





Sunday 2nd July 2023

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		Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am		
Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm	Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am			
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	St Peter's: 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm	Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm		
Reconciliation Times	Sunday: Mass 9.00am	Sunday: Mass 10.30am		
Saturday: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening	Reconciliation Times	Reconciliation Times		
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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

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O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2 July 2023. <u>https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-13-ot-</u> 2023

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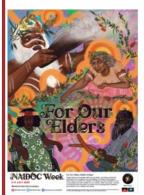


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Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

TODAY IS ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY AND THE START OF NAIDOC WEEK

The 2023 Theme is "For Our Elders"



Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them to. They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world. National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday 3 July to Sunday 10 July), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

(Source:https://www.naidoc.org.au)

Messages from NATSICC (National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council: <u>https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-</u> sunday.html

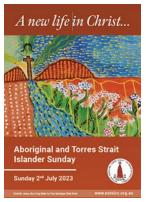
A New Life in Christ: Uniting as One People on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Each year, Catholics from all corners of

Australia gather on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme, "A New Life in Christ" reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted

in unity and shared commitment to positive change. As we commemorate this special day on the Liturgical Calendar, we invite you to listen to our voices and walk alongside us on our journey

towards progress. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolizes our unity as one people in Christ, and we urge both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.

As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament , it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples.



One Journey, Together

This year, Australians will be asked to cast a vote on the proposed alteration to the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Like all Australians, Catholics have an important role to play in the upcoming Referendum.

The tradition of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) well-equips Catholics to make informed decisions based on their own faith and moral positions. With CST Principles in mind and in partnership with Caritas Australia and a number of other Catholic organisations, we have developed a website to host a range of resources to help you decide for or against acknowledging the world's oldest continuing cultures in our Constitution. Our hope is that, however we vote, we take this One Journey, Together.

So, whether you are looking for homilies and reflections by leading Catholic thinkers, interviews and statements from First Nations Community members, links to Referendum information or youth activities or answers to FAQs, learn more at:

www.indigenousvoice.church

Voice Prayer

Dear Lord,

We invite all Australians to join us, their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Brothers and Sisters in prayer.

We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.

We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.

Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of this land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply & celebrate the gifts You have given us.

Help us appreciate true harmony and peace just as our Old People did;

Keep us strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.

Now is an opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better.

Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and

may we be one in Your love.

Amen.

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.

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 5th July: Pastie, pie and cake lunch with Loyola College students 12pm in Parish Centre.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next meeting Thursday 13th July 7.30pm in Parish Centre. Suggestion box at back of church or

Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 4th July C. & F. Ledda

Sunday 9th July Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: L. Armiento Commentator: C. Fernando Eucharistic Ministers: M. Cusack, J. Bruce

Saturday 15th July St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: E. Gittins/School Parent Commentator: M. Frisby Eucharistic Ministers: Dharshanie

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

Astrid Schellens, 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.

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

MEDITATION: Saturday mornings 10am at St Peter's Anglican Church, Bundoora, cnr Grimshaw and Alma streets (opposite Adi). Cost: Free. Contact Ranjit on 0403654549.

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS PALMS AUSTRALIA Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

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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 <u>www.heartoflife.melbourne</u>, email <u>info@heartoflife.melbourne</u> or tel 9890 1101.

Treasuring Our Later Years (in-person event), Sat 5 Aug, 10am-4pm

Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. During our time together, Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm will consider themes that have special significance in our later years: awakening to new possibilities in my life now; spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?; relationships; gratitude; death—mystery; intimacy and delight in God's presence.

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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.

Summary of PPC Meeting held on Wednesday 21st June.

- * Partnered parishes Pastoral Council meeting held on 3rd May, a second meeting on the 28th June at St Thomas. Martin chairperson for PPPC.
- * Early Learning Centre, agreement with parties to proceed with project.
- * Childrens Masses, PowerPoint made for the children, readings from children's lectionary. (Teachers to read).
- * Altar servers, interest for a couple of children. Martin to follow up.
- * Plaques for priests will be brass, final draft sent to Sports awards, placement of plaques once they arrive.
- * Baptisms, encourage godparents to attend preparation meeting.
- * Communion cards given to children after their communion, will do the same for confirmation.
- * Parenting course, 18 registered, 10 attended regularly.
- * A combined Privacy policy is being established across our 3 Parishes.
- * 25th Anniversary of our church in 2024/40 years of our Parish in 2026. How do we celebrate these occasions?
- Next meeting Wednesday 19th July.

