



Sunday 25th June 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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Parish: 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

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

Parish School Principal

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Diamond Creek 3089

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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

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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

Parish School Principal

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

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



Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A,
25th June 2023.**

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-12-ot-2023>

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

ST. MARY'S/ST. THOMAS - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2023 WINTER APPEAL

This year's Appeal will be officially launched on the weekend of **24/25 June**. The theme this year is 'What if your Mum, Grandma or Sister became homeless?' spotlighting women over 55 years, as one of the fastest growing demographics of people at risk of and experiencing homelessness across Australia. There could be a woman in your neighbourhood or in your Parish, who is really struggling to make ends meet. This is where our Conference can help – visiting that lady (or Companion) in her own home with food and other essentials to tide her over.

We are therefore seeking the kind assistance of you the Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas to give what you can afford to enable us to continue to support these women through our cold Winter.

- ◆ Appeal envelopes will be provided on the ends of the seats and at the back of the Church - they can then be placed in the 2nd Collection of each Mass on the 24/25 June weekend or soon after.
- ◆ Phone/Credit card donations can be arranged by calling **13 18 12** and stating you are donating to the [Greensborough](#) Conference
- ◆ Donations can be made online via vinnies.org.au – please make sure you include [Greensborough](#) in the 'Comments' section



Maureen Lonsdale

Greensborough St. Vincent De Paul Conference

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

We wish to thank all our volunteers in our Parishes.

- A reminder that all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check.
- 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.**



LEADING MISSIONARY RENEWAL: VIBRANT AND VITAL PARISHES

Saturday 15 July 2023, 10am - 3pm Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

For enquiries, please contact proclaim@cam.org.au or call 9926 5761

A formation day for parish priests, their (potential) teams and interested lay leadership in parishes to envision, and be equipped for, missionary renewal as we explore ways for parishes to be vital and vibrant. Our speakers: Ron Huntley, Fr Chris Ryan MGL and Cath Garner.

Spend time in prayer, hear testimonies from parishes and work with your parish leadership team as you identify the needs and next steps for your communities.

Cost: \$30 per person, maximum \$250 for 10 people This event is ideal for parish priests, their (potential) teams of between 5 and 10 people, and interested lay leaders in parishes. Register at: trybooking.com/CISBB or scan the QR code below.

Registration closes 5 July. Download flyer for further information including cost and registration details.

[Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal | Melbourne Catholic](#)



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



BAPTISMS: We pray for Phoenix, Atticus and Sadie who will be welcomed into our Sacred Heart community in June.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023: Thank you to everyone who generously contributed \$1400.00 to the annual Caritas Project Compassion Appeal. Taxation receipts are available in the church.

St VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL: There will be a leaving collection after 9am Mass on Sunday **25th June** for the Diamond Creek Conference annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available for cash or credit card donations, which can be placed in collection bags or left at the Parish Centre during July. Donations will be distributed locally in our Parish, where assistance is provided with food, paying gas/electricity bills, chemist expenses, delivering firewood etc.

Donations of toiletries would also be most appreciated. Thank you.

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 5th July: Pastie, pie and cake lunch with Loyola College students 12pm in Parish Centre.

Wednesday 19th July: Scrabble 12.00pm in the Parish Centre. BYO light lunch.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting for the PPC is 13th July. Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 27th June F. Geoghegan, P. Leonard

Saturday 1st July St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: P. Leonard

Commentator: E. Gittins

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Edmonds

Sunday 2nd July Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: J. Hoyne

Commentator: M. Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Schellens, R. Padget

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

Astrid Schellens, Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Joan Moran,

Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard.

Recently Deceased: Philip Leonard

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

Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Pauline Georgiades, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker, Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri.

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

MEDITATION: Saturday mornings 10am at St Peter's Anglican Church, Bundoora, cnr Grimshaw and Alma streets (opposite Adi). Cost: Free. Contact Ranjit on 0403654549.

INNER HEALING THROUGH "MEDITATION ON JESUS" " through Breathing in the Spirit and gentle prayerful postures with relaxation methods, From June 30 – July 2, 2023 Guided by Fr. Gilbert. Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

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 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

BAPTISMS: Please pray for Sophia, Arlo, Wyatt and Angus who are being Baptised this weekend.

LOOKING FOR COUNTERS ON A TUESDAY MORNING: If anyone is available to count on a Tuesday morning on a roster basis could you please let me know. You require a current WWCC to be able to help with counting.
Counting should not take more than an hour of your valuable time.
You can email the office greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

DIAMOND VALLEY REFUGEE SUPPORT FOR THE BRIGIDINES' ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT— Many thanks to all participating parishioners for continuing to support the project. Please ensure all donation envelopes are handed in by the 24/25th June at the latest.

Please drop in your envelopes in the St Thomas or Sacred Heart collection bowls. This will be the last collection for banking before the end of the financial year 2022/2023. The Brigidines' Asylum Seeker Project will be issuing receipts sometime in July.

