



**Sunday 12th July 2020**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Lenin Thenamirtham

**Pastoral Associate:** Jacinta Bright

**Pastoral Associate:** Sr. Margaret Sapsford

**Pastoral Worker:** Christina O'Connor

**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

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**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

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**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

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**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**

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**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**MASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**WORSHIP & PRAYER**

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:** With the suspension of all Religious Services at this time there are a number of opportunities for you to Live Stream daily mass. These are:

- **St. Patrick's Cathedral:** Monday - Friday, 1:00pm, Saturday 8:00am & Sunday 11:00am, you can access these by the following [Link https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass](https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass) or on Channel 31, 44 on Digital TV, for Sunday Mass
- **St. Mary's Greensborough:** Mass is uploaded to all of our Websites for viewing late Saturday or Sunday., access via following Link <http://www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth> or <http://www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek>
- **To view the 5 minute virtual Acknowledgement of Country for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Sunday and information presentation that will allow you to pay your respects to the Traditional Custodians of your area please click on the link <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html>**

**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 Bistricec, Bernice Burke, Linda Bistricec, Joan Moran, Marilyn Manison, Alan McCarthy, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland, Catherine Leonard, Ted Sheenan, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Mark Quipp, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo

**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, Salrina Anello, David Phillips, 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, Caterina Borgolotto, Domenico & Elidia Paliotta

## DIAMOND VALLEY COVID-19 HOME STORIES

*Stories from the Partnered Parishes of Diamond Creek, Greensborough and Greensborough North about a time of pandemic.*

Good stories capture our imaginations, inspire us to be better, teach us, define us and help us bear witness to our own humanity and those of our neighbours. We weave our stories with other people's stories on a common loom. Let's weave together and see our tapestry. Jesus was not only a healer, a teacher and prophet—he was a storyteller. He used his stories to illuminate the minds and souls of those who heard his voice. His voice can still be heard in the written form through the scripture, through the Mass, through the art and music that artists across the world are inspired to create and our very own voices (if we allow it to be). The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we live in the short term and we are yet to see the changes that will occur in the future.

We would love to hear your stories and anecdotes about staying home to stay safe to collate into a book. Think of what story you would like to pass on; perhaps something you want others to know, or perhaps your children, your grandchildren or even those who will walk the paths we walk now. Say a prayer, muster your courage, get planning & write! Your piece does not need to be long, a paragraph or two or three. If you do complete this task, email it to [Diamondcreek@cam.org.au](mailto:Diamondcreek@cam.org.au) or [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) or [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) with your name, your age (if you are game enough) and a note giving us permission to publish your work. New Dates for Submissions close is 18 September 2020. The collection of stories will be published in an e-book at a later date.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners from Sacred Heart and St Thomas for your recent prayers.

Your wishes and messages were very much appreciated during my recovery.

I am back home now and under the care of a specialist.

Regards. Jenny Kennedy



## THE ART OF DIVINE ENCOUNTERS

For those who missed out on the previous two sessions an extra date has been established for.

### The Art of Divine Encounters

Right from the beginning of Christianity people writing with brushes have left us timeless material offering the opportunity of Divine Encounters even during a pandemic.

Spend 2 hours exploring and experiencing.

**WHEN:** On Sunday 12th July 2020 at 2.00pm

**Location:** in the comfort of your home! *Zoom gathering free of charge.*

Limited meeting size, so book early to avoid missing out.

**BOOK AT:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BKJTL> Trybooking confirmation email will contain a Zoom link to use for the meeting.

**Further enquiries Sandra Bishop 9434 7553**

## INTER CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Bates is stepping down from the Inter Church Council after many years. We are looking for someone to take over this role. The requirements are to attend 4 meetings per year, and involvement for the Ecumenical Way of the Cross on Good Friday, Family Christmas Carols in December, World Day of Prayer in May, and occasional fund raising BBQ's. It is an opportunity to be involved in social justice issues in conjunction with other local churches. If you would like to be involved please call the Parish Office and we can put you in touch with Michael if you would like any more information.

