

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright



Sunday 24th June 2018



Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

Sacred Heart St. Mary's St. Thomas the Apostle 204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088 25 Gipson Street, 251 Diamond Creek Road, Parish: 9435 1543 Diamond Creek 3089 Greensborough Nth 3088 Presbytery: 9432 2515 Parish: 9438 1159 Parish: 9434 7373 Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au *Email*: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au *Email:* greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser Secretary: Pat Guatta Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux Mass Times **Mass Times Mass Times** Monday: Communion Service 9.15am Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am 1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at Sunday: Mass 10.30am Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm **Reconciliation Times** Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm Sunday: Mass 9.00am Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am **Reconciliation Times Reconciliation Times Parish School Principal** *Saturday:* 9.00am & 5.45pm

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30th June & 1st July

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: R. Padget, R. Belli, A. Schellens, F. Ledda, C. Ledda Reader: C. Gardner Commentator: B. Ward Set-Up: P. Thomas Counters: J. Hoyne, P. Hoyne

Welcoming: A. Pieper Cleaners: C. Ledda

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 7th July, 2018 Special Ministers: Y. O'Brien, H. Edmonds, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Keenan **Commentator:** E. Gittens Set-Up: R. Nicolasien

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: M. Sturmar, k. McMahon, M. McKenzie, R. Garner, J. Bohan Special Minsters 10:30am: D. Nixon, C. O'Brien, J. Jamieson, J. Millar, B. Iacobucci 6.00pm: Reader: J. Bohan Commentator: E. Sacchetta Set-Up: J. De Carlo Set-Up: C. O' Brien 10:30am: Reader: S. Millar Commentator: M. Kenny Cleaners: 30th June: E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L.Stephens Counters: R. McEvoy, C. Leahy

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Winter Celebration at Sacred Heart Parish Wednesday 4th July Wednesday 4th July Christmas in July (St Mary's Parish) 21st July Fr Michael Golden Jubilee Mass. 6.00pm St Thomas the Apostle Saturday 29th July Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 11:00am Sunday

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft, Julia Liddard

Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Doug Armstrong, Beling Dasilda

<u>We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom</u> Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Pauline Georgiades, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Wednesday 4th July Lunch in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.Wendesday 18th July Winter celebration Lunch In Parish centre. For catering purposes, please contactMargaret with bookings by Sunday 1st July.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: Thank you to those parishioners who have purchased 2018 Entertainment Books. We have purchased another box (including Geelong area) which are now available or we can arrange for an electronic version. Please contact Sacred Heart Parish Centre.

ST MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP: Come and join us to the Tigers Clubhouse, Hoppers crossing 11th July for "Christmas in July". Included is a 3 Course meal and entertainment. Members \$25.00 Non Members \$28.00. Bus leaving St Mary's 9.15am and returning at 3.00pm. For further information please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 or Kay 9435 5726

FORMATION IN FAITH

<u>RCIA</u>: If you are interested in learning more about your Catholic faith or perhaps looking at becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Mandy through either of the Parish Offices

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: Melbourne Catholic provides a simple and contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith in Melbourne and beyond The June edition is available now in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Wednesday: St Cyril Thursday: St Irenaeus Friday: St Peter & St Paul

<u>GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS</u>: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. These Hosts can be found on the Offertory Table prior to Mass, please feel free to place a Host in the Pict provided.

RETREAT AT CURRAJEEN RETREAT CENTRE: On Saturday 14th July there will be a reflection day at Currajeen Centre 811 Bridge Inn Rd Doreen, 10.00am – 2.30pm. "Rejoice and be Glad" an invitation from Pope Francis, guided by Sister Maureen Delany. Cost \$10.00 and bring your lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Please make a booking at Sacred Heart Parish Office as soon as possible as numbers are limited.

ORDINATION AT ST PATRICKS'S CATHEDRAL: This Saturday June 23rd, at St Patrick's Cathedral the Archbishop ordained Deacon Tho Tran to the priesthood. Please pray for Fr. Tho, and for many more vocations to Holy Orders.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY: *Retreat in Everyday Life*-The retreat will be held at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, 96 Albion Rd Box Hill Commencing Monday 23rd July– Monday 20th August. From 1.15pm—2.15pm. Please register your interest by Monday 16th July. A small donation will be welcome. Enquiries and bookings by email <u>holsc@bigpond.com</u> or 9890 1101.

