





Sunday 13th August 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo Assistant Priest: Fr. Martin Tanti & Fr Ananda Maddineni MSFS

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

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Secretaries: Tanya O'Meara & 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

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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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Email: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

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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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 13th August 2023.

https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-19-sun-year-a

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



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Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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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 Parish Pastoral Councils of St Mary's Greensborough St Thomas North Greensborough Sacred Heart Diamond Creek

invite you to the celebration of

Father Steven Rigo's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

St Mary's Catholic Parish Church Greensborough

Sunday 20 August 10am Mass followed by morning tea

Members of our Partnered Parishes PPC have decided that one gift will be presented to Fr Rigo.

If you wish to contribute there will be marked envelopes within our Parishes, and a special collection will be taken up on the weekends of the 6th & 13th of August.

Cash & Direct Debit donations only.

Account details: St Mary's Parish BSB: 083347 Account Number: 647043167

Reference: SRigo40

AS A VOTE ON AN INDIGENOUS VOICE TO PARLIAMENT NEARS, AUSTRALIA'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS HAVE :-

- encouraged Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart the document from which the Voice proposal emerged.
- considered how they might assist Catholics to prepare for the referendum to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution.
- issued their annual Social Justice Statement on the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australian society.
- said that First Nations Peoples have lived in Australia for many thousands of years, but their custodianship of the land isn't mentioned in the Constitution and is "an omission which needs to be rectified".
- said that this could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia.
- wants all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible, concerning the proposal to establish the Voice.
- declared that this is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation. It offers a mechanism to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.
- called for a meaningful debate on the issue.
- said that we are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples.
- asked that those drafting the changes to the Constitution work together in a spirit of cooperation.
- reminded us that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021, with the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia taking the same step last year.
- encouraged Catholic parishes, schools and agencies to arrange opportunities for people to read the document and have discussions about their response to its key messages.

Read the full statement at: https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice

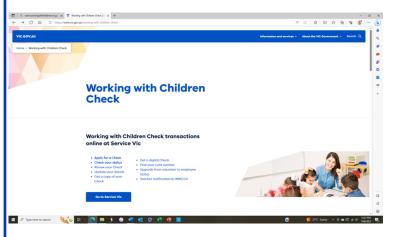
Access the Uluru Statement at: https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/

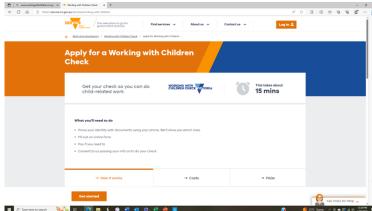
PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

OFFLINE WWCC STEPS

www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check gives the page below

Clicking Apply for a check gives you the screen below





Click FAQs and scroll down to

What if I can't confirm my identity online?

Click the link and it sets out the initial online steps and how to complete at the Post office.

APPLYING FOR A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK or if check expired more than 3 months ago.

- Start the process online
- Questions 1 & 2: Identity document information. <u>Answer YES</u>
- Question 3: Do you have (or can you borrow) a phone less than 5 years Old. Answer NO
- Next page has a red cross box saying you can't apply fully online. Click: HOW TO APPLY
- Next page. Click box: <u>APPLY FOR VICTORIA</u>
- Next page. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click box: <u>VERIFY AT POST OFFICE</u>
- Complete Steps 2 to 7 online.
- I understand that you are then sent a unique QR code to finalise the application at a participating PO (2 week window applies to the QR code).
- You need to take your identity documents with you.
- They will take your photo.
- Finalise your application

Find a Post Office

- Please finalise your application before (2 weeks window)
- Visit a participating Post Office with the attached QR code (printed or on your smartphone) and the required proof of identity documents.
- ♦ Have your photo taken at no charge.
- Pay the fee for an employee check (volunteer checks are free).
- What happens next?
- You'll receive a receipt via email one business day after you finalise your application with Australia Post. You can use your receipt as proof that you've applied for a check.



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



BAPTISMS: We pray for Xavi who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community next week.

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

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 16th August: Scrabble 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch.

Wednesday 6th September: Lunch at Diamond Creek Hotel.

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 16th August C. & F. Ledda

Saturday 19th August St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: J. Robinson Commentator: E. Gittins Eucharistic Ministers: P. Keenan

Sunday 20th August Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: Y. O'Brien Commentator: F. Ledda Eucharistic Ministers: C. Ledda, P. Leonard

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 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,

Kevin Callaghan, Colleen Gardner

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: The offering of Mass stipends is an ancient tradition in the Church. The priest who celebrates the Holy Mass does so for the intentions of the person who has given the Mass offering, whether it be for a sick person or the soul of a departed loved one or for some other private intention. The money given is in no sense a "payment" for the Mass but rather a free gift, given in gratitude and for the material support of the priest himself. For many priests in the poorest parts of the world, who often have no other means of support, such Mass offerings are a vital contribution to their survival and to their work on behalf of the whole parish. ACN Australia - Mass Offerings (aidtochurch.org)

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

To all of our valued volunteers, it is a requirement that as a volunteer in our parishes, all volunteers are required to have a current WWCC and you also need to complete the safeguarding training module.

Could you please assist us by completing the online module as soon possible.

- Is your WWCC currently up to date?
- Is the parish you volunteer at listed with the department of Justice?
- Have you completed your safeguarding training?
- Make sure where you volunteer is registered with the: https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/
- You are required to complete the Safeguarding Essential Training. Once complete please send in your certificate to the parish you volunteer in.
- To access the training go to: https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/
 safeguarding-training-modules/
- If you need help please contact your Parish office.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



<u>PARISH OFFICE HOURS:</u> Tuesday & Friday: 8.00am-4.00pm Wednesdays 12.30pm,-4.00pm Thursdays 8.00am-12.00pm (Wednesday 8.00am-12.00pm & Thursday 12.30-3.00pm St Mary's) Please send bulletin contributions by 12.00pm on Wednesday. Thank you

There will be a leaving collection for anyone wanting to contribute to Fr Rigo's 40th Anniversary Gift.

