

Sunday 16th June 2024

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

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & 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: 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

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 Saturday 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Acting Parish School Principal

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St. Thomas the Apostle

251 Diamond Creek Road,
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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

Acting Parish School Principal

Mrs Jo Nolen **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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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: This is what the kingdom of God is like

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 16 June 2024.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-11-of-year-b-2024>

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 continued

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 15th & 16th June 2024

This week you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

This week, we are called to "invite other to the banquet", and we will invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia.

You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia, . Your gift will also assist many other Churches programs around the world.

You can donate through: catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia



SAFEGUARDING

Our Partnered Parishes are so incredibly thankful for the amazing work of our Volunteers.

Without your time, talent and commitment, the inner workings of our Parish community would not be the same. As a reminder, to be compliant as a Volunteer there are some vital steps that need to be taken first.

These include obtaining a Working With Children Check or VIT registration for Children and Vulnerable people, registering your place of volunteering on your WWC Check application or on MyCheck page and keeping it active throughout your entire service, completing the Essential Safeguarding training online and signing the Code of Conduct. Once again, thank you for your generous and valuable service to the Parish.

Links:

* <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

* <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

FAMILIES IN SPIRITUAL HARMONY

Calling all tweens, teens, young adults and families with children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Are you looking for a place for you and your children to meaningfully connect with other Catholic Families?

We have the pleasure of introducing Families In Spiritual Harmony (**FISH**). This group has been

created by families for families; with the objective of creating a spiritual safety-net for our youth and fostering our catholic community. It is open to everyone, and is for the benefit of all three of our parishes.

We will focus on and encourage faith formation, reflection and discussion in these sessions –

all whilst having some fun! These sessions will be held every Friday, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

at St Thomas the Apostle Parish.

On the first Friday of every month, we will also have The First Friday's Devotion,

along with confession, and all are welcome to join in.

We hope to see you all soon.

Fr Ananda Maddineni



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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am-1.00pm, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am-2.30pm.*

Please send bulletin contributions by 12.00pm on Wednesday. Thank you

LITURGY OF THE WORD



A reminder to everyone, Liturgy of the word will be celebrated at the 9.15am service on Wednesday the 19th June.

BAPTISMS: we pray for Flynn, Anderson, Noah & Flynn who are welcomed into our community in June.

MONTHLY RAFFLE: tickets are available after 9am Mass. This month's prize is a "Winter Warmers" hamper. Tickets are \$2 or 6 for \$10.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL PIETY STALL: Clearance Sale this Sunday. Cash offers gratefully accepted.

DIAMOND CREEK ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL: There will be a leaving collection after Masses on **6th/7th July**. Envelopes are also 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, or cash would be most appreciated. Thank you.

ANNUAL KEY REGISTER UPDATE: Please email your current key number to the office. Parishioners who rarely use an allocated key are encouraged to hand in to office. Thank you.

SACRED HEART MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES: The cost of supply and installation is \$350. Please contact Marg Farrell via email at ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com or leave a message with Pat in the Parish Office if you would like a loved one remembered in this way.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next PPC meeting is on 13th June. Suggestion box in church or email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

SENIOR MOMENTS: .Wednesday 19th June 12pm Lunch & Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 3rd July 12pm Pastie, Pie and Cake lunch in the Parish Centre.

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

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ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 18th June B. & P O'Regan

Sunday 23rd June Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: R. McEvoy **Commentator:** A. Pieper

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Ledda, C. Garzia

St Peter's Saturday 6th July 7.15pm

Reader: M. Frisby **Commentator:** J. Robinson

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

Denney Hegarty, Mary O'Dea, 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.

Recently deceased: Garry Pemberton

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:

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

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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LADIES AUXILIARY: Morning tea Wednesday 17th. July in gathering space \$10.00 per person. Light refreshments at 11am followed by guest speaker Snr. Const. Alison Kepple on "Safety in the Home" Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

Next sale will be a cake stall in the gathering space on weekend 29th./ 30th June after Masses. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Judy 9435 4506

Next meeting of Ladies Auxiliary Wed.19th.June @ 10.15am in their gathering space. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990

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 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.

A LOST PROPERTY BOX is on the lower shelf of the bench in the gathering space.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY: St Mary's Library is now open at all Masses at the weekend and frequently after weekday Masses.