## 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.

## **GREENSBOROUGH DIAMOND CREEK CONFERENCES VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2020**

Despite the restrictions we have all been facing, Vinnies have managed to continue to assist those in need, but our income has been drastically affected due to the necessary closing of our stores and to the closing of our churches and schools.

The effects of COVID-19 will remain with us for some time and we expect that, as the Government financial assistance comes to an end, the calls for assistance will increase greatly. There are likely to be many new people who find themselves unemployed and needing help.

This note details how to direct your contribution to the Diamond Creek and Greensborough Conferences, to support people in need in our Parishes.

If you donate on line at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) go to "Comments" and type in that you want your contribution to go to Diamond Creek or Greensborough Conference (or any other conference you might prefer).

If you donate by phone on 13 18 12 make sure you tell the person taking your call where you would like your donation to go.

**Diamond Creek St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2020:** Gift cards or cash donations can be left at the Parish or School Office. Donate by phone 13 18 12 (specifying Diamond Creek) or online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) (in 'Comments' tab type **Diamond Creek Conference**). Your support for the needy in our local area is much appreciated.



## **MEMORIAL WALL GARDEN SACRED HEART**

Please contact Diamond Creek Parish Office if you are interested in purchasing a bronze plaque to be placed on the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden Wall.

The Parish is not fundraising from plaque sales. To cover costs and installation we need to charge \$295.00 per plaque, which are the same as those already on the wall. Flyers can be emailed or collected from office. Phone 9401 6361 or email [diamocreek@cam.org.au](mailto:diamocreek@cam.org.au)

## **THE WAY PRAYER GROUP 30TH ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Hello everyone,

On behalf of, 'THE WAY' PRAYER GROUP, we send a heart felt thanks to you all for the many prayers and well wishes received.

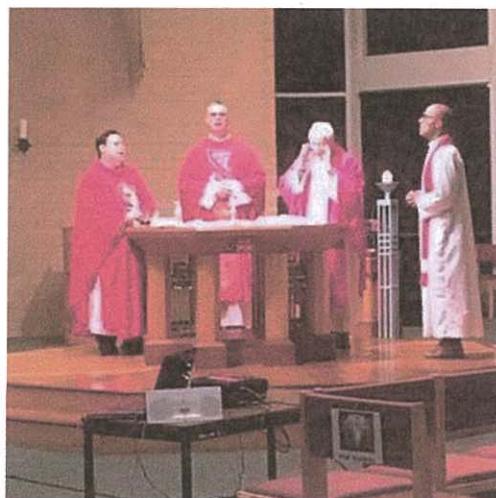
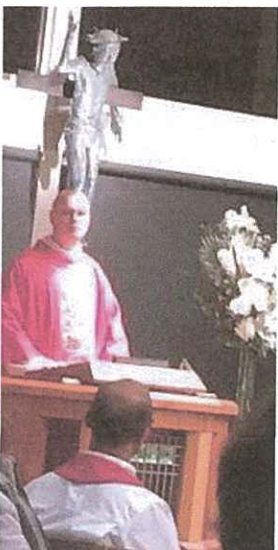
Also, which goes without saying, to our Great and Wonderful God who despite all what is happening with this COVID-19 which is still upon us, has made this special 30th Birthday Mass possible, which included all COVID-19 restrictions, observed and respected.

A special Thankyou, to our Archbishop Peter Comensoli for coming out of isolation to celebrate our birthday Mass and to Fr. Steven, Fr. Tao and Fr. Lenin for their hospitality in allowing us to go ahead with it, also to Fr. Len Thomas for concelebrating as well.

Come Holy Spirit of our Living God you are always welcome amongst us.

Regards,

**Rose Rendina and all at 'THE WAY'**



**First Reading** Is 55:10-11

*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8**

*(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 8:18-23

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The seed is the word of God,  
Christ is the sower;**

**all who come to him will live for ever.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mt 13:1-23

**(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)**

*A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,  
see and see again, but not perceive.  
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,  
their ears are dull of hearing,  
and they have shut their eyes,  
for fear they should see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their heart,  
and be converted  
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinize ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfillment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE

**#11 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES**  
**COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**  
**Information Updated: Wednesday 08 July 5.00pm**

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In relation to the latest directives announced by Government (Tuesday 7 July 2020), there are two separate areas of information:

- **New directives** for local government areas designated as ‘hot zones’ across metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire, and
- Directives for areas **OUTSIDE** these ‘hot zone’ areas, where there is essentially no further changes for places of worship, with numbers remaining the same as outlined in **Archdiocesan Guidelines #7 and #9 until 12 July 2020** (or as otherwise directed). It is important to note that serious caution and precautionary measures are recommended for all areas of Victoria at this time.

