



Sunday 17th July 2022

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Martin Tanti

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & 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: Francesca Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am-10.00am & 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

Parish School Principal

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251 Diamond Creek Road,
Greensborough Nth 3088

Parish: 9434 7373

Email: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

Secretary: Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

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

Mass at Home: St Patrick's Cathedral: On Channel 31, 44 on Digital TV, for Sunday Mass at 11.00am

Mass for You at Home - Diocese of Wollongong: Sundays on Channel 10 at 6am, Foxtel Channel 173 at 10am, and online at
www.massforyou.com.au



The point to notice is that the guest(s) come not simply to receive but also to give.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/homily-notes--16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c>

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

The Partnered Parishes THINK AND BREATHE Child Safety – KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.

With the return of families at our Masses and as our toilets are out of view, parental supervision of your children is required while using the facilities.

Parents/guardians are to supervise children at all times when at our parishes.

Use of electronic communication including social media

Parish clergy, employees and volunteers should not use any 'private' communication channels (e.g. personal email account, personal social media account) to communicate with parish children and young people for parish purposes.

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to come and join us in celebrating Mass by Candlelight at St Thomas the Apostle Chapel, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, North Greensborough, Thursday 21st July.

Mass will include the Sacrament of Anointing.

Quiet music from 7.30pm; Mass at 8pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.



***** Alpha begins 26 July – Register now *****



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

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a safe, welcoming and honest space. Participants share their insights and points of view on a range of topics about the basics of the Christian faith and its impact in our lives. All are invited and there is no fee.



We share a meal

We watch a video

We engage in discussion

Register using the above QR code or by [clicking this link](#)

FRG MINISTRY

We are just days away from our very first [Catholic Influencers Online Summit](#) from July 21 to July 23. The live event is FREE, and there is also a [PREMIUM PASS](#) if you would like to watch this in your own time.

I know that it will bless you so much. We have speakers from all around the world gathering to talk, pray, and sing about what it means to be a saint in the 21st Century.

Register now for incredible talks, Liturgies, Praise and Worship, and so much more. Speakers include Archbishop Charles Scicluna, Emily Wilson, Fr. Rob Galea, Joe Melendrez, Sarah Kroger and many more.

You don't want to miss out! Register now at catholicinfluencerssummit.org





UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES 22nd APRIL

HOLY COMMUNION WILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FAITHFUL BY THE SACRED HOST IN OUR CHURCHES.

IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO WEAR A FACE MASK IT IS ONLY RECOMMENDED.

Close contacts of positive cases are to wear face coverings indoors, and to avoid “sensitive” or group settings.
It is still recommended to wear a Face Covering when social distancing cannot be maintained over a period of time.

It is recommended that those who distribute Holy Communion continue to wear a Face Covering
and sanitise their hands before doing so.

In accordance with the guidelines from the Archdiocese, Hand Sanitiser is still available in our Churches.

All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass
until further directed by the Archbishop.

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



Lina & Mario Molinaro: thank parishioners for the messages, flowers and card. Mario is living permanently at Mercy House Templestowe. Lina hopes to get back walking and return home soon, and she is looking forward to seeing her friends again at Mass.

Sacred Heart School refurbishment: Temporary scaffolding has been erected at the front of the school. Please allow extra time for parking prior to Mass. Updates will be provided.

Baptisms: we pray for Charlie, Matilda, Violet, Reid, Tomi, Finn, Sophie, Madison and Lachlan who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in July.

Parish Pastoral Council: PPC Suggestion Box at back of Church. Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

Senior Moments: Wednesday 20th July Lunch & Games 12pm in Parish Centre.

Wednesday 3rd August Lunch and Movie at Pat Frisby's house.

