





# Sunday 25th April 2021

**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

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088 Parish: 9435 1543

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au 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

Mrs. Marisa Matthys Ph: 9433 4000 or Email principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

# **Sacred Heart**

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

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

## **ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1st & 2nd May**

## **SACRED HEART 9.00am**

Special Minister: A. Schellens, R. Padget

Reader: J Hoyne

# ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: S. Bishop, C. Leahy, M. McKenzie Special Minister 10.30am: F. Landy, A. Letzia, B. Riordan

6.00pm: Reader: S. McMahon **Commentator:** T. Holland Set Up: K. Salm 10.30am: Reader: F. Landy Commentator: M. Kenny Set Up: C. O'Brien Counters: R.McEvoy, C. Leahy, L. Leahy Cleaners: B. Guldon, G.Kilkenny (15th May)

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our Websites

\*\*NO MASSES AT ST PETER'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED

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

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Elaine Chapman, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard, Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Wimal Piyumsiri, Margaret Holland,

We pray for those who have died including Rachelle Gebert, Kathleen Jordan (Sue McMahon's mother) and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Betuna, Margaret Mc Carthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Rod Nettleton, Jane Coyle

# PARTNERED PARISHES UMBRELLA PASTORAL COUNCIL HISTORY LINE

Late in 2019 a session was held at Sacred Heart Parish, and one at St. Thomas' Parish that led us to explore our backgrounds and the characteristics of our parishes. Arising out of the Plenary Listening and Discernment Sessions, there has been an expressed desire by several parishioners to form Parish Pastoral Councils. The next step towards forming Pastoral Councils, is to undergo a process called The History Line in which we clarify our parishes' strengths and vulnerabilities, by reflecting on particular points in our parishes' histories. These sessions will be facilitated by Jacinta Bright,

We have settled on two dates:

- The Sacred Heart Parishioners will meet on Tuesday the 27th of April, in the parish office, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.
- St Thomas parishioners will meet on Tuesday 4th of May, in the parish meeting room, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

It would be important to have at these sessions older parishioners who have a knowledge of the history of the parish as well as those who have come in more recent years. Out of this there may be some who would want to go further and become members of newly formed Parish Pastoral Councils.

With thanks, Fr Steven

# Invitation

# All Welcome

You are invited to join with new, old and prospective parishioners to the Sacred Heart & St Thomas History Line event.

Let us share who we are, what we have been through and where we are going and build community.

Tuesday 27th April
7.00pm-9.00pm
Sacred Heart Parish Centre
25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek
Supper provided

RSVP: Sr Margaret Sapsford Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au

Phone: 94016361.
Tuesday 4th May
7.00pm-9.00pm
St Thomas Church
Supper provided

RSVP: Lisa 9434 7373 greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE
LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS
FOR HIM. EVERY VALLEY WILL
BE FILLED, EVERY MOUNTAIN
MADE LOW. ROADS WILL
BECOME STRAIGHT, ROUGH
WAYS SMOOTH. AND ALL
WILL SEE GOD'S SALVATION.

Past....Present....Future....

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 5th May Fish 'n' Chips at 12pm in the Parish Centre.

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM: These Zoom catch ups for morning tea for members of our partnered parishes, have been such a great initiative. Now that we are venturing out and about, the need is not so great for us to be finding ways to see and speak with others. However, the group who has been gathering doesn't want it to simply stop, so we have decided to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.30. This gives people who go to morning mass, time to get back home and settle in for morning tea. This is a great way to get together with old friends and meet new people.



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If you are interested please contact Jacinta Bright at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au\_or call the parish office at St Mary's on 9435 1543.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** We wish to advise all community groups that should you wish to have an event listed in our Weekly Newsletter the deadline is the 2.00pm on the Wednesday prior. Should you have any queries please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **TRYBOOKING & QR CODES**

On Friday 26th March, Victoria moved to a more relaxed COVIDSafe setting.

As part of these changes, electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Wor-

🖈 Importantly, from the 26th March, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, weddings and funerals within a Place of Worship, must use an electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API).

★ The API allows non-Government electronic record keeping systems to 'speak' with the Victorian Department of Health (DH) contact tracing system, which is the primary line of defence in keeping our community safe and open.

The 28-day compliance amnesty that began on the 26 th March and ends at 6pm on 23rd April 2021.

The previous rule was that electronic record keeping was required for a Place of Worship when applying the one person per ★ two square metres density quotient.

