

Sunday 9th July 2023

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

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St. Mary's

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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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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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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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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

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O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 9th July 2023.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-14-ot-year-a>

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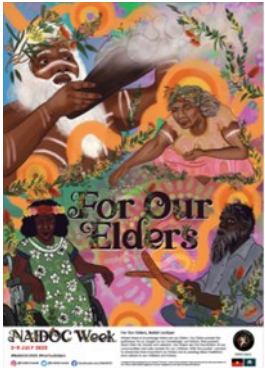
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Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

TODAY IS ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY AND THE CONCLUSION OF NAIDOC WEEK

The 2023 Theme is "For Our Elders"



Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them to. They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world. National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday 3 July to Sunday 10 July), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

(Source: <https://www.naidoc.org.au>)

Messages from NATSICC (National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

A New Life in Christ: Uniting as One People on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme, "A New Life in Christ" reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted

in unity and shared commitment to positive change. As we commemorate this special day on the Liturgical Calendar, we invite you to listen to our voices and walk alongside us on our journey towards progress. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolizes our unity as one people in Christ, and we urge both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.

As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples.

One Journey, Together

This year, Australians will be asked to cast a vote on the proposed alteration to the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Like all Australians, Catholics have an important role to play in the upcoming Referendum.

The tradition of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) well-equips Catholics to make informed decisions based on their own faith and moral positions. With CST Principles in mind and in partnership with Caritas Australia and a number of other Catholic organisations, we have developed a website to host a range of resources to help you decide for or against acknowledging the world's oldest continuing cultures in our Constitution. Our hope is that, however we vote, we take this One Journey, Together.

So, whether you are looking for homilies and reflections by leading Catholic thinkers, interviews and statements from First Nations Community members, links to Referendum information or youth activities or answers to FAQs, learn more at:

www.indigenousvoice.church

Voice Prayer

Dear Lord,

We invite all Australians to join us, their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Brothers and Sisters in prayer.

We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.

We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.

Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of this land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply & celebrate the gifts You have given us.

Help us appreciate true harmony and peace just as our Old People did;

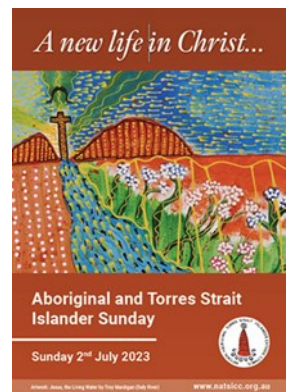
Keep us strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.

Now is an opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better.

Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and

may we be one in Your love.

Amen.



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



BAPTISMS: we pray for Maximus and Oliver who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community in July.

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 19th July: Scrabble 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch.

Wednesday 2nd August: Lunch & Movie at Pat Frisby's home.

LOYOLA COLLEGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF PARISHES: A few years ago, Sacred Heart Senior Moments Group created an opportunity for youth involvement within our Parish community. Last week we welcomed a group of students who shared lunch and played Scrabble together. Thank you to John (Loyola College Youth Minister), and our Seniors for their encouragement and support of this important activity.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next meeting Thursday 13th July 7.30pm in Parish Centre. Suggestion box at back of church or Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 11th July B & P O'Regan

Saturday 15th July St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: E. Gittins/School Parent

Commentator: M. Frisby

Eucharistic Ministers: Dharshanie

Sunday 16th July Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: F. Ledda/Parent

Commentator: Y. O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Ledda, R. Belli

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

Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Joan Moran, Peter Mejak, 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 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.

MESSAGE FROM SR MARGARET SAPSFORD

Recently we have turned to the words of Pope Francis to assist us to become more aware of the importance of the Liturgy of the Word in each Mass.

'The pages of the Bible cease to be writings and become living words, spoken by God,' Pope Francis says. It is God, who through the reader, speaks to us and questions us, we who listen with faith.' (Audience 31.1.2018)

What a privilege to be a reader of the Word of God for your community!