For queries, please ring Lilian Hobson (0402 823 679). Our Parishes will continue to support the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project; new envelopes for 2023/2024 will issued in July/August. Anyone wishing to participate in the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project, please contact Lilian on 0402 823 679 or by email on alhobson@optusnet.com.au

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION How welcoming and missionary focused are we at St Thomas the Apostle? From 24th June to 9th July, the Catholic School of Evangelisation will be holding an international intensive at St Thomas' hall. The aim is primarily to equip teams from the Philippines and Papua New Guinea with 4 courses that they can take back and deliver locally, as they have done in the past. Of course the intensive is open to anyone who would like to come and participate (watch for the flyers).

Our 4 international guests are to have free days on Tues 27th June, Sunday 2nd July and Wed 5th July. If you would like to extend some hospitality in the form of sightseeing trip etc, please contact me.

Sandra Bishop, phone: 0429 167 879 or email: sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au

Roster for Weekend 1st & 2nd July 2023

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: A. Fernando

Commentator: K. Salm

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Bohan, T. Holland, M. McKenzie

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: F. Landy

Commentator: B. Iacobucci

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Riordan, A. Kerr, R. Piccolo

Set Up: C. O'Brien

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, Andelko Korculanin, Estelle Smooker, Tina Butera, Peter Kranjak,

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

Pauline Georgiades, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker.

Gordon Shannon, Saverio Posterino, Domenico Di Giandomenico, David Wong

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 8am-12noon, Thursdays 10am-3pm and Fridays 10am-2pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to greensborough@cam.org.au by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

Over the last few weeks you may have noticed that a different voice answered your call to the Parish Office or a new face who you know from seeing her at Mass, or perhaps you experienced a sense of DeJa'Vu when you came to the office and thought! Hang on, she's usually at St Thomas the Apostle!!! You would be correct on both accounts. Tanya O'Meara, a Parishioner of St Mary's, has joined the Parish Staff as Secretary and Lisa Leahy (from St Thomas') is sharing her experience as Secretary there to join Tanya as the Parish Admin.



Please make them welcomed as our new Parish Admin Team.



LADIES AUXILIARY: the Ladies Auxiliary's next fundraiser will be a cake stall after Masses this weekend 24th/25th. June.
Enquiries Lucy 9435 6990 Judy 9435 4506

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.

COLLECTORS, please wait until the Reflection image is off the screen before starting the 1st collection. 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.

JULY 2ND TO JULY 9TH, 2023 IS NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC is the acronym for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

The theme this year is: " For Our Elders'

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in communities and families.

On the lectern at St Mary's Masses this week, you will see our Message Stick. The inscriptions on a Message Stick were used as 'prompts' to convey specific messages to Elders of adjacent tribes, regarding invitations to meetings, events or ceremonies. They ensured that the Messenger had safe and protected passage into neighboring lands, to visit with the Elders.

St Mary's Social Justice Group



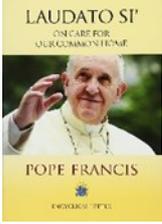
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

Be informed, inspired and entertained



Book of the week:

Laudate Si : on Care for our Common Home by Pope Francis.



This is Pope Francis' second encyclical. In it the Pope criticises consumerism and irresponsible development, laments environmental degradation and global warming and calls on all people to take "swift and unified global action". (Wikipedia)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

June Baptisms:

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, Pat Milczakowsky

Recently Deceased:

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

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: One of the major works of Aid to the Church in Need is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023?

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/transport

Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others? We invite you to join Heart of Life's **Taster Session on Tuesday 20 June 2023, 7pm-8.30pm, via Zoom**, where we'll share with you information on our formation programs to become a spiritual director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart. The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/?> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.

ST MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ELTHAM: Please join us on the last Sunday each month for Taize prayer in Eltham. We would love to welcome you at 5.30pm for a simple meal. Followed by 6.30pm for Taize prayer. Connect with others, enjoy a meal, singing, silent prayer and light a candle.

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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 June 2023

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side,
a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take
on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul
of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

**(R.) Lord, in your great love,
answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.
(R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed the
fall. If it is certain that through one man's
fall so many died, it is even more certain
that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

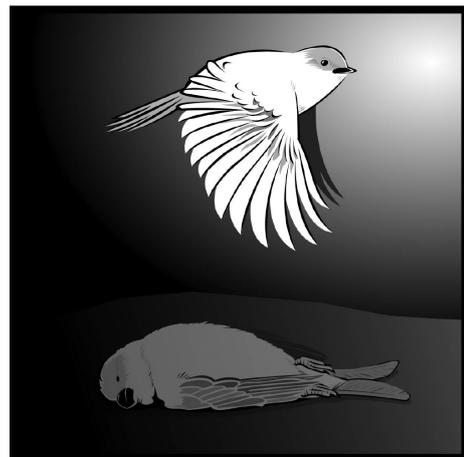
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
And yet not one falls to the ground without
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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