



Sunday 14th May 2023

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

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

204 Grimshaw St.,
Greensborough, 3088

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

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Francesca Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

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

Mrs. Marisa Matthys **Ph:** 9433 4000 **or Email**

principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

Sacred Heart & St Peter's

25 Gipson Street,
Diamond Creek 3089

Parish: 9401 6361

Email: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

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

Parish School Principal

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan **Ph:** 9438 1590 **or Email**

principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

St. Thomas the Apostle

251 Diamond Creek Road,
Greensborough Nth 3088

Parish: 9434 7373

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

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**

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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES



Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance. Sixth Sunday of Easter, 14th May 2023. <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflections-6-easter-year-a>

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

Diamond Valley Deanery

www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

www.cam.org.au



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



MASS BY CANDLELIGHT: The first Mass by Candlelight for 2023 will be celebrated at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, North Greensborough on Thursday 18 May.
Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, quiet music will commence at 7.30pm, followed by Mass at 8pm including the Sacrament of Anointing.

All welcome. Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902

LAMP Do you want to know more about Depression, Anxiety and PTSD?

On Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm in the Gathering Space at St Mary's Greensborough, there will be an inspirational and informative talk on this topic by Lauren McDonough, a mental health advocate, suicide survivor, amputee and now a role model.



***** Alpha begins 23 May, St Mary's Parish – Register now *****



SCAN ME

Ever wanted to pause and consider the big questions about **life, meaning and faith**?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly, welcoming space. Participants gain an insight into the basics of the Christian faith and discuss its impact on various aspects of our lives. All are invited.



We share a meal

We watch a video

We engage in discussion

Register using the above QR code or by clicking this link <https://tinyurl.com/y87kzhj3>

Let's have a yarn ...

Wednesday 17th May,
6.30-7.30pm AEST

**What is the greatest need for Ministry
at this time?**

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/LHAYMAY17>

An earlier time for NZ participants to join.
Hope to see you there!



Your forum for networking, developing
and enriching collaborative ministry

The Partnered Parishes of:
Sacred Heart Diamond Creek, St. Mary's Greensborough &
St. Thomas the Apostle Greensborough North



27th April 2023

Dear Group leaders and volunteers,

Following on from our letter of 28 February 2023, where we outlined the requirement that all volunteers are to complete the Safeguarding Essential Training module, we write again to offer support to any of you who may not have yet completed this Essential Training. The Safeguarding Committee is offering two group sessions where participants will be able to complete their training supported by a facilitator.

After completing this group session, names will be recorded on the Archdiocesan data base as having completed the Essential Training, this information will then roll over to the Parish data base.

The dates/times and venues are listed below:

- ◆ **St Marys' Gathering Space (in the church), 16 May, 5.30pm-6.30pm.**
- ◆ **Sacred Heart School Administration Building, 31 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm.**
- ◆ **Please bring your WWCC Card**

A cuppa will be provided during the session.

Could you please notify the St Mary's (9435 1543) or Sacred Heart Parish (94016361) office of their attendance by Friday the 12th of May.

Thank you.

Partnered Parishes Safeguarding Group.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING MODULE LAUNCHED FOR CLERGY AND VOLUNTEERS

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-60 minute online training module for all clergy and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Employees will soon be able to access the training module on Employment Hero. This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm.

This will be: an annual requirement for everyone/possible to complete individually online./At the completion of the training participants will receive a certificate of completion accessible via the training module dashboard./participants will receive email notification that the module has been completed successfully./***Training to be completed as soon as possible.***

To access the online training go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

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



BAPTISMS: we pray for Edie, Charlie, Matilda and Neve who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community in May.

SACRED HEART KEYS: We are updating the Parish Key Register. Please hand in keys you no longer use, or contact Pat to confirm your current key number. Thank you.

SENIOR MOMENTS Wednesday 17th May Lunch & Scrabble 12pm in Parish Centre.

Wednesday 7th June Lunch 12pm at Diamond Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant Diamond Creek.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next PPC Meeting Suggestion box at the back of the Church . Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

ROSTERS:

Week 16th May **Cleaning:** F. Geoghegan, P. Leonard

Sunday 21st May Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: School Parent & C. Fernando **Commentator:** F. Ledda **Eucharistic Ministers:** T. Sirianni, R. Belli

Saturday 20th May St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: School Parent & J. Robinson **Commentator:** M. Frisby **Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Edmonds

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

Philip Leonard, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard.