★ This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.

- Everyone entering the Church can scan the QR Code using the camera on their smartphone or tablet device.
- This automatically opens the registration app, which knows that they are registering at your Church.
- They will then be asked to enter their name and phone number, and have the option of providing details of other
- individuals in their party.

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- In exceptional circumstances, due to age, disability etc., the Parish has the ability to manually record their attendance (and maintain records for a period of 28 days). This form of record keeping should only be offered as a backstop solution, as it does not provide 'real time' connectivity to the Department of Health's contact tracing system.
- Sacred Heart & St Thomas Parishes will continue to use the Trybooking system to enable parishioners to book in for
- ☆ With restrictions still on numbers in the Churches by using the Trybooking system with many sacraments coming up, this is the only way to know when are Churches are fully booked.
  - Due to Government regulations you will still be asked to scan the QR Code on arrival.

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

# Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

## SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The Partnered Parishes of Sacred Heart Diamond Creek, St. Thomas the Apostle Greensborough North and St. Mary's

Greensborough, hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as fundamental to our Parish life. Our

commitment to their safety and that of all people is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. In living out this commitment, we adhere to Government and Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne requirements around providing for the safety of our children and young people.

Under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, parish leadership is required to establish a Safeguarding Committee which provides advice to, and works with, the leadership of the parish, to ensure policies, processes and practices are in place to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Whilst highly important, the Safeguarding Committee is an advisory committee only. This means that committee members are not themselves subject to the legal obligations under the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 or the Child Safety Standards made under it by virtue of them being a member of the Committee – the legal obligation remains with the Parish Priest.

An Establishment Committee was formed in 2020. This Committee has developed policies, practices and procedures, based on the requirements and guidelines of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. These lay the foundation and resources for the ongoing work of the Safeguarding Committee. Current members of the Establishment Committee; Fr Steven Rigo, Jacinta Bright, Sr Margaret Sapsford will continue as members of the Safeguarding Committee.

### **Role of the Safeguarding Committee**

- Promote child safety within the community and foster an understanding of its importance.
- Work collaboratively with parish leadership to promote the safety of children and young people.
- ♦ Implement, maintain and/or review child safety processes and procedures.
- Engage in and/or review risk management processes.
- Involve children and young people (and their families) in decision-making and planning to promote child safety.
- Ensure that reporting processes for concerns and/or allegations are well communicated across the parish, and act as a first point of contact in relation to child safety concerns, reports or allegations.
- Participate in and/or deliver child safety information and training.
- ♦ Monitor ongoing compliance with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework which encompasses the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards.

## **Procedures**

- The Committee will have representation from each of the three parishes.
- The Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year.
- ◆ The Committee will report progress quarterly to the relevant governance body within the parishes.
- Documentation (e.g. meeting minutes, correspondence, risk assessments, communication) in relation to the Safeguarding Committee is to be kept by each parish and stored securely.
- The Parish Priest, working with the Safeguarding Committee, will summarise its compliance with the requirements of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework on an annual basis (self-assessment/audit process) and present it to the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM).

# **PLENARY COUNCIL DELEGATES**

Plenary Council 20

During Holy Week at the Chrism Mass, Archbishop Comensoli blessed and commissioned the 16 Plenary Council delegates for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It was the first time the delegates had been able to gather in the presence of the wider Melbourne community since churches reopened. The delegates will join others from around Australia for the first Plenary Council gathering in October. Please continue to pray for the work of the Council.

# Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

25 April 2021

# First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all. and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

# **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
- I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
   The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
   This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
- 3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
  We bless you from the house of the Lord;
  I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
  Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

# Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him.

therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

# Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

# Gospel Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep:

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd;

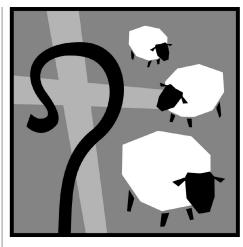
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd

and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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# **Reflection** by Greg Sunter

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing. Some of this confusion and literal interpretation stems from the gospel writer's choice of metaphoric language. In the gospel, Jesus says, 'I am the good shepherd', not 'I am like the good shepherd'. The writer's use of metaphor, rather than simile, provides a much more compelling image but can result in a more literal interpretation.

The emphasis of the image is on the adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people - more like the scum of the earth! - so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds - cut-throats who would run away at the first sign of danger - Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of sheep. shepherd and Unlike 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again.

