



**Sunday 29th November 2020**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

**Parish Pastoral Associates:** Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

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**Parish:** 9435 1543

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**Website:** www.cam.org.au/greensborough

**Secretaries:** Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

**Communications Officer:** Denise Chang-Faux

**Mass Times**

**Monday:** Liturgy of the word 9.15am

**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.00am & 5.45pm

**Parish School Principal**

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Diamond Creek 3089

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**Website:** www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

**Secretary:** Pat Guatta

**Mass Times**

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**1st & 3rd Saturday of the month:** Vigil Mass at  
St. Peter's Hurstbridge 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**  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle**

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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**  
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**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

***The celebration of Masses has resumed in our 3 Parishes. 150 Indoor***

***Tuesday-Friday 9.15am St Mary's***

***Tuesday/Thursday 9.15am St Thomas***

***Wednesday/Friday 9.15am Sacred Heart***

***Saturday: 6.00pm St Thomas 6.30pm St Mary's***

***Sunday: 8.00am/10.00am /5.00pm St Mary's***

***Sunday: 9.00am Sacred Heart***

***Sunday: 1030am St Thomas***

***Bookings are essential for Weekend Mass via Trybooking:***

**The collection plate will not be passed around could you please leave your contributions in the baskets provided.**

**You can search Trybooking without the link: Sacred Heart Diamond Creek or St Thomas Greensborough Mass.**

**Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our websites.**

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

Martin Leonard, Bridie Burke, Rose Hegarty, Nicole Bistrice, Bernice Burke, Linda Bistrice, Joan Moran, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland,  
Catherine Leonard, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, Elaine Chapman, Jim Goodge, Tony Ledda,  
Fr Owen Doyle, Lyn Corcoran, Faye Bowkett

**We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of November that they enter Joyfully into**

**God's Kingdom**

Jack Ridley, Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Rebekah Weston, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke, Nick Piccolo,  
Kathleen Hudson, Maura Coyle, Lena Brullo, Ray Tipping, Lawrence Meilak, Theresa Meilak, Marcel Bishara, Frank Mercieca,  
Thomas Iacobucci, Fr Kelvin Kenny, Christopher Kenny, Joan Campbell, Serge Teychency, Lena Finlayson, Grace Jones, Joan Chadzynska,  
Rocco Di Pierro, Haydn Chapman, Lena Anderson, Francis Mc Mennemin, Kevin Hartley

## ADVENT

The season of Advent begins today. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival, for the birth of the Saviour. It is also a time for reflection about the coming of Jesus into our lives through grace and the sacraments, and a time to keep in mind that He will come again.

The theme for Advent this year is **Awaken the Light of Hope**. This theme is a call for all Christian people to nurture hope and joy in our lives and is so appropriate and meaningful in the world today. As we approach the end of a year which has overturned and redrawn the way we live our lives, we remind ourselves that Jesus is with us; that in times when hope may be hard to find and when fear, confusion and uncertainty may destabilise our confidence in what we know and expect, He is there alongside us.

His love never changes. We draw strength from His commitment to us. He is our rock and our salvation. We are able to look forward with courage and optimism. If we hold Him in our hearts, we are filled with hope and happiness and we are able to reach out to our community to share this love and faith.

## LETTERS TO GRADE 6 STUDENTS

St Thomas the Apostle are writing letters to Grade 6 students who will be leaving the Parish School this year. We would like all parishioners to sign one letter each as a representative of all parishioners. Letters will be in the foyer for you to sign after Mass today. Thank you.

## TIME TO BREAK OUT THE BEST CHINA.

*Join us for Morning Tea with Fr Steven & Jacinta Bright & parishioners & friends, over Zoom\* every Friday from 10.00am -11.00am*

We will make sure the conversation flows well and if we have a big enough number we can break up into small groups to allow you to have quieter conversations.

If you are interested, please contact Jacinta via the Greensborough parish office on 9435 1543 or Email

[jacinta.bright@cam.org.au](mailto:jacinta.bright@cam.org.au)



## Art of Divine Encounters – PART 2

### ~ Mixed Media Creation Art ~

Spend 1 hour exploring & experiencing depictions of creation by 6 artists using different media. You will receive an invitation for a Divine Encounter.