Rosters for Weekend 24th July

Sunday 24th July 9am Sacred Heart

Reader: J. Hoyne

Commentator: B. Flynn

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Keenan, C. Ledda

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

Mario Molinaro, Lina Molinaro, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Margaret Holland, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Bernadette Hobbs, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, John Downey,

We pray for those who have died including Tony Ledda 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

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST ST FRANCS OF ASSISI PARISH MILL PARK PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY 2023

THE HOLY LAND: 12th October 2023 for 20 Days OR **FOOTSTEPS of ST PAUL:** 6th of November 2023 for 24 Days.

For further information please contact Elio on 0414 440 812 or Chiara on 0439 612 694.

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION,: Saturday 30 Jul 2022, 10am-2pm AEST, online via Zoom. When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within one self. This day is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 25/7/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne
Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email office@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101

GENTLY INTEGRATING OUR SHADOW-SIDE TOWARD WHOLENESS: Saturday 6 Aug 2022, 1pm-4.30pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person. Our shadow-side is not some deep, dark pathology within us to be feared. Although we are unaware of our shadow-side operating within us, it nevertheless shapes our living, in that our shadow-side expresses itself through distorted and unhealthy means. If our shadow-side is unknown to us, how can it be recognised and integrated? Also, how can wholeness and true self be experienced? This reflection event, led by Kaye Twining, BTheol, Grad Dip Spir Dir, MA, will offer an understanding of wholeness, true self and shadow-side and includes a reflective practice for gently integrating our shadow-side toward wholeness. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 29/7/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email office@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: The diocese of Huancavelica is one of the poorest in Peru. Until recently the people here have had little spiritual formation and infrequent visits from a priest since the villages are far apart. Two priests are managing to visit every village once a month, celebrating Holy Mass, administering the Sacrament of the sick, and preparing people for the reception of the Sacraments. This pastoral care is now bearing fruit, and more and more Catholics are returning to the practice of their faith, but a robust all-terrain vehicle would make it much easier for these priests to minister more intensively to the Catholic faithful in Peru?

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



Baptisms: Please keep in your prayers Oliver, James, Zara, Charlotte and Chad who are being baptised later this month.

Contactless Payments: We are now able to allow electronic transfer of funds through the purchase of a Square Tap Machine. Parishioners will be able to 'tap and go' for the Presbytery and Parish collections. There are instruction in the Church or you can ask for help.

This will enable those who want to have less reliance on cash to be able to keep supporting the Parish and our Priests.

Finance/thanksgiving Program: For sometime the numbers of contributors to our Thanksgiving Program has been declining with a consequential impact on parish income.

It is now critical that action be taken to address our financial position. A mini Thanksgiving Campaign will be conducted at St Thomas on the weekend of 24th/25th July. A presentation will be made at Masses on that weekend outlining our finances and providing an opportunity for parishioners to participate in the Thanksgiving Program.

Next meeting of the St Thomas parish Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 20th July, 7.00pm

St Thomas Parish Pastoral Council: Email address: stthomasppc@gmail.com

Funeral for David Wong, Wednesday 20th July 11.00am St Thomas Church.

Rosters for Weekend 23rd & 24th July

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: K. Salm

Commentator: T. Holland

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Salm, L. Leahy, J. Bohan

Set Up: J. De Carlo

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Kenny **Commentator:** Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tipping, A. Kerr

Set Up: J. Kerr

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Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis, Miran Kasalo,

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:

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

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Online unit via Zoom

Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care

Six Saturdays: 30 July; 31, 27 August;

17 September; 8, 22 October:

10am – 12pm plus 2pm – 4pm

To enrol or for further information:

Email: registrar@ctc.edu.au Phone: 03 9412 3309

This unit can be taken as part of a postgraduate award, as a single unit.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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



PLEASE NOTE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Francesca and Sharon will provide for our **secretarial needs on Tuesdays 9am-5pm and Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm** and Jacinta's **days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-5pm**.

Please continue to send any bulletin contributions to Francesca and Sharon at greensborough@cam.org.au by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY *If there is no-one in attendance in the Library, it can be opened and you can record which books you take on the sheet.*



LADIES AUXILIARY Join us for a Morning Tea with live music on **Wednesday 20th July at 10.30am** in the Gathering Space. Cost \$10. Bookings after all Masses **16th/17th July**. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.



