

Sunday 4th February 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

204 Grimshaw St.,
Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: 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

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Marisa Matthys **Ph:** 9433 4000 **or Email**
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Sacred Heart & St Peter's

25 Gipson Street,
Diamond Creek 3089

Parish: 9401 6361

Email: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au

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

Parish School Principal

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan **Ph:** 9438 1590 **or Email**
principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

St. Thomas the Apostle

251 Diamond Creek Road,
Greensborough Nth 3088

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

Parish School Principal

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Divine Touch

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.



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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

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. Thomas and Sacred Heart

I express my sincere thanks for all those who sent me Christmas Cards with gifts and prayerful wishes. It was very thoughtful of you and I appreciate your love and kindness. I send my love and prayers for you and your families. May you be surrounded by God's abundant blessings every day.

"May God bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you; The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace". (Numbers 6:24-26

With gratitude

Fr. Ananda P. Maddineni MSFS



ASH WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY MASSES

<u>9.15am</u>	Sacred Heart & St Mary's (School Masses)
<u>12.30pm</u>	St Thomas (School Mass)
<u>7.00pm</u>	St Mary's & St Thomas



LOYOLA MASSES



St Mary's	Chisholm Mass, 10.00am 11th February.
Sacred Heart	Flynn Mass, 9.00am 3rd March.
St Thomas	MacKillop Mass, 10.30am 3rd March.



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Formation will be offered to the members who serve our Partnered Parishes in volunteer ministers as **Readers of the Word/Lecterns, Special Eucharist Ministers, taking Communion to the Sick** and **welcoming and preparing families bringing their children for Baptism**. Don't miss out! Mark your calendars now with the date for your group's formation! (formation for each Ministry is different and offers particular opportunities for prayer and reflections for that particular Ministry* – if you serve on more than one ministry group, we hope you will be available to attend the session relevant for your groups. 😊)

Saturday 3rd February 2024 – Readers of the Word/Lecterns Ministry Group

Saturday 10th February 2024 – Baptism Ministry Group

Saturday 17th February 2024 – Communion to the Sick Ministry Group

Saturday 24th February 2024 – Special Eucharist Ministers Group

All sessions will be held from 10.00am – 1.00pm (morning tea provided)

The venue for all 4 sessions will be The Gathering Space of St Mary's Church

As the Gathering Space has air conditioning as is large enough to seat as many of our volunteers who are available to attend. We believe the Gathering Space will allow us to come together comfortably with adequate space to enjoy a cuppa with morning tea.

Please RSVP your group contact person or

Pat (Sacred Heart – Diamond Creek), Lisa (St Thomas' - Greensborough North, or Sandy (St Mary's – Greensborough).

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

BAPTISMS: we pray for Mason, Havana & Piper who will be welcomed into our Sacred Heart community in February.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for children in Grade Three and over, unable to attend a Catholic school, will begin in the Sacred Heart Church, at 25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek, on **Monday February 5th 2024 at 4.00pm**. Enrolments are taken during this first class of the year. If an older child is not yet baptised, support is also available. For any more details contact the Parish office: 9401 6361 or email: diamondcreek@cam.org.au

DIAMOND CREEK ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE would like to thank the Sacred Heart parishioners, for your support to the Christmas appeal. The gratitude and smile's we received, were priceless due to your generosity. Thanks again for helping those who are in need.



SENIOR MOMENTS: 2024 Planning Meeting Wednesday 7th February 12pm in Parish Centre. New members welcome.

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

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

ROSTERS: Cleaning: Week 6th February L. Armiento, M. Dunn, A. Ridsdale

Saturday 3rd February St Peter's 7.15pm

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

Sunday 4th February Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: M. Farrell **Commentator:** J. Hoyne

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Sirianni, R. Belli

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

Antonietta Nesci, Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard

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

Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Judy Vincent, Mary Crothers

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.

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SUNDAY CATECHIST CLASSES

For primary school children attending Government Schools classes are commencing on the 4th of February at 9.00am in St Mary's School. Classes are for children from Grades 3 to 6, and include the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and are held during each school term.

All enquiries - Geraldine - 0438 148 896

I write on behalf of the Greensborough Conference of St. Vincent De Paul Society, to thank the St. Mary's and the St. Thomas' Parish Communities most sincerely for donating to our recent Christmas Appeal.

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With gratitude and every best wish to you and your families for the year ahead.

Maureen Lonsdale, President: Greensborough Conference – St Vincent De Paul Society.



