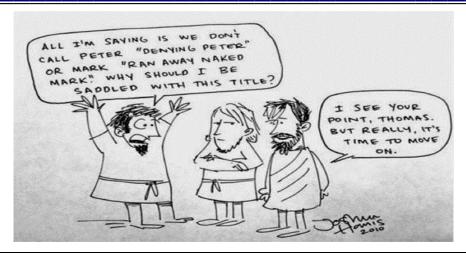
HELPING OUR REFUGEE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS - Saturday 25 August, at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-12.45pm. The forum will review current issues and look at practical ways in which parishes can help asylum seekers There is still a great need for support for asylum seekers and refugees in our midst. Phil Glendenning, Director Edmund Rice Centre and Sr Brigid Arthur will join leaders of parish programs to discuss current national refugee priorities and practical responses at the parish level.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS FOR FR. MICHAEL Mc ENTEE

Fr. Michael will celebrate his Golden Jubilee Mass at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Greensborough North, on Saturday 21st July at 6.00pm. Father over the previous week has extended an invitation to all parishioners to join him in this celebration and to share refreshments in the School Gym after Mass. Anyone who wishes to attend and hasn't replied as yet please do so after Mass On the clipboard in the Gathering Space or ring the Parish Office on 9434 7373 by Tuesday as we need number for catering purposes. Refreshments will be hot and cold finger food with tea, coffee and soft drinks.

In lieu of personal gifts, please consider assisting one of these charities:

- Melbourne Overseas Mission,
- CARITAS Australia,
- Asylum Seekers Resource Centre or
- Cookhouses and Tanks a Lot (Sister of Mercy Australia in rural villages of Papua New Guinea) ctal.png@gmail.com



For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to visit your Parish Website

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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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Am 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

- (R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (*R*.)
- 2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (*R*.)
- 3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (*R.*)

Second Reading Eph 1:3-14 or shorter form Eph 1:3-10

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

- Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
- Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
- to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
- determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ

for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved

in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us

in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,

the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning

to act upon when the times had run their

course to the end:

- that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
- everything in the heavens and everything on earth.
- And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
- chosen from the beginning,
- under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things

as he decides by his own will;

chosen to be,

- for his greater glory,
- the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.
- Now you too, in him,
- have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation,
- and have believed it:
- and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
- the pledge of our inheritance
- which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own,

to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you*, 'God chose you in Christ'.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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