



Sunday 11th February 2024

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priest:** Fr Ananda Maddineni MSFS

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Parish: 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening
Mass

Parish School Principal

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

St Peter's: 1st Saturday 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Parish School Principal

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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

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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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus outcast for us

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.



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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



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Formation will be offered to the members who serve our Partnered Parishes in volunteer ministers as ***Readers of the Word/Lecterns, Special Eucharist Ministers, taking Communion to the Sick and welcoming and preparing families bringing their children for Baptism.*** Don't miss out! Mark your calendars now with the date for your group's formation! (formation for each Ministry is different and offers particular opportunities for prayer and reflections for that particular Ministry* – *if you serve on more than one ministry group, we hope you will be available to attend the session relevant for your groups.* 😊)

Saturday 10th February 2024 – Baptism Ministry Group

Saturday 17th February 2024 – Communion to the Sick Ministry Group

Saturday 24th February 2024 – Special Eucharist Ministers Group

All sessions will be held from 10.00am – 1.00pm (*morning tea provided*)

The venue for all 4 sessions will be The Gathering Space of St Mary's Church

As the Gathering Space has air conditioning as is large enough to seat as many of our volunteers who are available to attend. We believe the Gathering Space will allow us to come together comfortably with adequate space to enjoy a cuppa with morning tea.

Please RSVP your group contact person or

Pat (Sacred Heart – Diamond Creek), Lisa (St Thomas' - Greensborough North, or Sandy (St Mary's – Greensborough).

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY MASSES

9.15am: Sacred Heart & St Mary's (School Masses)

12.30pm: St Thomas (School Mass)

7.00pm: St Mary's & St Thomas



LOYOLA MASSES



St Mary's: Chisholm Mass, 10.00am 11th February.

Sacred Heart: Flynn Mass, 9.00am 3rd March.

St Thomas: MacKillop Mass, 10.30am 3rd March.

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Will be held from the 21st-23rd February in Melbourne.

Keynotes: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Professor Maek Considine AM, Dr Julie Edwards OAM.

For more information and bookings; www.css.org.au

REFLECTIONS AND PRAYERS

**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY REFLECTION
WEEKEND OF 10-11 FEBRUARY 2024**



**MEMORY,
MALAWI**

Have you ever felt a little nervous when asking for help? You might need to borrow someone's car or get them to read over a job application. Isn't it wonderful when they say 'of course I want to!' It is so much better than 'I'll see if I can fit it in' or 'I'd love to, but I can't.'

The person affected by leprosy in today's Gospel had a lonely life. The first reading from the book of Leviticus tells us how those suffering certain diseases were required to live away from the community, 'outside the camp.' There was surely a fear of contagion, but it must have been tough for the people in isolation.

Jesus stretched out his hand. He reaches into the world of the lonely. Jesus is always creating community, especially with those overlooked by others.

Lent starts this week with Ash Wednesday. As we prepare to celebrate once again the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter, Project Compassion gives us the chance to act as Jesus did. To reach out to those in some of the most challenging situations imaginable.

Once again, the theme for Project Compassion is ***For All Future Generations.***

This year, that theme is being drawn from the story of the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-20).

Moses was part of a stolen generation. He was taken from his family because Pharaoh was committing genocide against the people of Israel. One day, he was working for his father-in-law in what seems to have been a family business. His sheep wander off and suddenly Moses encounters a bush that is burning but not consumed. He is stunned. A voice tells him to remove his shoes because he is standing on 'holy ground.' The earth beneath our feet is indeed a sacred place. It is God's gift to us.

God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of his people. God responds to injustice and chooses Moses to speak to Pharaoh. Moses is scared but God promises 'I will be with you.' God will share the journey. All the time, God remains a mystery. He tells Moses 'I am who I am.' Moses wants more detail, so God simply says that this is the same

God who has been longing for justice for the whole of history:

'By this name I shall be invoked for all future generations.'

As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work 'for all future generations.'



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

We pray for the ability to respond to the needs of the poor and marginalised. Just as Jesus said to the man who needed help, 'of course I want to,' may we in turn reach out to others from our heart, especially during Lent through our efforts for Project Compassion. Lord, hear us.

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am-1.00pm, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am-2.30pm.*

Please send bulletin contributions by 12.00pm on Wednesday. Thank you

BAPTISMS: we pray for Mason, Havana & Piper who will be welcomed into our Sacred Heart community in February.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Suggestion box in church or email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

HALL HIRE: Sacred Heart Hall is for hire. For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions contact Alison Pieper on 0417571535 or alisonpieper52@gmail.com

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 13th February M. Cusack, W. McEvoy

Sunday 11th February Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: A. Dsouza **Commentator:** C. Fernando **Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Beeby, G. Beeby

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

Antonietta Nesci, Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard

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

Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Judy Vincent, Mary Crothers

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday & Friday: 8.00am-4.00pm Wednesdays 12.30pm-4.00pm

Thursdays 8.00am-11.30am (**Wednesday 8.00am-12.00pm & Thursday 12.00-3.00pm St Mary's**)

Please send bulletin contributions by 12.00pm on Wednesday. Thank you

Baptisms: Please keep in your prayers Willemina, Oliver, Conor and Gabriel who are being baptised later this month.

