



Sunday 4th August 2024

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

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The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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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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St. Thomas the Apostle

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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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Please send any bulletin contributions to greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend bulletin. Thank you

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: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 4 August 2024.

Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual Revolution

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflections-18-ot-year-b-2024>

Next week 19th 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.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
GREENSBOROUGH

18
Aug

25TH
ANNIVERSARY
MASS

Commences at 10:30am

The Mass is followed by morning tea.
All are welcome.

251 DIAMOND CREEK RD,
GREENSBOROUGH NORTH VIC 3088

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 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.

ST MARY'S SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP: 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
emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com

Mob: 0418 120 902

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



Diamond Creek

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday 12.30pm-3.30pm, Wednesday 9.30am-1.00pm, Friday Sr Margaret 9.45am-1.00pm.*

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

PLEASE BRING A PLATE: *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.*

WEEKDAY LITURGIES AT SACRED HEART: Wednesday 7th August Liturgy of the Word, 9.15 am.

Friday 9th August, Mass 9.15 am

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: Next meeting for the PPC Thursday 8th August. Suggestion box in church or email: ppcdiamond-creek@gmail.com

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 7th August 12pm Lunch at The French Lettuce patisserie Hurstbridge.

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

MESSAGES FROM SR MARGARET:

Welcome to the children of our faith communities of St Peter's and Sacred Heart whose parents are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation for their children this year. As the baptised, we recall the special gift of the Holy Spirit, promised by the Lord and poured out upon his apostles at Pentecost.

Do you remember the day of your Confirmation? Have you sought the special gift of the Holy Spirit in everyday life?

POPE FRANCIS' ASKS US TO PRAY THAT THE CHURCH MIGHT SHOW GOD'S CLOSENESS TO PEOPLE ENDURING ILLNESS

"Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope." **See Vatican News 2 July 2024**

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 6th August: Lino Armiento, Margaret Dunn, Ann Risdale

Sunday 11th August Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: J. Hoyne **Commentator:** C. Fernando

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Cusack, J. Bruce

St Peter's Saturday 7th September 7.15pm

Reader: JB. 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:

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

Celebrating Pat Quatta

Pat is retiring after 20 years as
Parish Secretary of
Sacred Heart
Diamond Creek.

You are invited to a mass to celebrate her
years of dedication

WHEN:- Sunday 11th August 9am

WHERE:- Sacred Heart Diamond Creek

Mass will be followed by morning tea.
Please come along to show your
appreciation for all she has done.

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*

Please send any bulletin contributions directly to greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au or greensborough@cam.org.au by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you



OLIVEWOOD CARVINGS: On the 3rd & 4th of August there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale. These items are handcrafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: On the 2nd Wednesday of every month the Friendship Group will meet from 12.00pm-2.30pm in the gathering space. All welcome.

COMMUNION TIME: 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 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.

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



St Mary's Parish Library

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

Recently Deceased: Len Bainbridge

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

Desmond Fitt (Snr.), Richard Chapman, Ed Lawler, Lydia Curè, Natalie Juricevic, Valerie Kissane, Richard Joyce, Thomas Togher, James Murphy, Martin Fitzpatrick, Jason Caulfield, Terry Pitts, Eileen Reardon, Carmen Guerrero-Nakpil, William Conroy, Loyola McAleer, Muriel & James Laux, Ian White, Dennis Ryan, Brian McEntee (Jnr.), Constancia Doriendo, Andrew Watson, Francis Pickett, Benito Acosta, Umberto Pacione, Geoff Willett, Noel Rickard, Rita County, Vera Evans, Josephene Phelan, Allsopp Family; Bella Ngapera, Nepia, Tehan, Rakata; Michael Keegan Snr., Kath Fury, Eva Hanrahan, Brother Michael McMurray, Danye Hardy, Patrick Hickey, Ron Webb, Herbert May, Agnes Cormick, Flia Galati, Angela Giudice, Pereirav, Oscar Fernandes, Giuseppina Zambara, Robert Eastaway, Beth McLary, Claude Boyle, Kathleen Ellis, Tony McCloskey, Tim Stapleton, Loan Ng, Pat Donnellan, Joyce Hyde, Philomena Harnan, Jacinta Perry, Michael Ryall, Aileen Day

