



Sunday 15th May 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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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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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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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

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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



Jesus' new commandment is the key to transforming our world.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C, 15 May 2022.

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflection---love-one-another---just-as-i-have-loved-you>

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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.

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

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

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES 22nd APRIL

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.

We all have questions about faith, life and meaning, and we all deserve a safe space to ask them. Alpha is that space.

Exciting news!! We are planning to bring **Alpha** to our Partnered Parishes community, in particular, the parents of children attending our three primary schools. In preparation for this, we are inviting expressions of interest for positions on the **Alpha Leadership Team**. The only ‘qualifications’ you need are your love for our Lord Jesus and a desire to bring people together to explore the big questions in life.

If you are interested, please email AlphaVic3088@gmail.com or call Trevor on 0435 823 002.

To learn more about Alpha, visit <https://www.alpha.org.au/try>



Scripture Study: Would you like to join our weekly scripture group on Zoom?

We are commencing a 6 week study on **The Letters to the Hebrews**, starting from **Thursday 19th May 2022**.

This study reviews the history of Israel and points us to Jesus Christ who fulfils and surpasses all the hopes expressed in the Old Testament. This study reminds us of the great heroes of faith found in the Old Testament and urges us to imitate their faithful endurance. For more information and enrolling please contact Michelle on 0432316777 mtdsouza@optusnet.com.au

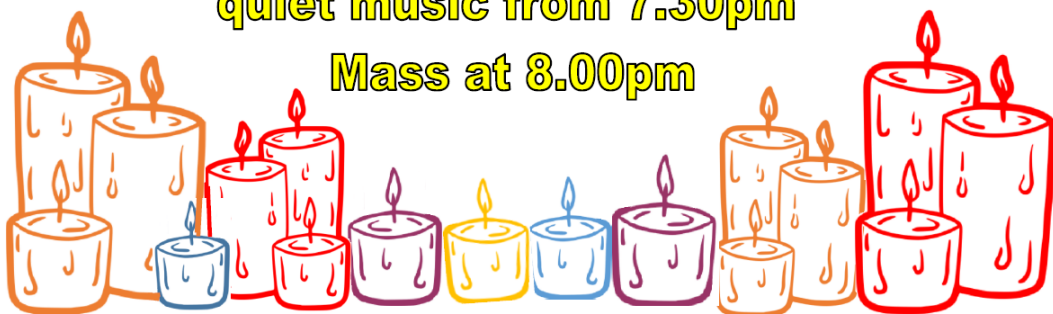
Invitation to Candlelight Mass

Come and pray for peace - Thursday 19 May

**at St Thomas the Apostle Chapel,
Diamond Creek Road, North Greensborough**

quiet music from 7.30pm

Mass at 8.00pm



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



Baptisms: We pray for Celestine, Dante, Rosa, Cormack, Myles, Darbybelle, Willow, Charlie, Rueben, George and William who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in May.

Senior Moments: Wednesday 18th May 12pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 1st June 12pm Lunch Diamond Creek Chinese.

Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall Saturday 21st May: Sacred Heart Hall is a **Voting Venue** so the School Parents Association will be fundraising by selling bacon & egg rolls, sausages, and gratefully accept contributions for the **Bake Sale**.

More details and a list of suggested slices, muffins, cakes etc available in the church.

Project Compassion: Please return money boxes asap so receipts can issued. Thank you

Rosters for Weekend 21st & 22nd May

St Peter's 7.15pm: Reader: J. Robinson Commentator: R. Nicolaisen Eucharistic Ministers: E. Gittins, P. Keenan

Sacred Heart 9.00am: Reader: F. Ledda Commentator: Y. O'Brien Eucharistic Ministers: R. Padget, C. Ledda

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

Mario Molinaro, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Tony Ledda, Margaret Holland, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Bernadette Hobbs, Mervyn Bourke

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May that they may enter

Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Dorothy Pittle, Alan Bentley, Glenn Hurley, Michael Berriman, Helen McCrohan, Peter Beaumont, Frank Perversi, Noela Atkinson, Henry Van Oosterom, Kevin Rogers, Eddie Schellens

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



Parental Supervision: 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.

Baptisms: We welcome the children who are being Baptised later this month into our community.

Our prayers are with these children and their families: Carter, Emelia and Jasmine.

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: You are invited to come and join us in praying for peace at a Candlelight Mass, St Thomas the Apostle Chapel, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, North Greensborough, Thursday 19 May. Quiet music from 7.30pm; Mass at 8pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902

Parish Pastoral Council: Our next meeting is Wednesday 18th May, 7.00pm Email address: stthomasppc@gmail.com

Rosters for Weekend 21st & 22nd May

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: E. Sacchetta **Commentator:** P. Carty **Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Bohan, T. Holland

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: L. Hobson **Commentator:** S. Millar **Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Riordan, A. Kerr, B. Riordan

Set Up: J. Kerr

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

Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis, Miran Kasalo,

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

Domenica Picollo, Kath Mumford, Theodora Ellul, Maura McGauran, Stephen Ruzic, Marg Watson, Ray Money, Gaetano Palazzolo

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.

LADIES AUXILIARY Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 18th May at 10.15am** in the Gathering Space. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906.

PLANT SALE after masses on the **weekend of 28/29 May**. Enquiries Judy Newell 9435 4506.

THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with catering after Fr. Mick Mulcahy's Funeral Mass. Too many to thank individually.

FAMILY GROUPS On **Sunday 22nd May** we will be celebrating 15 years of Family Groups at St Mary's at the 10.00am Mass followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space. Please join us as we pray for all Family Groups Australia wide. If anyone is interested in joining Family Groups—even if you are single or a couple—please speak to any of our lovely members at the Morning Tea. Pauline Prendergast 0422 668 133.