#### WHEN:

On Sunday 29 November 2020 at 7.30pm

**LOCATION:** in the comfort of your home!

Limited meeting size, book early to avoid missing out.  
The day before the session you will be sent a Zoom link.

**BOOK AT:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BMWXS>



## READY, SET, PRAY, CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.

Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in the own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Liturgy of the Word for Children format but in an on-line setting. It may be used by families in their homes, teachers or catechists.

Each session is for 15-20 minutes and is available using this link <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES & SUPPORT FOR OUR PRIESTS

If you would like to continue to support the Parishes financially, you can drop Thanksgiving envelopes or money to support the Priests (in an envelope

clearly marked )to either Parish offices or alternatively placed in the letter box beside the front door of the Presbytery at St Thomas.

**( Not the Front Gate) Diamond Valley Deanery Refugee envelopes may be also left in the Parish Offices.**

Alternatively if you would like to change to Direct Debit or Credit Card please contact Pat or Lisa to make these arrangements.

Thankyou to everyone who have already taken it upon themselves to continue to support our Parishes and Priests.

We thank you all for your continued support through these trying times.

**Fr Steven, Fr Tao & Fr Lenin Lisa & Pat.**

## EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

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

The Presbytery collection/account (1<sup>st</sup> coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

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

*Personal information is collected, stored, used and disclosed by all Partner Parishes in conformity with Commonwealth & Victorian Legislation of 2001.*

*A copy of all Parishes Privacy Policy is available to any Parishioner at the Parish Office and on our Websites.*

## HELP NEEDED

With the easing of restrictions we are now able to perform Baptisms in our Parishes. As there have been no Baptisms since February we have quite a backlog. If anyone is available to help on a Saturday (11.15am) or Sunday (10.45am Sacred Heart) or (11.45am St Thomas) for approximately an hour could you please contact the Parish Offices.

## RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST AT MASS

*I have noticed that some parishioners who have come to the Masses this last weekend have not received the Eucharist, and only asked for blessings. I would like to reassure everyone that over the last several months, because of the extraordinary circumstances, the normal obligations of Sunday Mass and celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to receive communion do not apply. When we are permitted to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will offer opportunities to do so with individual and communal rites, but in the meantime, please make use of the opportunity to receive communion when you come to Mass.*

Fr. Steven Rigo

## St VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

### Greensborough Conference

The theme for this year's Annual Christmas Appeal is "A Christmas Like No Other" clearly the Christmas of the Covid year 2020. We are still unable to make direct appeals to the congregations at our weekly Masses. So, we are again requesting that you make your donations on line at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) or by phone on 13 18 12, just as you did for our Winter Appeal. **Please direct your contribution to the Greensborough Conference** if you donate on line. If you donate by phone, please tell the operator that you want your contribution to go to **Greensborough Conference**.

We in the Greensborough Conference hope and pray that you will be able to make donations to our Christmas Appeal, despite the economic challenges 2020 has thrown into our paths.

Thank you.

Ian Fraser, President.

### Diamond Creek Conference

Diamond Creek St Vincent de Paul is hoping to bring some Christmas joy to the families that we help out through the year.

If you can donate in any way by giving **gift cards, cash or vouchers**, it would be very much appreciated. Envelopes can be placed in the collection bags in the churches, or left at the Parish Office by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our Priests & liturgy teams are preparing for the Christmas Masses.