Pope Francis continues that 'in order to listen to the Word of God, we also need our heart to be open to receive the Word in our heart. God speaks and we listen to him, in order to then put into practice what we have heard.'

At a recent Readers' Formation meeting it was decided to reintroduce a few seconds for reflection after the First Reading.

This silence enables us to respond prayerfully to the Word we have heard in the Responsorial Psalm. After the Second Reading there will be a few seconds of silence also.

What an amazing grace to be invited to listen and hear God's Word.

Thank you

Margaret rsc

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 Marlow, Thomas and Matthew who are being Baptised later this month.

To the Parishioners of St. Marys and St. Thomas - Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul!

On behalf of the Greensborough Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I wish to sincerely thank the parishioners of St. Marys and St. Thomas for their tremendous support of our recent Winter Appeal. Even though the final figure is still being processed, we know it will be substantial! With the cost of living rising, there has been an upsurge in callers these last few weeks needing our assistance. Therefore your donations will set us up well to continue to look after our local families through the Winter and the rest of the year. When there are many demands on your generosity during the year, we are so grateful that you have once again shown loyalty and appreciation for the work of your local Conference in such a practical way.

With kindest regards

Maureen Lonsdale, President – Greensborough SVDP

Roster for Weekend 15th & 16th July 2023

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: J. Bohan

Commentator: K. Mc Mahon

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Bedford, S. Bishop, T. Holland

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: L.Hobson

Commentator: S. Millar

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Landy, C. Riordab, A. Letzia

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

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

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.***



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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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.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Next meeting, Wednesday 12th July. In the gathering space, 12.00pm-2.00pm. BYO lunch.

Bingo \$5.00 a book, afternoon tea provided. All welcome. Contact Geraldine on 0438 148896.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Members and friends are invited to join us for lunch on Wednesday 19th July at 12.30pm at Watsonia R.S.L. Enquiries Lucy 9435 6990 or 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.

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

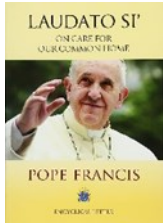
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

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, Olivia MacDonald, Helen Quigley, Lorraine Alexander, Harley McAleer, Pat Milczakowsky, Rosie Bray

Recently Deceased: Margaret Bramley

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

Jack Cole, Ethelbert Ritchie, Jim Smith, Fred Clarke Snr., Len Krohn, Peter deGraaff, John Sanco, Mario S. Victoriano, Jakob Schreier

Maxwell Giddens, Aniela Goral, Joe O'Toole, Lucy Murphy, Ken Devitt, Michael Leonard, William Gow, Kevin O'Neill, Basil Quihampton, Sheila Patterson, Anna DeGier, Owen Conlon, Rosa Kanne, Peter Fowler, Paul Matthews, Raymond Brown John, Nora & Brian McMahan, Stella Wood, Jino Zanwosto, Finetta Callahan, Maurice Conway, Kevin Murphy, David Case, Irene Williamson, Vincenzo Amato, Margaret Mullen

Andrew Fitzgerald, Mathew Dixon, Robert Wate, Mary Jeans, Bridget Fitzgerald, Martin Bourke, Eduard Dudkowski, Kathleen Murphy, David Perry, Wanda Puka

William Ahern, Barbara Dynes, Paul Nolan, Percy De Zilwa, Douglas Redmond, Zygmunt Nowak, Rosario Lucena, Leonie Park, Roberto L. Doriendo, Christine Mary F Charlton

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, Patricia Heywood, Mario Rossimel

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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. St Margaret's Anglican Church, 79-81 PITT Street Eltham.

Windows onto God (in-person event), Sat 29 Jul, 10am-3pm

The windows explored are incarnation, darkness, abundance and self- acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. An interactive event allowing time for reflection and sharing, facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

This month Aid to the Church in Need is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Jesus thanked God for hiding the mysteries of faith from the so-called 'wise and intelligent' and revealing them to 'infants'. So often in scripture human values are turned upside-down: those who are usually esteemed are, in the end, the ones who miss out.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 July 2023

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. *(R.)*
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

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