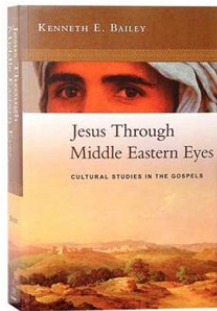
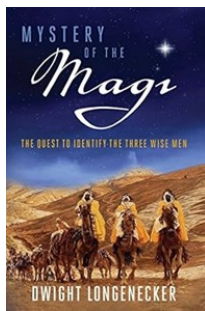
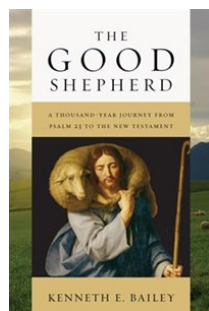
ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE: A big **THANKYOU** has come to St Mary's parishioners, for the ongoing donations of food and toiletries, given for refugees and those seeking asylum. Many do not receive any benefits and rely on people's support. Always needed are tins of tuna in oil, milk, tinned fruit and vegetables - especially tomatoes, toiletries, detergent. The donation box is in the Gathering Space.

St Mary's Social Justice Group. Ellen 9435 5145.

ST MARY'S PARISH ARCHIVES: If any parishioner has a set of hard copy 2023 Parish newsletters we would be grateful for them if you are willing to donate them to the Archives. Leave at Library or Parish Office.

Parish Archivist

Be informed, inspired and entertained



Books of the Weeks: These books and several others are part of a generous donation from a former St Mary's parishioner.

See them on display outside the Library this weekend. All items can be borrowed for one month. See borrowing sheet inside Library.

Online access to the catalogue is available at:

cloud.collectorz.com/247780



St Mary's Parish Library

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Baptisms: Marcus, Darcy, Eliza, Jackson, Riley

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, Lois Jones, Peter Miles, Leon Gray, Amparp Sarmiento, Mick O'Meara.

Recently Deceased:

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

Veronica Baillie, Fred Bulger, Mary Antonimuttu, Nell Bryce, Bruno Comito, Ivan Kirsch, Edward Murphy, Felomena Licup, Mary Togher, Ashley Clarke, Gerard Hedger, Alfredo Licup, Joe Caruso, G Caruso, A Caruso, F Caruso, M Phelan, Gonzalo Maceda, Raul Seballos, Edith Browne, Jack Redmond, Ethel Nelson, Patricia Archer, Thomas de Souza, Elizabeth Antons, Ettie Davine, A & A. Gooch, Douglas Belcher, Tony K David Dowling, Katherine Conroy, Fr. John Daley, Edward Desmond, Juana Varias, Jack O'Neill, Baby Laura McLean, Marie Carter, Sture Andersson, Fr Leo Hill, Dorothy Cullis, Emmanuell Magro, Florence Bolger, Maria Ravesi, Stephan Misquitta, Nellie Nihill

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

Baptisms: Please keep in your prayers Willemina, Oliver, Conor and Gabriel who are being baptised later this month.

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: A Charismatic Mass with Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Thursday 15th February at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome.

For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

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Maureen Lonsdale, President: Greensborough Conference – St Vincent De Paul Society.



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS St Thomas PPC. StThomas.PPC@cam.org.au

Roster for Weekend 10th & 11th February

Saturday 6.00pm

Readers: J. Bohan **Commentator:** H. Fernando **Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Leahy, S. Bishop

Set Up: M. McKenzie

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Kenny **Commentator:** L. Hobson **Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Riordan, C. Riordan

Set 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, Peter Kernjak, John Geretschlager, Dominic Cambareri

We pray for those who have died recently including Andjelko Korculanin and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of February that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Fr Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginald Chircop,, Sanico de Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin, Rosemary Schneider, Alfonso Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Vito Zuccula

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Will be held from the 21st-23rd February in Melbourne.

Keynotes: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Professor Maek Considine AM, Dr Julie Edwards OAM.

For more information and bookings; www.css.org.au



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny

The first disciples of Jesus were recruited from among fisher folk. Simon and Andrew were told that Jesus would make them 'fishers of people'. For Simon's mother-in-law, the healing touch of Jesus is a call to discipleship: 'the fever left her and she began to serve them.' This unnamed woman became a fisher of people too.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 February 2024

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more
than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to
me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be
day?'
Risen I think, 'how slowly evening
comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

**(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,
since it is a duty which has been laid on
me; I should be punished if I did not preach
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might
have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is
a responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is
this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the

Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I
have made myself the slave of everyone so
as to win as many as I could. For the weak I
made myself weak. I made myself all things
to all men in order to save some at any cost;
and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

**He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or
another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with
James and John straight to the house of
Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-
in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they
told him about her straightaway. He went to
her, took her by the hand and helped her
up. And the fever left her and she began to
wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to
him all who were sick and those who were
possessed by devils. The whole town came
crowding round the door, and he cured
many who were suffering from diseases
of one kind or another; he also cast out
many devils, but he would not allow them
to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got
up and left the house, and went off to
a lonely place and prayed there. Simon
and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said,
'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered,
'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring
country towns, so that I can preach there
too, because that is why I came.' And he
went all through Galilee, preaching in their
synagogues and casting out devils.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter)
was sick in bed with a raging fever.
When Jesus learned about her
distressed state, he 'took her by
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We could pause for a moment to
identify that person who needs us
to reach out, to take their hand
and help them up.

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