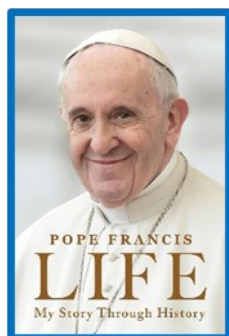
Borrow using the form provided. Loans are for one month. Can all borrowers please check your shelves and return any overdue books so that they are available for all? There is a return chute outside the Library. There are no penalties for late or lost books.

Thank you

St Mary's Library Committee

"When we pray we speak to God; but when we read God speaks to us" (St Jerome, Patron Saint of Libraries)

Be informed, inspired and entertained.



Book of the Week

Life: My Story Through History by Pope Francis with Fabio Marchese Ragona

The Pope tells the story of his life organised through major world events, from World War II, the landing on the moon and the fall of the Berlin Wall to the 9/11 attacks and the coronavirus pandemic.

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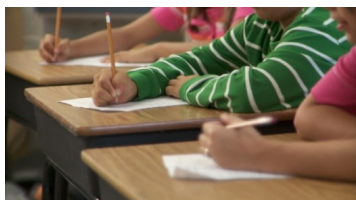
St Mary's Parish Library

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Recently grade 3 students from St Mary's School spent some time in our Parish Memorial Garden weeding, sweeping, planting some new foliage and polishing all the Memorial Plaques remembering members of our Parish Community who have died. We thank teacher, Cassie Lia, who came to me to discuss how might the students 'give back' to the Church which supported them in their preparation and celebration of First Eucharist. Continue to pray for our Catholic Schools staff and for our students. Please...go for a little wonder around to the back of the church and spend some time in a very special area here at St Mary's.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued



WHO'S GOT MAIL! It could be you! Over the weekends of **8th and 9th of June and 15th and 16th June** – there will be an opportunity for you to share a little of **your Confirmation memories** in a letter to one of the **grade 6 students of St Mary's School** who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in July. Each student has written a letter addressed to "Parishioner". The students may be asking for prayer, or perhaps asking about your Confirmation Day and what advice you can offer on receiving the Sacrament. The students letters will be in a basket on the table in the Gathering Space. **Parishioners are asked to take only 1 of the 'Letters to "Parishioner"'**. Once you have read your letter you are to then **write a letter in reply** writing the Child's First Name only on the front of the envelope. All reply letters are to be given into the Parish Office by **Friday, 21st June**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Confirmation candidates to experience a deeper sense of belonging to their Parish. community.

If you would like to assist with delivery of Parishioner letters to the Grade 6 students – please contact Libby or Lisa with your contact details. We require a **total of 6 volunteers – 2 volunteers per Grade 6 class**. A convenient time for delivery of the letters to the 3x grade 6 students, will be confirmed with teachers and volunteers will be informed by a member of Parish Staff.

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

Recently Deceased:

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

Mary Clifford, Samuel Marshall, Francisco Arce, George Barber, Fr Dullard, JBA De Costa, Eileen Kenny, John Giles Sr. Marjorie Remedios, Margaret Luckman, Dominic O'Neill, Joe Forssman, Noel Farr, Angila Milne, Ivy Thomas, George Bull, Doris McLean, Frank DiBlasi, Hazel Wilson, Peter Ilya Cruz, Fidel Orendain, Catherine Fitzgerald, Generoso Riel, Ken Benton, James Murphy, David Barot, William John Semmens, Fr. Des Clifford CSSR, Ron Ferguson, Antonio Chiodo, Jeremy Serong, Dennis Rooney, Therese Jean-Francois, Doris Mullavey, Phyllis Star, Pietro Chiodo, Arthur Butcher, Fidel Orendain, Henry McIntyre, Betty Wilton, Greta Edwards, Margaret Sheridan, Eliseo Tamayo, Brian Foley, Elizabeth Enoch, Hilda Kate Weston, Bill Adams, Mary Walsh, Frederick Kendall, Kevin Hill, William Petty, Eleanor Pike, John Redmond, Angelo Arena, Percy De Zilwa, Paul Kay, Vincent Maurice Pollock, Cresini Santos, Asim Mujezin, Josephine Van-Hoff, Lillian Lonergan, Basil Callaghan, Domenico Filippelli, Helen Adicho, Laurence Furey, Jim McCarty, Norma Munro, Rhonda Margaret Herrin, Debbie Kinder, Pete Molo, Noeline Baillie