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: A Charismatic Mass with Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Thursday 15th February at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome.

For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP: Come up join us for a coffee and chat on **Thursday 22nd February** at 1.30pm at Phoenix, 285 Diamond Creek road Plenty. So I can book a table please email stewmarg@bigpond.net.au or text 0408 370685.

Everyone welcome Marg.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS St Thomas PPC. StThomas.PPC@cam.org.au

Roster for Weekend 17th & 18th February

Saturday 6.00pm

Readers: K. Salm **Commentator:** T. Holland

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Bohan, M. McKenzie

Set Up: J. DeCarlo

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Bosco **Commentator:** S. Millar

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Letzia, R. Piccolo

Set Up: M. Bates

St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:

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

Miran Kasalo, Peter Kernjak, John Geretschlager, Dominic Cambareri

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

Fr Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginald Chircop,, Sanico de Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin, Rosemary Schneider, Alfonso Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Vito Zuccola

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays 10am-4pm, Wednesdays 8am-12noon, Thursdays 10am-4pm.

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SUNDAY CATECHIST CLASSES

For primary school children attending Government Schools classes are now commencing on the 4th of February at 9.00am in St Mary's School. Classes are for children from Grades 3 to 6, and include the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and are held during each school term.

All enquiries - Geraldine - 0438 148 896

ST MARY'S PARISH ARCHIVES: If any parishioner has a set of hard copy 2023 Parish newsletters we would be grateful for them if you are willing to donate them to the Archives. Leave at Library or Parish Office.

Parish Archivist

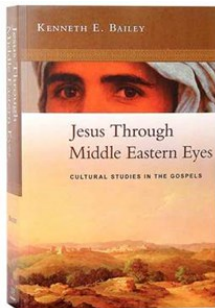
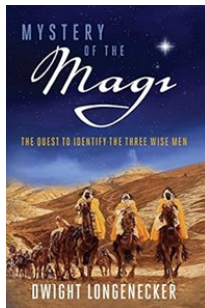
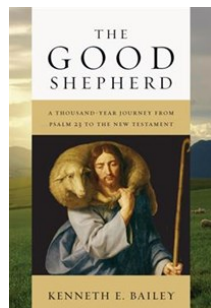
CHURCH SECURITY : Group members and parishioners are reminded to check that ALL doors of the church and gathering space are securely locked and all lights are off when you leave after evening Masses and meetings. Thank you.

HOLY ROSARY is recited every Thursday morning after 9.15am Mass.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The prayer shawl ministry meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays.

Enquiries: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

Be informed, inspired and entertained



Books of the Weeks: These books and several others are part of a generous donation from a former St Mary's parishioner.

See them on display outside the Library this weekend. All items can be borrowed for one month. See borrowing sheet inside Library.

Online access to the catalogue is available at:

cloud.collectorz.com/247780



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Baptisms: Marcus, Darcy, Eliza, Jackson, Riley

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

Peter Mejak, Barbara Fernandez, Christos Pittas, Jocelyn Tibayan, Margaret Schreenan , Olivia MacDonald, Helen Quigley, Lorraine Alexander, Harley McAleer, Pat Milczakowsky, Rosie Bray, Lois Jones, Peter Miles, Leon Gray, Amparp Sarmiento, Mick O'Meara.

Recently Deceased:

We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this week, may they enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

William Cummins, Annie McIntyre, Jack Devitt, Joe Treacy, Ray Buckingham, Arthur & Queenie Brown, Freda Dixon, Cleo Morabito, Joan Walsh, Sr. Norma Salisbury, Walter Hauser, John Grech, Brian O'Connell, Michael Walsh, Allan Dowling, Kevin Handley, Jean Strange, Dorothy Atherton, Margaret Smith, Jack Brick, Max Emmins, Winifred Ryan, Joseph Heagerty, Ted Pollock, Thomas Money, Isabell De Blauw, Hazel Zampicelli, Nita N. Pena, Pat Brain, Joseph & Hannah Morris, Ron Gadsen, Margaret Kelly, Adele Henderson, Jim Taylor, Elda Frigo, Maria Strong, Pina Comito, Alice O'Neill, Frank Mobilia, Maria Desensi, Phyllis Henriques, Elnita Salvaticera, Andrew Colbeck, Josephine Coleman, Grace Dhakul, Slevestor Baretto, Leo Steger



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny This is the second of three gospel readings about healing: last Sunday a woman with fever was revived, today a man with leprosy is cleansed and next week a paralysed man is forgiven and made whole. It is apparent that God's work of creation is an ongoing process in which Jesus plays a part. Through his hands the creative and nurturing power of God is at work in the world.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 February 2024

First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
- By now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.