The timetable is as follows:

### Thursday 24th December

- \* 5.00pm St Thomas (Additional Mass)
- \* 6.00pm Sacred Heart
- \* 6.30pm St Mary's
- \* 7.30pm St Thomas
- \* 9.00pm Sacred Heart
- \* 10.30pm St Mary's



### Friday 25th December

- \* 8.00am St Mary's
- \* 9.00am Sacred Heart
- \* 10.00am St Mary's
- \* 10.30am St Thomas
- \* No 5.00pm Mass at St Mary's

## 2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The 2021 Columban Art Calendar is now available for purchase.

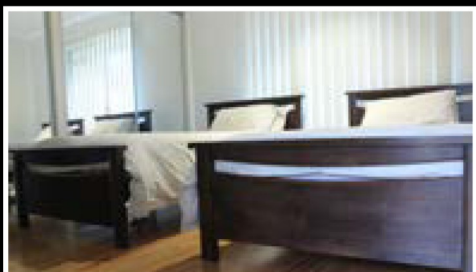
As our Churches are still closed if you would like to purchase a Calendar you can contact Lisa 9434 7373 [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) or Pat 9401 6361 [diamondcreek@cam.org.au](mailto:diamondcreek@cam.org.au) to reserve your Calendar.

**We only have limited stock at \$10.00 each.**

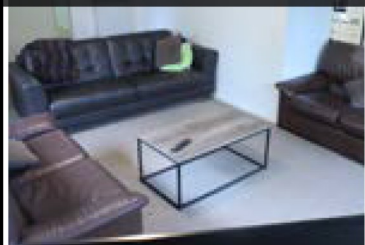




# ACCOMMODATION



## ARRUPE HOUSE



**Accommodation available  
in a shared or private living  
environment.**

**Features:**

- 3 single private bedrooms
- 4 double private bedroom with ensuite
- Shared bathroom facilities
- Shared lounge area with TV
- Shared dining area & kitchen facilities
- Shared laundry facilities

For more information please see the application on our website or contact the Community Liaison Officer.



## MANRESA COTTAGE



**Accommodation suitable for  
one person or a couple**

**Features:**

- 1 Single Bedroom  
(fold out bed available)
- Self contained Kitchen/Dining area & Bathroom
- Lounge area with TV
- Laundry facilities available from Arrupe House on site
- Fully furnished rooms with linen & towels provided



## LOYOLA COLLEGE

A Catholic co-educational College in the Ignatian tradition

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P: 03 9433 0228 or 0409 941 779  
E: [alonsod@loyola.vic.edu.au](mailto:alonsod@loyola.vic.edu.au)

**First Sunday of Advent B, Year B**

**29 November 2020**

**First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8**

*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your  
ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing  
you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens  
open and come down

– at your Presence the mountains  
would melt.

No ear has heard,

no eye has seen

any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy  
clothing.

We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the  
wind.

No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our  
sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4**

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see  
your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim  
throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we  
implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has  
planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you  
have chosen,  
the man you have given your  
strength.

And we shall never forsake you  
again:

give us life that we may call upon  
your name. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9**

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the  
graces you have received through Jesus  
Christ. I thank him that you have been  
enriched in so many ways, especially  
in your teachers and preachers; the  
witness to Christ has indeed been  
strong among you so that you will not  
be without any of the gifts of the Spirit  
while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus  
Christ to be revealed; and he will keep  
you steady and without blame until  
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, because God by calling you has  
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and  
God is faithful.

**Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 13:33-37**

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your  
guard, stay awake, because you never  
know when the time will come. It is like  
a man travelling abroad: he has gone  
from home, and left his servants in  
charge, each with his own task; and he  
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.  
So stay awake, because you do not  
know when the master of the house is  
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,  
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he  
must not find you asleep. And what I say  
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

Our Lord portrays himself as the  
Master who goes away on a  
journey. It is certain that he will  
return, even if no-one in his  
household knows exactly when.  
That is *our* situation. What do we  
do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we  
have a choice. We can close our  
eyes and enter into the world of  
dreams where we create our own  
fantasy futures, or we can stay  
awake and alert to do what Our  
Lord wants us to do: 'He left his  
servants in charge, giving to each  
his work.'

You and me – his servants – have  
a particular role or work in and for  
this phase of human history. A  
deep down intuition, prompted by  
the Holy Spirit, indicates what this  
is. We must be true to this  
assignment.

We could take a moment to pray  
that, when the Lord returns, we  
may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful*  
servant, inherit the Kingdom  
prepared for you since the  
foundation of the world.'

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