Recently Deceased:

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

Dorothy Pittle, Glenn Hurley, Michael Berriman, Peter Beaumont, Frank Perversi, Noela Atkinson, Mary Camilleri, Henry Van Oosterom, Kevin Rogers, Eddie Schellens.

GARRATT PUBLISHING, TOGETHER WITH OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION INVITE YOU TO AN INDIGENOUS VOICE TO

PARLIAMENT WEBINAR. Join Fr Frank Brenna, SJ, AO and Vicki Clark as they explore the planned referendum suggesting an alteration to the Australian Constitution that establishes a First Nations Voice.

Frank and Vicki will outline the long road that has brought us to this historic moment in Australian history and cut through the political rhetoric to clarify how 'The Voice' will enhance the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples– and all Australians. This webinar is ideal for all Australians seeking to understand what an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander "Voice to Parliament" will actually mean. It is your opportunity to learn, take action and make history. Be informed and understand how a Voice to Parliament will give First Nations communities a route to help inform policy and legal decisions that impact their lives.

Join us and make a informed decision at the referendum.

Event details:

Wednesday 24th May 2023. Time: 5.00pm AEST Where: Via Zoom Free Event

[CLICK HERE OR BELOW TO REGISTER ONLINE](#) or **[An Indigenous Voice to Parliament Webinar \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com)** You need to be registered to receive the video link.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS PALMS AUSTRALIA Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: **RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.** www.palms.org.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays 9am-5pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to greensborough@cam.org.au by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you



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.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our variety stalls over the past two weekends. A special thank you to everyone who knitted beanies & slippers. **Please note our meeting will not be held on Wed.17th.** Congratulations to the raffle winner of the paintings.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAMILY GROUPS Fr. Peter McGrath set up Family Groups 50 years ago in Sydney. After a few years it began to spread around Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Many Parishes will be celebrating 50 years of Family Groups on Sunday 7th May. Our Group has been running for 16 years here at St Mary's and our celebration will take place on **Sunday 28th May followed by morning tea after 10am in the Gathering Space.** We would like to invite all Parishioners to join us after this Mass to help celebrate this special occasion and to find out more about joining our social groups. Pauline Prendergast 0422 668 133.

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.

Be informed, inspired and entertained

BOOK OF THE WEEK



'The Year we Stayed at Home' – by Sarah Vandeppeer (2022)

This attractive little book for all the family is enhanced by Steph Briggs' lively illustrations. It captures the mood we all experienced during the pandemic shutdowns. Remember the quieter streets, working and school from home, walking dogs, riding bikes, masks and forever sanitising.

Also available in the St Mary's Library are hard copies of our own similar eBook: **'Stories from our COVID-19 Bubbles'** (2021)

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



St Mary's Parish Library



PLEASE PRAY FOR

May Baptisms: Heidi Miller, Lucas Loft, Ella Francis, Alexia Diener,

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, Margaret Bramley, Olivia MacDonald, Helen Quigley, Lorraine Alexander, Harley McAleer

Recently Deceased:

We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this week, may they enter joyfully into God's Kingdom: Margaret Newman, Harold Downey, Margaret Delaney, Eileen Vine, Therese Teycheney, Jackson Robinson, Eugenio Melo, Pat Dalton, William Rule, *Caterina Terminelli, Desmond Boyd, June Spence, Margaret Mahoney, Jacqueline Duncan, May Claudius, Elsie Watts, Madeleine Schuster, David Meagher, Vic Profitt, Walter Buckley, John Brain, Win Hanlon, Stan Cichorski, Natalino Grech, John Gallaher, Eileen Murphy, Joseph Darcy, Jessie Gomes, Heidi Beard, Daniel Tucker, Barry Rosewall, Querino Bonotto, Nancy Moran, Henok Mulat, Margaret Cooper, Ronald Duncan, Bill Hill, Barry Rosewall, Ron Duncan, Sydney Hope, Geoff Hedger, Marie Walsh, Dr. Jose & Mrs. Catalina Arce, Fr. Tom Ashe, Jack O'Callaghan, Albert Minney, Fiona Robinson, Shiela Cowell, Flosis O'Rourke, Susan McCormack, Joe Amato, Glenys Bruce, Tegan Amber Kennet, Amor Teves-Péna, Peter Dalton, Harold Haarburger, Vern Birthisel, Helen Hughes, Pauline At-tard, Geoff Dalgliesh



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Joseph takes the active role in Matthew's infancy narrative. It is Joseph, rather than Mary, who encounters an angel. In a dream, Joseph is reassured by a heavenly messenger that Mary's pregnancy is legitimate, albeit unconventional.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

14 May 2023

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.