





Sunday 11th August 2024

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Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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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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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

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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

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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: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 11th August 2024. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-19-ot-year-b-2024

NEXT WEEK: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.



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

FEAST OF THE ASUMPTION MASS

The combined Partnered Parish Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated together with the regular prayer group Mass on *Thursday, 15th August at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough.* Please note praise and worship will commence at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm which includes the Sacrament of Anointing. Supper provided. All warmly welcome. Further enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

SAVE THE DATE:

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

<u>ST MARY'S SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP:</u> The St Mary's Scripture Study Group invites you to an engaging and informative presentation on why the Mass is still relevant in the 21st century. Our guest speaker, the renowned Father Ananda will explore these questions and much more at St Mary's church, Greensborough.

To register or for further information, please contact David Botica on 0450805802 or Soroush Fani on 0452035014. There is no fee, but you can make a small voluntary contribution on the night itself, to help cover costs.

The presentation includes The Eucharist the source and summit of Christian Spirituality, and highlights it's importance within the holy mass.

The talk will commence at 7:00 PM on the 13th of August at St Mary's Parish Greensborough.

You are invited to a Mini Retreat of the Tree of Life Four Seasons Windows









10am-12.30pm, Saturday, August 17

As part of St Thomas the Apostle Church 25th anniversary celebrations, a mini retreat will be presented in the Church based on the **Tree of Life in the Four Seasons Windows.**

Viewed through the lens of our Christian faith, the Windows invite us to discover the presence of the Divine, challenging us to embrace our role as missionary disciples and reflect the image of Christ.

For catering purposes please RSVP to Emilia by August 14 <u>emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com</u>

Mob: 0418 120 902

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 12.30pn-3.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am-1.00pm

Please send bulletin contributions by 12.00pm on Wednesday to greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

ASSUMPTION MASS SACRED HEART: THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 12.00PM.

<u>PLEASE BRING A PLATE:</u> For catering purposes for Pat's morning tea on the 11th of August, if you are able to bring plate to share it would be very much appreciated. Marg Farrell.

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.

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

SENIOR MOMENTS:

<u>HALL HIRE</u>: Sacred Heart Hall is for hire. For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions contact Alison Pieper on 0417571535 or *alisonpieper52@gmail*

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MESSAGES FROM SR MARGARET:

LTURGICAL CALENDAR

14th August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe was a Franciscan priest and martyr who was arrested and sent to Auschwitz in 1941 where

he endured hard labour. His life was offered in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family.

15th August The feast of the Assumption originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century and was known as the 'Falling-Asleep of

the Mother of God'. It was adopted in Rome and later became known as the 'Assumption' The feast "celebrates

Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son."

Source: Liturgia

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 13th August: Frances Geoghegan, Pam Leonard

Sunday 18th August Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: Y. O'Brien Commentator: F. Ledda Eucharistic Ministers: T. Sirianni, P. Keenan

St Peter's Saturday 7th September 7.15pm

Reader: B. Flynn Commentator: R. Nicolaisen

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, and the residents of Wattle Glen & Diamond Creek Care Community Aged Care Facilities.

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

Kingdom: Jim Beattie, Fr Gerard Loughnan, Kevin Nihill, Win Atkinson, Mary Burke,

Wayne Robinson



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

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ASSUMPTION MASS ST MARY'S THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 9.15AM

<u>FRIENDSHIP GROUP:</u> Next get together will be on Wednesday 14th August after Len's funeral in the gathering space. Bring your own lunch, afternoon tea provided, Bingo. All welcome Geraldine 0438 148896.

<u>LADIES AUXILARY:</u> Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st. August at 10.15am in the gathering space. All welcome. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990

<u>COMMUNION TIME:</u> 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 GROUP: We wish to offer a BIG THANK YOU to those who have generously donated wool, any knitted garments & especially to the kind angel who left beautiful Bendigo Wool in the kitchen for us.

Thanks to you, our ministry continues to bring comfort & warmth to many in need within our parish family, but especially to the many families who approach the BIG HUG GROUP in desperation, during these challenging times!

We would appreciate if you're able, either financially or supplying us with: 8ply Acrylic Wool &/or 4ply Baby Acrylic Wool. If you happen to have any spare wool, that too, would be welcome as also 'buttons!'

We continue to hold close & in Prayer, all who assist & encourage us in the wonderful ministry, each Monday in the Gathering Space from 10am 12pm when we meet together in the Gathering Space.

Anyone who feels you would like to come along for a 'look-see, 'know you'd be welcomed warmly!