<u>ANNIVERSARY MASS</u>: The Annual Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 29th July at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Hart. The Annual Anniversary Mass is held in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and family. To register please go to: <u>http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Anniversary-Mass</u> Couples who register for the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate.

There are a number of ladies within our Parishes who would like to form a committee with other interested ladies to organise a High Tea as a social event for all three parishes. The planned date for this event is Sunday the 7th October in the St Thomas Parish Hall. We hope to provide an excellent opportunity for parishioners from all three communities to come together, enjoy a relaxed afternoon with old friends and to meet new ones.

If you would like to assist and join this committee please feel free to contact either Maria: 9434 2947, Lucy: 9435 6990 or Judy: 9435 4506 or 0433 311323

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,

The Presbytery collection/account (1^{st} coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

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☆ we ask that you do so as soon as possible. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Many thanks Pat and Mary.

VINNIES WINTER SLEEPOUT

KEVIN McMAHON SLEEPOUT: How are you enjoying this bitterly cold weather? I will be participating in 2 sleep outs this year, one in the city on Thursday the 21st June along with a number of CEO's of big companies as well as the 7th of July at Watermarc Carpark to raise money for St Vincent de Paul. Anyone who knows me knows how much I love my bed so please support me as I face a night of sleeping out on a piece of cardboard. To support me by donating money please go to:

http://vinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/KevinMcMahon

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Vinnies. Kevin McMahon (State President Vinnies Victoria)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter collections at the St Thomas and Sacred Heart Parishes. Your support has been overwhelming. The success of this appeal is supports local families in need.

Both the Greensborough Conference and the Diamond Creek Conference are so thankful for all the support that has been given through the Parishes and the Sacred Heart and St Thomas school communities.

If you still wish to donate there are still envelopes available in both Parishes.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS FOR FR. MICHAEL MCENTEE

On the 13th July 2018 I will celebrate my Golden Anniversary, 50 Years, of my ordination. In thanks to God for a long life and for fifty years of exercising the ministry of a priest, I cordially invite you all to join me in celebrating my Golden Jubilee Mass at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Greensborough North, on Saturday 21st July at 6.00pm.

Along with my sister and her family, my extended family, my brother priests and all the companions on this journey of faith, your encouragement helped me to stay the course in good health and contentment. I was very happy throughout the twelve years among the community at St Thomas the Apostle and the five years among the Sacred Heart and St Peter's communities hence my decision to celebrate this milestone in my life with you all.

I would also be very pleased if you are able to stay for refreshments after Mass as hot finger food, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available. If you are able to attend please RSVP to St Thomas the Apostle Parish Office, greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au or phone 9434 7373 by 12th July or feel free to add you name to the list available in the Gathering Space.

In lieu of personal gifts, please consider assisting one of these charities:

- Melbourne Overseas Mission,
- CARITAS Australia.

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- Asylum Seekers Resource Centre or
- Cookhouses and Tanks a Lot (Sister of Mercy Australia in rural villages of Papua New Guinea) ctal.png@gmail.com

I look forward to celebrating my thanks to God with you, Michael McEntee

PAVERS FREE TO A GOOD HOME

During this School Holidays the forecourt at the front of the Church is being renovated to improve safety for everyone. There are approximately 40,000 clay pavers which will be taken up and we are making them available for anyone to take and re-use. The tradies will be digging them up and moving them away from the Church to make it easier for collection. If you would like any of the pavers please feel free to collect them on the weekend of the 30th June/1st of July. We will have to dispose of the pavers if no one wants them so if you need them can you contact the Parish office by phone 9434 7373 or email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to visit your Parish Website

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

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Mass during the day

24 June 2018

First Reading Is 49:1-6

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Islands, listen to me. pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his guiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing';

and all the while my cause was with the Lord.

my reward with my God.

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant.

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring

back the survivors of Israel:

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138:1-3. 13-15. R. v.14

(R.) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

1. O Lord, you search me and you know me. you know my resting and my rising,

you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. (R.)

- 2. For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. (R.)
- 3. Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 13:22-26

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have elected David son of Jesse, a

man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:57-66, 80

John is his name.

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, the whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. But Elizabeth resisted and Zechariah had no hesitation in writing, 'His name is John' - is John. Present tense.

This caused great consternation in the village. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And in the last verse of today's Gospel, we learn that this now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple!

He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence where tradition suffocates.

Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Perhaps this is best symbolised in the choosing of a Cardinal from Tonga which has only 15.000 Catholics!

We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the wilderness' of the peripheries, even from Argentina!

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