<u>THE WAY PRAYER GROUP:</u> A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 17th August 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 Emilia 0418 120 902 or Rose 0411 650 339.

Roster for Weekend 19th & 20th August 2023

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: A. Fernando Commentator: K. Salm Eucharistic Ministers: J. Bohan, M. Bedford, S. Bishop

Set Up: J. de Carlo Sunday 10.30am

Reader: T. Williamson Commentator: J. Kerr Eucharistic Ministers: C. Riordan, A. Letzia, A. Kerr

Set Up: J. Kerr

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, Tina Butera, Peter Kernjak

We pray for those who have died recently 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 McMahon, 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, Dragan Zilic

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL WIIL BE NEXT WEEKEND 19th & 20th AUGUST.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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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NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Your new thanksgiving envelopes are now available for collection from the gathering space in the church. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Parish.



<u>LADIES AUXILIARY:</u> We are holding a variety sale after Masses on weekend 12th./13th. August. Many different goods including wheat bags available. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Judy 9435 4506

Ladies auxiliary meeting in the gathering space Wed.16th. August 10.15am

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<u>ST MARY'S GARDENING NEEDS:</u> Would there be 'lovers of the garden' who would like to be involved in spending a little time caring for a portion surrounding St Mary's? (Barbara has offered to divide the garden into manageable sections) whenever time for each volunteer. Maybe a couple of people could organise to come together!

Please pray about it, as it is such a rewarding ministry and Barb is ever so willing to help you get started, and to help you find a section you'd like to be responsible for. Ever so grateful Anne. (On behalf of Barbara)

<u>CHURCH SECURITY</u>: 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 .

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

All Welcome.

<u>LITURGY NOTES – The Word of God.</u> At Mass we listen to the Word of God, reflect on its message, and respond in prayer. God's Word is active. It is both a word to be heard and a guide to the way we live. We are called to take the Word of God with us in our hearts when we leave the church and return to our everyday lives. As a reminder of this call, at the end of Mass, the book of scripture, open at the Gospel of the day, is placed on the front of the lectern facing the congregation. The Word of God leaves the church in the hearts of the people rather than in a closed book.

<u>CAN YOU HELP AT WEEKEND MASSES?</u> We urgently need Projectionists and Sacristans. Projectionists display the PowerPoint slides which enable us to join as a community in prayer and song. This role does not require setting up the slides.

Sacristans prepare the church, altar and offertory gifts before Mass, and pack up after Mass. These duties take about 10 - 15 minutes. Please contact the office on 9435 1543 if you can help. Thank you.

Book of the week Be informed, inspired and entertained

On August 8 we celebrated the feast day of **Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)**Australia's first canonised saint. The Library holds many books and a couple of DVDs about



St Mary's Parish Library

If the Library is not open please ask a priest or sacristan to open the room and you can record your loans on the form provided. Please return in one month through the chute outside the Library.

Access to the catalogue is available at: cloud.collectorz.com/247780

Saint Mary. They are on display at the Library and can be borrowed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

PLEASE PRAY FOR

August Baptisms: Christopher Flores and Julie Abraham

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

Recently Deceased:

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

Winifred Ryan, Rose Devers, Anna Maria D'Amico, Stan Krohn, Isabelle Hanson, Janet Stewart, Bert Miller, Lena Elsie O'Reilly, Ossie Dyer, Eileen Forssman

Tony Sich, Iris Brear, George & Maude Watson, Vin O'Callaghan, Molly Kelly, Gordon Evans, John Mackie, Fr. Tom Kiniry, Magdalene Wong, Ailee Mottram, Mary Mathews, Myriam Barbe, Stan Hanlon, Alexander Tillack, Joan Jones, Marie Hoskins, Les & Simon Doupe,

Patricia Callanan, Alice Hickey, Vera O'Sullivan, James Rodgers, Clem Hill, Margaret Neeson, Mary Mathews, Zaren Aquilina, Bernadette M. Vera-Perera, Orazio Colucci, Hazel Crutchett, Steve Nicholson, Emmanuel Bissonauth, Prisclua Del Mundo, Richard Cerezo, Terrence O'Brien, Dorothy Wigraft, Bernadette Gillespie, Bernadette M Vera-Perez, Isobel Malcolm, Margaret Emmins, Peter Larubina, Bernard Crummy, Eileen & Harry Tier, Kathleen Farmer, John Tombs, Agnes Wood, Effie Nugent, Jack Sutherland, Ivan Masson (Snr),

Margaret Anne Davey, William White, Constance Cole, Emily Soppitt, Harry Carr, Michele Monteleone, Marie L'Huillier, Carl Testagrossa, Mary Reso, Maurice O'Sullivan,

Francis Wood, Dorothy Kent, Melita Azzopardi, Diodora Moral, Veronica Syratt, Allan Taylor, Ingrid Rosch, Pauline Maloney





<u>Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close</u> The story from Matthew's Gospel, about Jesus walking on the water, is reminiscent of Paul's description of Jesus in the letter to the Colossians: 'the firstborn of all creation (1:15), 'the firstborn from the dead' (1:18) and 'through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things' (1:20). In Matthew's story Jesus is not a 'ghost', but a flesh and blood human whose divinity becomes apparent while he blends with the earthly elements. This is truly a graphic illustration of how all things will be reconciled to God.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13 August 2023

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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.
 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 Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

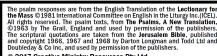
Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour. **jealousy** vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.