CONTACT PEOPLE: Maureen Leahy 0407 687 517. Anne Fleming. 0409 234 326



Be informed, inspired and entertained.



Book of the Week

On August 8 we celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, Saint Mary of the Cross, Australia's first canonised saint.

The Library holds several books and DVDs about her life and work and the foundation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph (Josephites), including some children's books.

cloud.collectorz.com/247780



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

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, Rachael Angelotti, Janice Duffell

Recently Deceased: Len Bainbridge

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

Richard Omant, Sr Mary Justinian RSM, Frank Carr, Anna Villanti, Greg Rudderham, Antonio Paras, Vivienne Rickards, James Booker, Sheila Booker, Allan Corcoran, Lorenzo Favata, Dorothy Dixon, Catherine Fowler, Piotr Goral, Ted Rutter, Neville Davis, Mary McGrath, Bev Gurney, Emily Shaw, Sheila Heaton, Gwyndolyn Wright, Noel Coleman, Maureen Russo, Johanna Cummins, Elizabeth Waugh, William Barker, Theodore Denis Isaacson, Robert Law, Catherine Alexander, Josephine Marshall, Frank Kerin, Anne Lawler, Frank Kerr, William Barker, Aurora Reyes, Robert Lovel, St Mary MacKillop, Sheila Heaton, Mutya Lazatin, William Munro, Mary Howard, Francesco Colaci, Eileen Armour, Flo Quinn, Salvatore Ficarra, Patricia Waldron, Bernard Considine, Bernard J Cunningham, George E Castel, Jamesie Brady, Mackenzie Miller, Clem Naughton, Reogilda Lugtu, Vincent Allsopp, Josie & Eugene Shanahan, Geoffrey Leahy, Bill Jefferd, Franciska Novak, Peter de Graaff, Rose Camilleri, Rita Hegarty, Les Wilson, Tony Sich, Giuseppina Inserra, Molly Gallagher, Gabriel Silvapulle, Sylvia Pitts, Joan Hewitt, Raymond Clamp, Joyce Pemberton, Douglas Muir, Mila Juka, Jennifer Lobo



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 8.00am-12.00pm, Wednesdays 12.30pm,-4.00pm, Thursdays 8.00am-11.30am, Friday 8.00am-4.00pm Tuesday 12.30pm-3.30pm, Sacred Heart, Wednesday 8.00am-12.00pm & Thursday 12.00-3.00pm St Mary's)

ASSUMPTION MASS ST THOMAS THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 9.15AM & 7.30PM

BAPTISMS: Please keep in your prayers Matilda and Jacinta who are being baptised later this month.

MORNING TEA 18TH AUGUST: Thank you to those who have already responded in what they are able to bring to our morning tea. To help with catering if you are able to bring some finger food, sweet or savoury, muffins, slices, caked (already cut up) and haven't let me know, could you please respond by phone or email. This will help with catering. Thank you Lisa



Monday Bible Study Group 7.30 to 9.30pm on **200m**



On Monday 5th Aug. the group will commence a new study using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible on the Book of Psalms.

All welcome to click the link and join in:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79611838040



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH turns 25 this year.

Do you know ...?

Our church has four non-traditional stained glass windows which symbolically portray the life of Jesus Christ. Each window represents a season of the year, with the "tree of life" at the centre.

The Gathering Space allows parishioners and visitors to enter the church and begin to focus on their reasons to be there, to be greeted and to greet others, to take a moment of quiet reflection before moving into the sacred place of Eucharistic and other liturgical celebrations.

When inside the worship space, the eyes of the congregation are drawn to the altar, the centre. We sit as equals around the altar, a community of Christians. We see each other and acknowledge our togetherness in faith. We listen to the Liturgy of the Word and then participate actively in the Liturgy of the Eucharist and other liturgical occasions.

We leave to live out our faith:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord ...

And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

(They'll Know We are Christians by Peter Scholtes)

Roster for Weekend 17th & 18th August

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: Volunteer **Commentator:** Volunteer **Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteer Set Up: J. De Carlo

Sunday 10.30am Anniversary Mass

Reader: Lilian, Michael, Annie Commentator: Emilia **Eucharistic Ministers: Priests** Set Up: Cathy

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Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close: In this week's gospel Jesus refers to himself as the 'bread that came down from heaven'. His role here is not only to nourish and sustain but also to sacrifice himself: 'The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The shadow of the cross hangs over this statement.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 August 2024

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

- 2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all his terrors he set me free. (R.)
- 3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard and rescued him from all his distress.
- 4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:30-5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,

and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,

so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah.

There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the diversity within community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.