



Sunday 21st July 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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Greensborough, 3088

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

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Lisa & Libby

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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Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

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

Acting Parish School Principal

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St. Thomas the Apostle

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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

Mrs Trish Vanderkolk **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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On the first Friday of every month, at St Thomas Parish at 7.00pm we will have Eucharistic Adoration along with confession, everyone welcome.



Scripture reflection: He came to bring the good news of peace
Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 21 July 2024.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflections-16-year-b-2024>

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

www.cam.org.au

St Mary's Facebook page

facebook.com/stmarysgreensborough/



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

SAVE THE DATE:



Men's Dinner, Friday 18th October 2024, Sacred Heart Hall, two great guest speakers, more details to follow.

RAISING FATHERS

With over 20 years experience in engaging with men across the country, menALIVE's RAISING FATHERS evenings bring valuable insights and practical advice on modern fathering in a powerful and transformative evening. The evening is based on the recent book of the same name, co-authored by menALIVE co-founder Robert Falzon together with twelve other men, of varying backgrounds and ages, who share their collective and diverse lived experiences of fathering in today's world.

Robert Falzon has presented RAISING FATHERS evenings across Australia together with one of his co-authors.

Event highlight: Practical advice for Modern Fatherhood, Powerful Stories, Real Discussions, Inclusive Invitation.

A menALIVE RAISING FATHERS evening has the potential to transform a father's approach to parenting. This has a powerful impact on the lives of the entire family and sets the children on a path to becoming successful, well-balanced, caring, engaged, and productive members of the community.

Where: St Martin of Tours Primary School on Wednesday 21st August from 7.00pm-8.30pm.

Bookings can be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/CSJAR>



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FAMILIES IN SPIRITUAL HARMONY

Calling all tweens, teens, young adults and families with children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Are you looking for a place for you and your children to meaningfully connect with other Catholic Families?

We have the pleasure of introducing Families In Spiritual Harmony (**FISH**). This group has been created by families for families; with the objective of creating a spiritual safety-net for our youth and fostering our catholic community. It is open to everyone, and is for the benefit of all three of our parishes.

We will focus on and encourage faith formation, reflection and discussion in these sessions – all whilst having some fun!

These sessions will be held every Friday, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St Thomas the Apostle Parish.

On the first Friday of every month, we will also have The First Friday's Devotion, along with confession, and all are welcome to join in.

We hope to see you all soon.

Fr Ananda Maddineni



SAFEGUARDING

Our Partnered Parishes are so incredibly thankful for the amazing work of our Volunteers.

Without your time, talent and commitment, the inner workings of our Parish community would not be the same. As a reminder, to be compliant as a Volunteer there are some vital steps that need to be taken first.

These include obtaining a Working With Children Check or VIT registration for Children and Vulnerable people, registering your place of volunteering on your WWC Check application or on MyCheck page and keeping it active throughout your entire service, completing the Essential Safeguarding training online and signing the Code of Conduct. Once again, thank you for your generous and valuable service to the Parish.

Links:

* <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

* <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>



SHRINES OF OUR LADY

**FATIMA - AVILA - LOURDES - NEVERS -
PARIS - LISIEUX - MEDJUGORJE - ZAGREB**

28TH Oct - 12TH Nov 2024

With
Fr Ananda Prasad Maddineni MSFS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Join the procession of Our Lady of Fatima
- Visit Avila, the home of St Teresa
- Pray at the Lourdes Grotto
- Visit the tomb of St Bernadette
- Visit Lisieux, the home of St Therese
- Climb the Cross Mountain, Medjugorje
- Follow the trail up to Apparition Hill

INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Airfare
- Accommodation in Premium Hotels
- Breakfast and Dinner
- Transfers on Deluxe A/C Coach
- Entrance Fees
- Services of Professional Guides

**FULLY
INCLUSIVE**
\$8390+ TIPS
(30+ PILGRIMS)
BOOK BEFORE
30TH AUGUST 2024

INFORMATION SESSION

7:30 PM 20th July
St Mary's Catholic Parish
204 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough



For details contact
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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:

MONTHLY RAFFLE: tickets are available after 9am Masses. This month's prize is a "Winter Warmers" hamper.

Thank you to our Senior Moments Group. Tickets are \$2 or 6 for \$10.

SAVE THE DATE: Men's Dinner, Friday 18th October 2024, Sacred Heart Hall, two great guest speakers, more details to follow.

