



Sunday 16th July 2023

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

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**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

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**Secretaries:** Tanya O'Meara & Lisa Leahy

**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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**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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**Please send any bulletin contributions to [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend bulletin. Thank you**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**



*O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.*

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 16th July 2023.*

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-15-ot-year-a>

**Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.**

**Diamond Valley Deanery**

[www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au](http://www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au)

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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

### SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN



- Is your WWCC currently up to date?
- Is the parish you volunteer at listed with the department of Justice?
- Have you completed your safeguarding training?
- 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.**

### MASS BY CANDLELIGHT



Mass by Candlelight in the spirit of Taize will be celebrated at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough North on Thursday 20th July. Quiet music will commence at 7.30pm, followed by Mass at 8pm including the Sacrament of Anointing. All welcome.

**Enquiries: Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902**

### 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](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

**AID TO CHURCH IN NEED:** 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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector)

**ST JOHN BOSCO'S:** We would like to warmly invite all parishioners to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honor of St John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

(465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield)

Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

## 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.

**DIAMOND CREEK ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** Our sincere thanks for the funds given to support the Diamond Creek Vinnie's community. We are so grateful on behalf of our members. You are all so generous and we will ensure the funds are put to good use. Thanks for supporting our Winter Appeal. Charlie Garzia

**VOLUNTEER DRIVER:** Sacred Heart parish have a roster to take Communion to the residents of Estia Nursing Home Wattle Glen at 1pm each Thursday. We are looking for a second volunteer as a back up to occasionally drive Moya Roadley. Please contact Moya or the Parish Office.



**SAVE THE DATE:** Sacred Heart School Fete and Craft Market Saturday 28th October.

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN:** Reminder that children attending Masses, Baptisms etc need to be accompanied to toilets by a parent or guardian.

Thank you to parishioners who have completed the Safeguarding Essentials Online Training Module either via link <https://melbournecatholic.org> Click *Safeguarding, then the last item Training and upcoming events*. Click Safeguarding training modules and Access link: [www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org) Enter Working With Children Card number. A login number will then be emailed. The Parish Office is notified following completion.



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

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

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm in Parish Centre. Suggestion box at back of church or Email: [ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com)

### **ROSTERS:**

**Cleaning: Week 18th July** L. Armiento & J. Rogers

**Sunday 23rd July Sacred Heart 9am**

**Reader:** A. Pieper

**Commentator:** R. McEvoy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Garzia, R. Padget

**Saturday 5th August St Peter's 7.15pm**

**Reader:** R. Nicolaisen

**Commentator:** Amindha

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dharshanie

***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.*

## 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**

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**REMINDER TO TURN OFF HEATING/COOLING SYSTEM:** Just a reminder to everyone who uses the Church.

Could you please check before you leave that the RAC are turned Off.



### **Roster for Weekend 22nd & 23rd July 2023**

#### **Saturday 6.00pm**

**Reader:** K. Salm

**Commentator:** T. Holland

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Carty, M. Mc Kenzie, K. Salm

**Set Up:** J. De Carlo

#### **Sunday 10.30am**

**Reader:** M. Bates

**Commentator:** T. Williamson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kerr, C. O'Brien, R. Piccolo

**Set Up:** C. O'Brien

***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, Anđelko Korčulanin, Estelle Smooker, Tina Butera, Peter Kranjak*

***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, Nunzio Napoleone, Mary Kenny, Eileen Mc Inerney, Guido Paciocco, Jack Sutherland, Domenico & Elidia Paliotta, Jack O'Brien, Salvatore De Bartolo, Lynette Corcoran*

# 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.

Please send any bulletin contributions to [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

**WANTED GARDEN POTS:** We are after unloved garden pots, any size plastic or other (no seedling Pots) in preparation for the Parish Fete. Please leave behind the parish house or leave near the garden seat.



Contact Phil 9435 4506.

**ST MARY'S GARDENING NEEDS:** Would there be 'lovers of the garden' who would like to be involved in spending a little time caring for a portion surrounding St Mary's? (Barbara has offered to divide the garden into manageable sections) whenever time for each volunteer. Maybe a couple of people could organise to come together!

Please pray about it, as it is such a rewarding ministry and Barb is ever so willing to help you get started, and to help you find a section you'd like to be responsible for. Ever so grateful Anne. ( On behalf of Barbara)

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**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.

### ***Book of the week Be informed, inspired and entertained***

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](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

**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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### **July 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:**

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



**Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close** Jesus tells the parable of the sower whose grain fell on a path, on rocky ground, among thorns and finally on good soil where it thrived. It was only the last lot of seeds that survived, but they were all part of the one sowing. Jesus was alluding to the success (or not) of his message; but we can read it as a metaphor for our faith journey, which goes through all the experiences mentioned above – bad times and good

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**16 July 2023**

**First Reading Is 55:10-11**

*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8**

**(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 8:18-23**

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**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 Mt 13:1-23**

**(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)**

*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

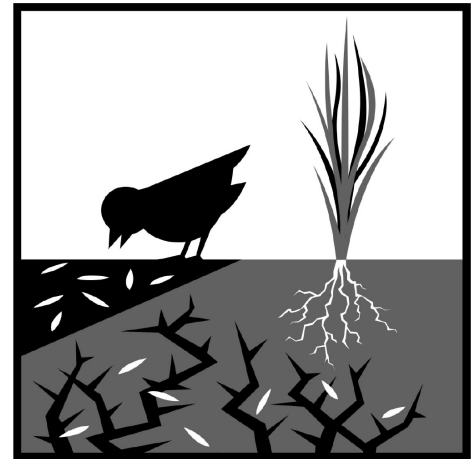
He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.  
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
their ears are dull of hearing,  
and they have shut their eyes,  
for fear they should see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their heart,  
and be converted  
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the Jewish world of the 1st Century. For most of his listeners, that world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples' lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests. The imagery he used was drawn from the lived experience of those he taught. Jesus used a style of storytelling that was popular at the time: parable. A parable is a story with a moral or a lesson. A parable usually involves an extended metaphor and, at its heart, is teaching the listener about how to live or how to behave.

Another feature of parables is that they can be understood at different levels. At one level, there is the literal meaning of a parable – what it says is what it is about. In today's gospel, the parable of the sower can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. At another level, parables have a metaphoric meaning. In this instance, Jesus actually explains the symbolism of the parable to his disciples. There is a further, interpretive level of a parable where a modern reader asks, 'What has that story got to say to me here and now?'

In his conversation with the disciples, Jesus makes clear that only some people are open to understanding the depth of the message contained within his parables. Some people will only ever hear the story and never hear the message. Mind you, he still has to explain the parable to the disciples! He has just chastised those who fail to understand and yet walks the disciples through the parable step by step!

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