SPECIAL THANKS Bridget and Glenn send their many thanks for the safe arrival of their baby. Max arrived safely. We are so happy and feel so blessed.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES We welcome Confirmation candidates and their families at our Masses this weekend as they are presented to our Parish Community in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in July. Our prayers and support are with you all.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Help is needed for us to recommence Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10.00 Mass. Education & support will be provided. Working with Children accreditation is a prerequisite to be one of the team. We work in 2s each session. At the moment we only have support for twice a month. If you are interested please contact Geraldine Conroy 0438 148 896.

St Mary's Prayer Shawl Group: Meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enq: Maureen Leahy— 0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 . A big THANK YOU to these special people who continue to provide wool and who create these little animals to be included in our Baby Bundles



DONATION OF USED HEARING AIDS AND GLASSES: Box available in the Gathering Space.

NEW SACRIFICIAL GIVING ENVELOPES AND NUMBERS— THANK YOU for your Sacrificial Giving contribution over the last financial year and for your support over the years, without which the work of the parish could not be maintained. New envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space as from next weekend of 23/24 July. In the past, many receipts have not been collected or are not required, so in our continued endeavors to save paper, a printed tax receipt will be supplied upon request. Soft copies are also available. **PLEASE NOTE: For administration purposes, we are updating our database. As a result some contributors will find that they have been allocated new envelope numbers. Envelopes will be sorted alphabetically, so locating them in the crates will be as normal. We ask that you please begin to use the new envelopes from 7th August.** If your envelopes are missing or you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office. **Thank you**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament :-First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can. All Welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

July Baptisms: Skylah Oatway-Knight, Braylen Oatway-Knight, Pearl Loader, Archie Drake, Ryan Denier, Rose Graham, Bodhi Coghlan, Maggie Boglis, Grace Johnson, Jacob Kelly

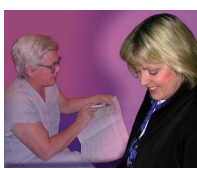
Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Peter Mejak, Michael Mc Aleer, Helen Sinnott, Barbara Fernandez, Christos Pittas, Judy Malamaci, Noah Thorley

Recently Deceased: Jim Mc Aleer, David Perry, Wanda Puka

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

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, James Fitzpatrick, Kevin Sullivan, Marj Grey, Bruno Sculli, Joseph Reardon, Emily O'Neill, Barry Todd, Myra McMahon, 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, Joy Kean, John McEntee Snr, Ena Colvin, Grazia Scotto, Joseph Frendo, Mary Shelley, Alice Puckeridge, Ron Mountney, Mary Shortal, Maria Cardamone, Carlos MiLiCup, Joyce Williamson, Kevin Clarke, Gaudio Tosetto, Maureen Bentley, Frank Cosgriff, Letitia Liston, Candy Paiva, Margaret Pini, Candice Paiva, Victoria Debono, Reg O'Connor, Tadviga Krolkowski, Edward Sheridan, Sarah Kelly, Stanislaw Krupko, Kevin Barnett, Doris Russell, Edward Beers, Sheila Hopkins, Daniel Joseph Carr, Rocco Galati, Irma Cole, Shannon Risson, Mick Phelan



LECTIONARY ART REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE. The story of Martha and Mary seems like a simple one, but it has been the focus of a surprising amount of comment. Some say that Mary's contemplative stance is favoured because it brought her closer to Jesus or that it was more cerebral and therefore more honourable in some way. Others claim that Martha's honest toil is not sufficiently valued in the story or that Martha was one of those task-orientated persons who busied herself and missed the opportunity to be attentive. But both work and contemplation are significant parts of human life, like pleasure and responsibility and, when a proper balance is found, surely both are equally honourable.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

17 July 2022

First Reading Gn 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

- Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
- He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
- He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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