



Sunday 20th 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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Greensborough, 3088

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Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

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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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Greensborough Nth 3088

Parish: 9434 7373

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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

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 20 August 2023.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-20-sun-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.



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

UNPACKING THE STATEMENT FROM THE HEART; SUNDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 2-3PM ELTHAM

Rev Canon A/Prof Glenn Loughrey will speak about Unpacking the Statement from the Heart. Glenn works for the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne as educator and advocate for the Voice, is chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council and the vicar of St Oswald's in Glen Iris, as well as working at the Crawford School of Public Policy. He is a Wiradjuri man. At St Margaret's Anglican Church, 79-81 Pitt Street. Just turn up.

ST JOHN OF GOD ACCORD

St John of God Accord are hosting our 3 parishes for a tour, presentation from CEO, and meet & greet over lunch on Thursday 14th September from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The aim is for our parishes to be more involved in a volunteer capacity in the life of St John of God and their clients. The visit should provide us with a clearer understanding of the work performed, and ways in which we are able to help. To express your interest, please contact Michael Bates on 0418 104 206, or via the Parish Office.

INVITATION to DISCOVER



7 YOUNG PEOPLE in the GOSPELS



Participants of all ages will relate to the examples of these young people, some made negative choices, some positive and one made several mistakes but didn't give up.

**23 & 24 Sept at St Thomas the Apostle
Greensborough North**

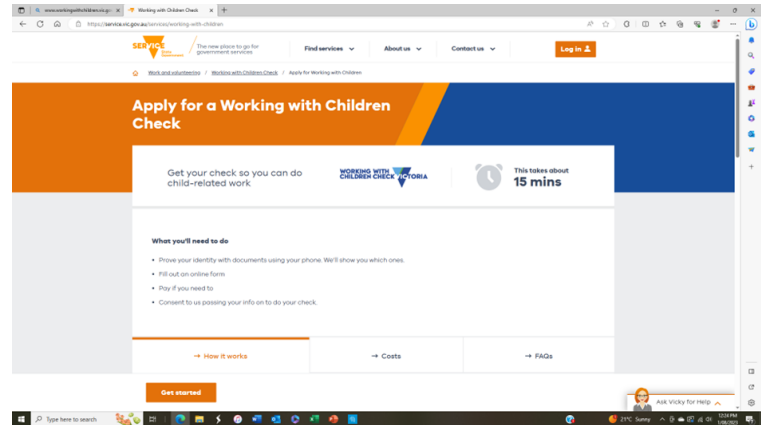
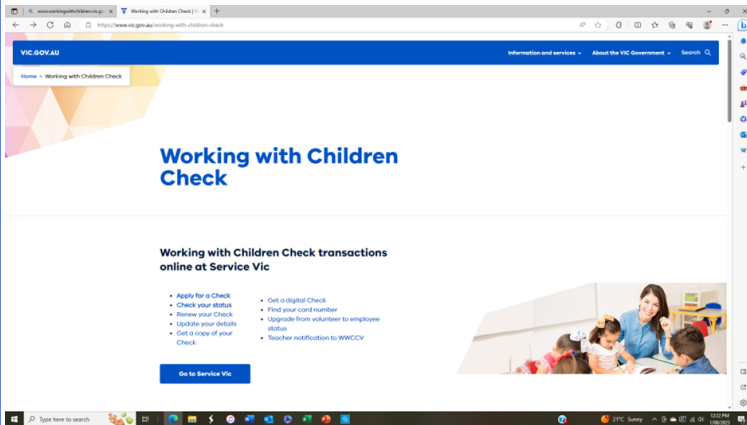
Adult \$40, Concession \$35. Book before 20 Sept at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKTUD>

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. **Answer YES**
- ◆ 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: **APPLY FOR VICTORIA**
- ◆ Next page. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click box: **VERIFY AT POST OFFICE**
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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.

[Find a Post Office](#)

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



BAPTISMS: We pray for Xavi who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community in August.

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 6th September: Lunch at Diamond Creek Hotel.

Wednesday 20th September Lunch & Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

SCHOOL FETE, CRAFT MARKET & CAR SHOW: : Saturday 28th October 11am-3pm. The Fete is a public event that will see us welcome the wider community to share in the fun and games and aim to raise money for our new playground.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Items discussed at 10th August meeting included.

- ◆ Sacred Heart parishioners participation in Fr Steve's 40th Anniversary Mass and celebration at St Mary's 20th August, and preparations for the morning tea.
- ◆ School Advisory Council member Ronan reported NAPLAN results were great and the recent Education Department School Review received very positive feedback. Preparations underway for Fete, Car Show and Craft Market for 28th October.
- ◆ Parish hall hire fees need to be further considered.
- ◆ Possible cooling methods for DC Church to be investigated.
- ◆ Storage of Sacred Vessels in DC church.
- ◆ Modifications to church kitchen cupboards and clean up in Piety Stall room.