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

Hello! My name is Tristan and I was fortunate enough to lead a training session to equip our youth with the skills to conduct a Christ-centred camp in the regional area of Kerang. (3 and half hour drive away!) I am one of the co-leaders of the Melbourne-wide catholic youth group called Youth for Christ (YFC) which is a part of the wider Couples for Christ (CFC) community. During this camp training, fellow youth members led our service team into 4 sessions that explained the roles, responsibilities and logistics of leading a camp for our Lord.

The first session revolved around the purpose of the YFC entry camp which is to bring anyone aged 12-21 closer to God and invite them to further develop their own personal connection to Jesus Christ. The next session was about the spiritual battle where we must equip the armour of God so that we can serve him with righteous and humble hearts. The third session was given to strengthen our facilitators which will be the group leaders that will be a friend to any new camp participants. Finally the last session was about the most effective way to stand up front and deliver Gods word through our session leaders and sharers. We are very grateful for the parish of St. Mary for allowing us to use their hall for the evangelisation and empowerment of God's youth! God bless! For more information about CFC-YFC, feel free to check us out on facebook and instagram under @cfcyfcmelbourne.

Thank you for your generosity, love and support of the young people and their faith.

In Christ's love,

Leila



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12-14 September

Day 1 and 2 Online

Keynotes
Sr. Ann-Maree O'Beirne - Pedro Walpole - Sally Neaves

FREE student participation day Friday 13 September

Hub experience in 11 Diocese on Saturday 14 September

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)**

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

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for some more volunteers to help with our morning tea. If you are able to bake/purchase something for our morning tea could you please contact me in the office.

Roster for Weekend 10th & 11th August

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: J. Bohan

Commentator: H. Fernando

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Leahy, S. Bishop

Set Up: J. De Carlo

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Bates

Commentator: M. Kenny

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Riordan, C. Riordan

Set Up: M. Bates

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 Summer window is in the north, bursting with colour and life. We think of Jesus in his ministry, spreading the Good News to all, bringing new life and hope.

The Autumn window is in the west. The colours are browns and golds; growth slows. Jesus is coming to the end of his life on earth as he moves to fulfill his mission of salvation.

The Winter window is in the south. The tree is empty; the colours are cold blues, greys and browns, symbolising the death of Jesus. But there is a hint of the resurrection in the yellow of the wattle that blooms in winter: hope and faith are alive.

The spring window is in the east. It is full of colour and energy, the colours of new life. This window symbolises the glory of the resurrection of Jesus.

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Miran Kasalo, Peter Kernjak, John Geretschlager, Dominic Cambareri, Fr Terry Kean, Vince Granata, Wil Watson

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Arthur Walker, Jane de Carlo, Rachael Casale, Frank McMahon, Frank Ventura, Tony Chirico, Marie Lewis, Michael De Popolo, Maris Sacchetta, Guido Micheluzzi, Orazio Palazzoto, Giovanna Formosa, Robert Capocchi, Denis McCarthy, James McCarthy, Bill Ahern, Marina Micai, Anne Honeywell, Giusepa Minutolo, Paul Silverwood, Jim Lysaght, Salvatore Scala, Margaret Hardwick, Ted Tremayne, Giselle Caliste, Nadia Mefflin, Alan Corcoran, Margaret Howse, Alan McCarthy, Salvador Catalogna, Rose Masabni, Dragan Zilic



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close: Today's gospel is the second in a series of five continuous readings from John. Last week we heard the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Food, particularly bread, is a key symbol in this cycle of readings. Here Jesus calls himself the 'bread of life'. He is the food that nourishes and sustains the whole of creation.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 August 2024

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had
won. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were

taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal
life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus.

In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

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