At the SH PPC meeting on Thursday 11 July, the following matters were discussed:

- Changes to staffing and opening hours of Parish Office in progress
- Maintenance issues – defibrillator battery replaced, following electrical inspection in Hall the dishwasher will be removed, maintenance of and cleaning quotes for parish toilets.
- A report from our Baptism Team
- Instalment of Key Safe
- PPC members to complete two online assessments which will lead us to consider how our different strengths in ministry can complement one another for the sake of our parish communities.
- A report from our primary school – many activities underway, including playing games of Scrabble between our senior parishioners and students and completion of the new Outdoor Learning and Play Space. A panel has been formed to begin the process of selecting a new principal.
- Men's Night confirmed for Friday, 18th October in Sacred Heart Hall with more information to follow.

SACRED HEART MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES: The cost of supply and installation is \$350. Please contact Marg Farrell via email at ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com or leave a message with Pat in the Parish Office if you would like a loved one remembered in this way.

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

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 17th July 12pm Lunch & Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 7th August 12pm Lunch at The French Lettuce patisserie Hurstbridge.

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 23rd July

Sunday 28th July Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: **Commentator:** **Eucharistic Ministers:**

St Peter's Saturday 3rd August 7.15pm

Reader: P. Leonard **Commentator:** E. Gittins

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

Denny Hegarty, Tony Watson, Bernie Bourke, Lucy & Pat Cassin, Mervyn Bourke, Antonietta Nesci, Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Jacob Draper,

Kath Rickard, Martin Leonard

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

Mary Keenan, Salvatore, Basil, Maria & Fortunato Caccetta, David Phillips, Kevin Jose, Caterina Borgolotto, Patricia Nettleton.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday 11am-3pm, Wednesday 8am-12.00pm, Thursday 9am-3pm, Friday 11am-3pm*

SANDY'S OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am-5.30pm and Friday 9.00am-5.30pm*

Please send any bulletin contributions directly to greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au or greensborough@cam.org.au by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you



MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The next Readers roster for the period September to December 2024 will be prepared soon. Please let Marian know by Friday 28 July if there are any dates in this period when you know you will not be available. Thank you.

COMMUNION TIME: Blessings and gluten-free hosts. If you are not receiving Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the Celebrant or one of the Communion Ministers to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms on your chest when you approach the Minister. If you require a gluten-free host, please approach the Celebrant and request one.

GREETING AND WELCOMING St Mary's is known as a vibrant, positive community with a long history of hospitality and friendliness. To further extend this hospitality, parishioners are invited to greet and welcome people in the gathering space as they arrive for Mass. This gesture of hospitality is important for those we know, and particularly for visitors and new parishioners. You may be surprised by the positive impact for those you welcome and for yourself. You may offer the newsletter as part of your welcome. Thank you.

1ST and 2ND COLLECTIONS An invitation is extended to all parishioners to assist with taking up the 1st and 2nd collections. Collection bags will be on the table in the gathering space before Mass, labelled with the 4 sections of the church. Each collection is noted on the screen so will know when to start. If you can assist, please take a bag as you arrive for Mass. Thank you.

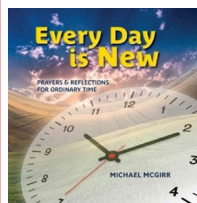
WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECKS: It is important that all volunteers have an up to date WWCC, as our parish records are currently being audited.

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.

A LOST PROPERTY BOX is on the lower shelf of the bench in the gathering space.

Be informed, inspired and entertained.

Book of the Week



Every Day is New: Prayers and Reflections for Ordinary Time by Michael McGirr

This book asks us to put aside a little time on the weekdays of Ordinary Time to read the gospel of the day and ponder where God might be in the ordinary experiences of our day.