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

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 22nd August B & P O'Regan

Sunday 27th August Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: A. Pieper

Commentator: R. McEvoy

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Bell, R. Belli

Saturday 2nd September St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: M. Frisby

Commentator: R. Nicolaisen

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Gittins

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: Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

Next weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE is running an Online Information Session for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation on Monday 4 September at 7.30pm (AEST) that might be of interest to you, your lay ministers, or interested parishioners. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

For anyone interested in attending our information session, registration is essential. [Click here](#) to register.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 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

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: 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 26th & 27th August 2023

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: E. Sacchetta

Commentator: P. Carty

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Holland, L. Carty, McKenzie

Set Up: K. Salm

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Kenny

Commentator: L. Hobson

Eucharistic Ministers: C. O'Brien, R. Piccolo, B. Riordan

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, 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 Micaï, 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 WILL BE THIS WEEKEND 19th & 20th AUGUST.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal this 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.



RCIA

Learn about the Catholic Faith

If you wish to enquire into the Catholic Faith, or join the Catholic Church, St Marys welcomes you. We offer one-on-one meetings with enquirers. And if you wish to go further, we offer ongoing education in the Catholic Faith each week in small groups.

If you wish to receive the Sacraments and become Catholic, this education (called RCIA) will continue for some months. It is an experience which always brings great joy and wonderful comradery in a small group environment.

We also invite people who are already Catholic to join our groups, to learn more about their faith and to lend support and friendship.

Contact **Tim Hamilton (0412 070 511)** for more information, or come to our Enquiry night on **Sunday 27 August at 7.30pm** in the parish house (the door off the top carpark – across from the tennis courts). We'd love to see you.

LADIES AUXILARY: Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the weekend. Raffle winner was Dorothy S.

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 .

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

LITURGY NOTES – The Word of God. 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.

CAN YOU HELP AT WEEKEND MASSES? 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 Saint Mary. They are on display at the Library and can be borrowed.

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

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:

Andrew George & Beryl May McCarthy, Leon Early, Domenico Galati, Janek Roskosz, James Stamm, James Kerr, Dorothy Thornley, Kazia, Robert Forbes, Raimondo Guerra, Maureen Arenz, Bebiano Barot, Jaime Cabanero, Frederick Henry Joyce, Steven Begovic, Henry John Dixon, Mervyn Pearce, Dick Butterfield, Ian & Audry Grindlay, Marie Clayton, Paul Westgarth, Lois Platt, Mary Tippet, Rosalinda Seballos John Mackie, Dorothy Wigrift, Carmela Cartisano, Domenico Galati, Margaret Beckwith, James O'Callaghan, Clary Ritchie, Keith Bedgood, Joshua Becker, David Perry, Eduardo Pe Lim Henry Joseph Dixon, Eve Prendergast, Ryan Wilson, Dorothy Dixon, Jack Dyer, Ivy Smith, Malcolm Lincoln, James Duncan, Ida Pacione, Kathleen Harrington, Eileen Rice, Jenny Claire Nora Toohey, Clara Wood, Eileen Monagle, Catherine Moulin, Domenico Galati, Margaret Ryan, Maureen Dent, William Robert Willis, Fr Geoffrey James, SJ, Paul Mitchem, Bill Elfrink, Lucille Powell, Francesco Paolo Siragusa, Kathleen Harrington, Charles Petty, George Weymes, Lorraine La-Brooy Henry Bonner, Nora Checkley, Eileen Wade, Helen Waites, Frederick McAleer, George Crawford, Maria Socorro Vallejo, Eileen Monagle Catherine Gormley, Fred & Fran Pendry, Dennis Murray, Frank Sargent, Jeffrey Talania, Patricia (Trish) Brasier



Would you like to hold a stall at our Community Fair?

We are looking for stall holders for our market on Saturday 25 November.

It's our first event since 2019 and our big school, Parish and extended local community is really excited about it. We're expecting a huge crowd.

Showcase your small business, hobby or craft to 1000s of people in the gift-buying lead up to Christmas!

Set up is from 7.30am for a 10am start. We finish up at 3pm.

We have indoor tables available (1.8m table) in our Market Hall for \$50 plus a donated item for our raffle.

Outdoor spaces are \$70 plus a donated item. 3m x 3m space - BYO 3m x 3m gazebo - DEFINITELY NO TENT PEGS (one year we accidentally pegged into the school's sprinkler system...)

Food trucks \$120. Limited spaces available.

A discount of \$10 off per stall is available for St Mary's Parish and School members who book before Sunday 1 October 2023.

For more information and to apply for a place, email smgcommunityfair@gmail.com

St Mary's Community Fair
Saturday 25 November, 10am-3pm
210 Grimshaw St, Greensborough 3088





Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close When a Canaanite woman kept bothering Jesus and his group they looked at her and saw an outsider. By her annoying persistence she virtually forced Jesus to look again and he saw something different – she was no longer a non-person, but someone who challenged him. This unnamed woman, out of her anguish for her daughter, was able to nudge Jesus into reconsidering the nature of his mission, and broadening his vision. Matthew's story is a conversion story with a twist because it is Jesus who experiences a transformation and the catalyst for this change is an anonymous woman.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 August 2023

First Reading **Is 56:1.6-7**

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the

mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 15:21-28**

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

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