Roster for Weekend 8th & 9th July 2023

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: E. Sacchetta	Commentator: P. Carty	Eucharistic Ministers: K. Salm, C. Leahy, J. Bohan
Set Up: M. McKenzie		
Sunday 10.30am		
Reader: J. Kerr	Commentator: M. Kenny	Eucharistic Ministers: C. O'Brien, R. Piccolo, B. Riordan
S et Up: J. Kerr		

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, Andelko Korculanin, Estelle Smooker, Tina Butera, Peter Kranjak

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of Julythat 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, Lynette Corcoran

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

We wish to thank all our volunteers in our Parishes.

- A reminder that all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check.
- Make sure where you volunteer is registered with the: <u>https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/</u>
- 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: <u>https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/</u> <u>safeguarding-training-modules/</u>
- If you need help please contact your Parish office.



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* by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

LADIES AUXILARY: Thank you to everyone who baked or bought cakes/biscuits or any of the items on

sale at our cake stall, your support makes our efforts worthwhile.



Raffle winner was Maria G.

<u>CHURCH SECURITY</u>: 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.

<u>COLLECTORS</u>, 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.

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 <u>does not</u> require setting up the slides.

<u>Sacristans</u> 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.

JULY 2ND TO JULY 9TH, 2023 IS NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC is the acronym for National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

The theme this year is: "For Our Elders'

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in communities and families.

On the lectern at St Mary's Masses this week, you will see our Message Stick. The inscriptions on a Message Stick were used as 'prompts' to convey specific messages to Elders of adjacent tribes, regarding invitations to meetings, events or ceremonies. They ensured that the Messenger had safe and protected passage into neighboring lands, to visit with the Elders.





THANK YOU I would sincerely like to thank Fr. Steve, Fr. Martin, Fr. Anand, Jacinta and Sandy and all the Parishioners for the beautiful well wishes, present and the delicious morning tea which was organised by the wonderful people of the Parish. I feel blessed to have worked at this Parish and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and have made many new friends. I would also like to acknowledge the support from Lisa, Pat and Tanya in my retirement and wish

them well going forward. I am settling into my new life and finding new ways to occupy my time including walking my dog, Molly, along the beach and going for drives around all the local areas and different beaches. Wishing you all well and maybe we will cross paths in the years to come. Best Wishes and Take Care. Sharon

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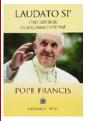
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

Be informed, inspired and entertained

Book of the week:

Laudate Si : on Care for our Common Home by Pope Francis.

St Mary's Parish Library



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

June 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, Margaret Bramley, Olivia MacDonald, Helen Quigley, Lorraine Alexander, Harley McAleer, Pat Milczakowsky

Recently Deceased: Yugaraj Jeevaratnam

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

Jane Leslie, Katherine Todd, Perc Quinton, James Cooper, Ilia Galati; Ambrose, Benedict, William McCarthy, Margret Noel, Ashleigh Robinson, John Dole, David Williams, Brian Philp,Arthur Colbeck, Violet Darmody, Hector Papworth, Mark Leeman, Matt Nealy, Jack Ford, Frank McManus, Brenda Dowling

Clifford Busch, Catherine King, Cliff Lewin, Brett Freeman, John Turner, Margaret Neeson, Betty Pelvso, Filomena Licup, Brian DeHighden, Mercedes Orendain, Geoffrey Whiting, Antonio Berardone Ron Whitmore, Hazel Simmons Patrick Donovan, Bernard Cain, Marty Stamm, Bronislawa Chilinski, Alphonse D'Souza, Tom Daly, Albert Alexander, Mary Owen, Arthur O'Malley, Kevin Hyde, John (Jack) Mills, Fr Dan Fitzpatrick SJ, George Barnes, Raymond Moloney, Rosa Luppino, Daisy Jean Francois, Teresa Wing, Margaret Ryall, Jeannie Raymundo

John Haward, Eddie O'Neill, Lucy Wronka, Alex Power, Elizabeth Neeson, Annie Mullaly, Gerald Hodges, Bernice Baes, Reyes Florence, Beatrice & Adalia O'Connell, Patricia Fenton, Patricia Simpson, Wadyslaw Kulak, Charles Wood, Thomas Mullen, Antonio Benardone, Fr Andrew Harding

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED</u>: One of the major works of Aid to the Church in Need is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit: <u>www.aidtochurch.org/transport</u>

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.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close



Again Jesus calls his trusted twelve to him and describes what it means to be a disciple. Among other things it means being compassionate and generous, which the gospel writer represents as offering a cup of cold water to 'these little ones'.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

 I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,

that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,

who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day inyour name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (*R.*)

 For it is you, O Lord, who are the gloryof their strength;
 it is huyour forour that our might is

it is by your favour that our might is exalted:

for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow а crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course. there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

