



Sunday 7th July 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 & 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

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

Acting Parish School Principal

Mrs Gina Murphy **Ph:** 9438 1590 **or Email**
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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

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.



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.

TODAY IS ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

MESSAGE FROM NATSICC (NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLIC COUNCIL):



On this day, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church.

The recent Voice referendum highlighted the ongoing journey toward recognition and reconciliation. While the outcome was not what many hoped for, it has strengthened our resolve and commitment to working together for a better Australia for everyone. Like Jesus, who persevered in His mission despite the obstacles, we too remain committed to our Culture, our Land, our Church, and our communities with unwavering hope and determination.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we are called to be a Church that goes forth, embracing all cultures and peoples. Let us open our hearts to the wisdom and spirituality of our First Nations Peoples, recognizing the presence of Christ in our stories and traditions. May this celebration be a moment of grace, healing, and transformation for all of us.

Thank you for joining us in this celebration. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless each of us as we journey together in faith, hope, and love.

For more information: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2024-atsi-sunday.html#nr>

Today is also the start of NAIDOC Week - Held across the country from 7-14 July 2024, NAIDOC Week will celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme chosen by the National NAIDOC Committee, is Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud.

The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For more information: <https://www.naidoc.org.au>



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 Hudson and Ruby who are welcomed into our community in July.

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.

DIAMOND CREEK ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL: There will be a leaving collection after Masses **this weekend 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.

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 11th July. Suggestion box in church or email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 17th July 12pm Lunch & Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

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

ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 9th July: F. Geoghegan, P. Leonard

Sunday 14th July Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: A. Dsouza

Commentator: F. Ledda

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Cusack, J. Bruce

St Peter's Saturday 3rd August 7.15pm

Reader: P. Leonard

Commentator: E. Gittins

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

Denny 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.

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:

Mary Keenan, Salvatore, Basil, Maria & Fortunato Caccetta, David Phillips, Kevin Jose, Caterina Borgolotto, Patricia Nettleton.

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/>

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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SANDY ON LEAVE: *Sandy will be on leave from Wednesday 13th June and returning on Tuesday 23rd July.*

If you have any queries for Sandy could you please contact Lisa or Libby in the Parish office.

The Kitchen is a wonderful asset for all Parish groups a special request, if your group has used the dishwasher which is available for all groups, please nominate a member of your group to empty after cycle completed so that we can all share the facilities. 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.

ST. MARYS/ST. THOMAS - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2024 WINTER APPEAL

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We are therefore seeking the kind assistance of you the Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas' to give what you can afford to enable us to support these families -

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2. Phone/Credit card donations can be arranged by calling 13 18 12 and stating you are donating to the Greensborough Conference
3. A new option this year is donating online directly to our Greensborough Conference Page

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Thank you for your previous generosity and kind attention to this notice.

Maureen Lonsdale

Greensborough St. Vincent De Paul Conference



SAFETY IN THE HOME

On Wednesday the 17th of July in the gathering space at St Mary's commencing at 11.00am with a light refreshments followed by Senior Constable Alison Keppel speaking to us on "Safety in the Home."

Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Maureen on 9435 5906 or Lucy on 9435 6990, to make a booking for catering purposes.

\$10.00per head, payable at the door.

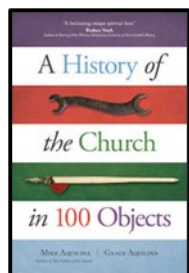


WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued



St Mary's Parish Library

Be informed, inspired and entertained.



Book of the Week

A History of the Church in 100 Objects by Mike and Grace Aquilina

God makes Himself known and accessible through material things, always accommodating Himself to our condition. When Catholics tell their story they don't just write it in books but preserve it in memorials, artifacts, relics and museums. For those into historical trivia this unique, well-illustrated book examines 100 objects and places – the “stuff” that tells our story..

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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:

Bridget O'Brien, Jacqui Harkin, Alphonso Bernadini, Arthur & Elsie Fillingham, Bob Morrison, Joan Maxarenhas, Jimmy Keely, Carmel Dynes, Jane O'Callaghan, Ernesto Valencia, Nicola Mastroianni, Stefan Gorski, Wally Guzowski, Michael O'Hara, Anne Parker, Dulcie Bentley, Edward Nugent, Rose Kairuz, Jack Hyland, Olav Schappacher, Jayamary Doraisamy, Olive Miles, Gregory Chang, 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 Peluso, 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, Lorraine Quilty, 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

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 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 Charles and River who are being baptised later this month.

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Roster for Weekend 13th & 14th July

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: A. Fernando **Commentator:** T. Holland **Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteer, J. Bohan **Set Up:** J. De Carlo

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Kenny **Commentator:** L. Hobson **Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Riordan, C. Riordan **Set Up:** C. O'Brien

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Following the Mass on Sunday the 18th of August we will be finishing off with a morning tea.

I am looking for a team of volunteers to help me with the planning and setting up for this special occasion.

If you wish to be involved can you please contact me directly in the office by phone **9434 7373**.or

email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au so we can organise a time to meet.



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

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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, Petronilla De Leo



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close: When the people of Nazareth heard Jesus teaching with wisdom and saw him doing miracles they couldn't believe that a carpenter, who had grown up among them, could possibly be the son of God. Surely this fella was too ordinary even to be a prophet! It just goes to show that God's ways are unaccountable and often take us by surprise. The logic of the Kingdom – God's *basileia* – is such that opposites are related: the extraordinary and the ordinary (like the alpha and the omega) are interrelated attributes of the person of Jesus.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

7 July 2024

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special

boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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