Each week contains an image of graffiti or street art which are reminders of the broader community where everyone is trying to create an environment of meaning.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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, Peter Miles, Leon Gray, Amparp Sarmiento, Fr Terry Kean, Carlos Manabat, Maureen Carr, Garry York, Enlee Lew

Recently Deceased:

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

Marc Smith, Fr. Michael Goonan, Oscar Lewis, Michael Heagerty, Kevin Byrden, Frances Shanahan, Anne Connors, Stephen Rogers, Guy Lapierre, Andrew Grabau, Mary Westwood, Susie Elloso, Patricia Williams, Ernesta Moral, Joy Kean, Patricia Heywood, Mario Rossimel, Margaret Moyle, Harry Cole, Mabel Mulcahy, Beth Carroll, Aiza Marie Gregorio, Warwick Beatty, Maudy Anderson, Maria D'Alessandro, Adelia R. Victoriano, Mary Owen, Jack Dixon, Rory Gormley, Kathleen Vlaeminck, Lorraine Stevens, Tracey Nation, Joseph Forssman, Gwen Wycherley, Mary Purcell, Mary Schibeci, Bonifacio E Nakpil, Carol Hobson, Rita Bainbridge, Katrina Tasker, Nora Dunn, Albert Weiss, Margaret Flannigan, Ena Colvin, James Fitzpatrick, Kevin Sullivan, Marj Grey, Bruno Sculli, Joseph Reardon, Emily O'Neill, Barry Todd, Myra McMahan, Jack Greenwood, Tracey Nation, Vincent Nihill, Maureen Dole, James McCormick, Maria Cardamone, Petronele Sukys, Brian McKinlay, Clint Barratt, Mary Shortal, Julia Monagle, Frances McCormack, Teresa Giddens, Henry Lyall, Sr. Cecilia Moran RSM, Eileen Ahern, Sue Edwards, Glenn McCormack, Clive Kennedy, Leo Fitzgerald, John McEntee Snr, Grazia Scotto, Joseph Frendo

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 Setyanna and River who are being baptised later this month.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for some more volunteers to help with our morning tea. If you are able to bake/purchase something for our morning tea could you please contact me in the office.



BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP: These light lunches will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month in St Thomas' Parish Meeting Room at 12.30pm. Please come along and join us for some friendly chatter while we enjoy our light lunch together. Donation \$10 To assist with catering, it is helpful to know how many will be coming.

For our July lunch on the 25th July, please RSVP to Lilian Hobson on 0402 823679 or Lilian.Hobson@gmail.com

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ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH turns 25 this year.

Do you know ...?

In 1999 our church emerged from the prayers and wishes of our parishioners to have a dedicated worship space that embraced our natural surroundings – the light, the trees, the wildlife. The design resembles that of a large tent, in which we gather for our liturgies and celebrations. Through large windows on four sides, we see the world in which we live out our faith each day.

In the early days of our parish before St Thomas Village was built, parishioners could see a mob of kangaroos relaxing and dozing in the sun while Mass was in progress.

Roster for Weekend 27th & 28th July

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: E. Sacchetta

Commentator: J. Bohan

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Salm, M. Bedford

Set Up: Volunteer

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: B. Iacobucci

Commentator: T. Williamson

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kerr, C. O'Brien

Set Up: M. Bates

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Miran Kasalo, Peter Kernjak, John Geretschlager, Dominic Cambareri, Fr Terry Kean

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Kevin Jose, Pat Gannon, Anna de Gier, Michael Pham, Hopetoun Chapman, Edwin Ray, Shannon Risson, Jack O'Brien, Nunzuio Napoleone, Mary Kenny, Eileen Mc Inerney, Guido Paciocco, Jack Sutherland, Domenico & Elidia Paliotta, Salvatore De Bartolo, Lynette Corcoran, Petronilla De Leo



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close: In Mark's Gospel, the 'great crowd' who followed Jesus around is a bit blurred and individuals are not recognisable. Jesus describes the crowd as 'sheep without a shepherd'. He is clearly tired of the demands made on him, but he feels compassion for his followers. They are looking for leadership – someone to draw new meanings from life. Jesus will give them more than they bargained for. His message, about God's basileia, evokes renewal and transformation.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

21 July 2024

First Reading Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

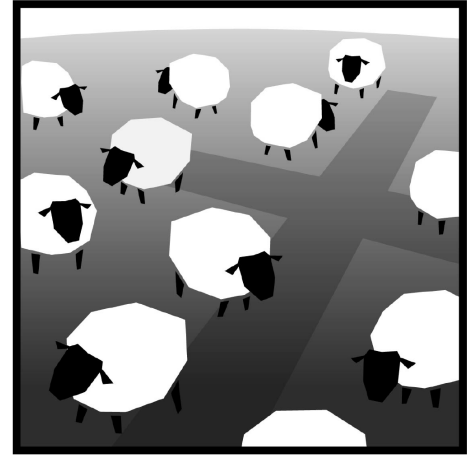
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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