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday & Friday: 8.00am-4.00pm Wednesdays 12.30pm,-4.00pm*

Thursdays 8.00am-11.30am (**Wednesday 8.00am-12.00pm & Thursday 12.00-3.00pm St Mary's**)

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LITURGY OF THE WORD



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

BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCH: Our inaugural Building Bonds of Friendship lunch held on Thursday 23rd May was very successful and was enjoyed by all who came. We made good use of our new coffee machine and microwave and enjoyed the yummy sandwiches, vegie slice and fruit slice generously prepared by three of our ladies.

These light lunches will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month in St Thomas' Parish Meeting Room at 12.30pm.

Please come along and join us for some friendly chatter while we enjoy our light lunch together.

Donation \$10 To assist with catering, it is helpful to know how many will be coming.

For our June lunch on the 27th June, please RSVP to Edith Sutherland suthe4841@bigpond.com

LECTIONARY FOR THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

For several years now, St Mary's has been using a new Lectionary for the Liturgy of the Word, one that uses inclusive language. St Thomas' parish has been unable to purchase this new version Lectionary due to limited stock available and no reprint in the foreseeable future. Sacred Heart parish has 2 copies and fortunately for us, have generously offered to lend us one copy until we can purchase our own. This means all 3 parishes will be using the same Lectionary. You may notice some differences in the newsletter copies of the readings compared to what you hear read from the lectern. These minor changes using inclusive language do not change the meaning or the content of the scripture. It will also be helpful to our priests to know that all 3 parishes are using the same version of readings.

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Roster for Weekend 22nd & 23rd June

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: P. Carty

Commentator: K. Salm

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Holland, L. Carty

Set Up: J. De Carlo

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: L. Hobson

Commentator: M. Bosco

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Riordan, C. Riordan

Set Up: J. Kerr

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Miran Kasalo, Peter Kernjak, John Geretschlager, Dominic Cambareri, Fr Terry Kean

We pray for those who have died recently 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, John Iacobucci



First Reading Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a
shoot
and plant it myself on a very high
mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of
Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade
of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that
I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low
ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most
High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are
intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we
do by faith and not by sight - we are full of
confidence, I say, and actually want to be
exiled from the body and make our home
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the
body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will
be brought out in the law court of Christ,
and each of us will get what he deserves for
the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower;**

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into
the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed
on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting
and growing; how, he does not know. Of
its own accord the land produces first the
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the
ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no
time; he starts to reap because the harvest
has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom
of God is like? What parable can we find for
it? It is like a mustard seed which at the
time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest
of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown
it grows into the biggest shrub of them all
and puts out big branches so that the birds
of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke
the word to them, so far as they were
capable of understanding it. He would not
speak to them except in parables, but he
explained everything to his disciples when
they were alone.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a wonderful
example of the teaching style of Jesus.
It even tells us that 'he would not
speak to them except in parables'.
Jesus used the parable form almost
exclusively to share his message. He
used imagery that was familiar to his
audience; parables about the everyday
life of a rural community: seeds,
planting, growing, harvesting. The
secret of Jesus' parables, when we
understand the cultural context, is that
there was always a 'twist in the tale' -
what is called a 'discombobulating
shift' - that turns the expected
outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in
the image of the mustard seed. On the
surface the parable is about the
kingdom of God starting from very
small, humble beginnings and growing
into something great. However,
immediately prior to this kingdom
parable, Jesus has reminded us that
the community makes a living out of
growing grain crops like wheat for
bread, etc. His parable about the
mustard seed describes a tiny seed
that grows into a great shrub 'so that
the birds of the air can shelter in its
shade'. A farming community that was
growing grain crops would be greatly
alarmed at the thought of actually
attracting birds to their fields or even
nearby. Jesus' message about the
kingdom of God is that it is actually
disruptive and invasive. The kingdom
brings unrest and disquiet to the
predictable. The kingdom of God is
unsettling. This is a much more
challenging parable than it appears
from a literal reading.

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