We apologize that the library is not staffed at every Mass as we lack enough volunteers. However when it is open you are welcome to come in and self-borrow following the instructions on the desk.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact the Library at smp1g04@gmail.com. No literary or computer expertise is necessary.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Commencing on Friday the 3rd of June we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9.15am Mass until 3pm. This will take place on the first Friday of each month. Spend whatever time you can. All Welcome.



In the week of 'Laudato Si', May 16 – 24th 2022, the Pope calls for us to engage with the 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'

It is vital for all of us to work together for all the people across our planet.

A new book in the St Mary's Parish Library inspires us by the agriculture work of missionaries Tony and Liz Rinuado in the deserts of Niger in Africa. This work has led not only to restoration of land, but the restoration of hope for the local people.

"The Forest Underground: Hope for a Planet in Crisis" (2022) – presents 'practical solutions to counter desertification, famine and despair'.

Rather than just planting trees which may wither and die without water, Tony's innovative methods, have meant that the tree density on farmland has become ten times greater, across 5 million hectares. See [The Forest Underground: Hope for a Planet in Crisis by ISCAST — Kickstarter](#)

This has doubled farmer's crop yields and income. By clever and careful selection of trees and shrubs, the soil maintains moisture and is regenerated. Tony Rinaudo received an Order of Australia in 2019 for this great work. What an inspiration to us all!

God of the poor, You have always heard and responded to the cries of those in need, as all people are worthy of your love and care. We commit to the call and challenge of this special week.



BIG GOUP HUG The Big Group Hug is a local charity that supports disadvantaged families in the community and beyond. They provide donated goods to help parents care for children from newborn to 12 years of age. To keep all kids cosy and warm please donate **NEW** socks, jocks, singlets and pyjamas for boys and girls size 2-16.

There is a donation box in the Gathering Space of the Church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S CONTINUED

ALTAR SERVERS Several children have responded on the *Time and Talent* form indicating they wish to be Altar Servers. Altar serving is an important ministry and is a way children can be a part of the Church in a practical and satisfying way. If your child has received first Eucharist and would like to become a server, please contact the office on 9435 1543 or speak to the priest after Mass. Training for new and returning servers will commence soon. Thank you.

ST MARY'S FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM is urgently seeking new members capable of preparing and/or running the audio-visual presentations at funerals. Please contact the parish office for more information on 9435 1543 or email greensborough@cam.org.au Thank you

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 .

HELP WITH TRANSPORT TO MASS: A parishioner who is unable to get to Mass would greatly appreciate if anyone would be available to take them to 10.00am Mass on Sundays. If you are able to help could you please contact the Parish Office 94351543.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Special Prayers are asked for Bridget and Glenn's baby during the pregnancy.

May Baptisms: Anne Forte, Annabelle Alesich,

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

Peter Mejak, Pat Garrard, Michael Mc Aleer, Helen Sinnott, Barbara Fernandez

Recently Deceased:

We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this week, may they enter joyfully into God's Kingdom: Margaret Mahoney, Jacqueline Duncan, May Claudius, Elsie Watts, Madeleine Schuster, David Meagher, Vic Proffitt, Walter Buckley, John Brain, Win Hanlon, Stan Cichorski, Natalino Grech, John Gallaher, Eileen Murphy, Joseph Darcy, Jessie Gomes, Heidi Beard, Daniel Tucker, Barry Rosewall, Querino Bonotto, Nancy Moran, Henok Mulat, Margaret Cooper, Ronald Duncan, Bill Hill, Barry Rosewall, Ron Duncan, Sydney Hope, Geoff Hedger, Marie Walsh, Dr. Jose & Mrs. Catalina Arce, Fr. Tom Ashe, Jack O'Callaghan, Albert Minney, Fiona Robinson, Shiela Cowell, Flosis O'Rourke, Susan McCormack, Joe Amato, Glenys Bruce, Tegan Amber Kennet, Amor Teves-Péna, Peter Dalton, Harold Haarburger, Vern Birthisel, Helen Hughes, Pauline Attard, Geoff Dalglish, Hubert Johnston, Bishop Eric Perkins, Agnes O'Regan, Mary Haward, Myrtle Bridges, Annabelle Dillon, Tony Ippoliti, William Rule, Maria Antonia Galati

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22nd May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions.

Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF> The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

Parishes are also encouraged to mark this event during their Masses on the weekend of 21–22 May, focussing prayerfully on those who have died during this time of the COVID pandemic. Further resources, including prayers and liturgical inclusions for parishes can be found here: <https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/libraries/2022/emerging-out-of-covidtwo-special-masses-for-the-community/>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Teaching Meditation and prayer, online unit via zoom. Four Saturdays: 18th/25th June and 8th, 15th October. To enroll and for further information: Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au Postgraduate: postgrad@ctc.edu.au

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY: An Australian pilgrimage led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre. for 10 days, from 18th October & concludes on the 29th October. For more information visit our website:

www.marymackillopplace.org.au or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or phone 02 8912 4818.



LECTIONARY ART REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE.

This week's gospel reading contains two contrasting images. The first is an image of Judas walking out of the room where Jesus and the disciples are sharing their last meal together – we know that Judas is going to betray his friends. In Judas' absence, Jesus gives his disciples 'a new commandment' to 'love one another' – the second image. This love is a witness to discipleship, which entails commitment and constancy.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

15 May 2022

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

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

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. 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.)
2. 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,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your
reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

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