**‘Metropolitan Melbourne’ is made up of 31 local government areas. The latest Stage 3 restrictions have been put in place for the following City Council areas and for the Mitchell Shire. Parishes should check which Council area they come under. Please use the following link with your address to assist in determining your location: <https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/councils>**

<b><u>Banyule City</u></b>	<b><u>Hume City</u></b>	<b><u>Mornington Peninsula Shire</u></b>
<b><u>Bayside City</u></b>	<b><u>Kingston City</u></b>	<b><u>Nilumbik Shire</u></b>
<b><u>Boroondara City</u></b>	<b><u>Knox City</u></b>	<b><u>Port Phillip City</u></b>
<b><u>Brimbank City</u></b>	<b><u>Manningham City</u></b>	<b><u>Stonnington City</u></b>
<b><u>Cardinia Shire</u></b>	<b><u>Maribyrnong City</u></b>	<b><u>Whitehorse City</u></b>
<b><u>Casey City</u></b>	<b><u>Maroondah City</u></b>	<b><u>Whittlesea City</u></b>
<b><u>Darebin City</u></b>	<b><u>Melbourne City</u></b>	<b><u>Wyndham City</u></b>
<b><u>Frankston City</u></b>	<b><u>Melton City</u></b>	<b><u>Yarra City</u></b>
<b><u>Glen Eira City</u></b>	<b><u>Monash City</u></b>	<b><u>Yarra Ranges Shire</u></b>
<b><u>Greater Dandenong City</u></b>	<b><u>Moonee Valley City</u></b>	
<b><u>Hobsons Bay City</u></b>	<b><u>Moreland City</u></b>	<b><u>Mitchell Shire</u></b>

*The above local government areas are determined to comprise the Melbourne metropolitan area for the purpose of sections 47AC and Section 47AD (2) of the Estate Agents Act 1980. Dated 12 April 2017 from the Director, Consumer Affairs Victoria.*

**MAP:**

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

As of 11.59pm Wednesday 08 July 2020 the following will apply for places of worship for 6 weeks, or otherwise directed.

**if you live in the Melbourne metropolitan area and the Shire of Mitchell you must stay at home.** People may leave their home for four reasons:

- **Shopping** for food or other essential items
- **To provide care giving**, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment
- **For exercise** (outdoor exercise only, with only one other person or members of your household)
- **Work or study**, only if you cannot work or study from home

**PLEASE NOTE: The Government has indicated that police patrols will be present in the Hot Zone Postcode areas to restrict travel to the four reasons listed above**

**Additional restrictions have also been put in place:**

- **Weddings in a restricted zones will be limited to 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant).**
- **Baptisms in a restricted zone are to be postponed where possible, unless there is an urgent and grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860). In that instance, numbers will be limited to 5 people (the child, couple and godparents within the total of 5 limitations) + celebrant.**
- **Funerals held in a restricted zone will be restricted to 10 people plus those required to conduct the funeral.**
- **A wedding or funeral held in a private residence outside of a restricted postcode will be limited to five visitors, plus the celebrant.**
- **Religious services and private worship will need to be streamed online as places of worship will be closed in restricted postcodes except to hold weddings, funerals or public services such as foodbanks.**
- **For those liturgies permitted above, all density, number and hygiene regulations must be adhered to, including the recording of participant contact details (first name and phone number).**

Except for the exemptions noted regarding Weddings and Funerals, all public Masses, Liturgies and communal devotions (whether indoors or outdoors) are temporarily suspended for 6 weeks or until further notice.

Also affected by this closure are church buildings, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services.

Priests may celebrate Mass privately in a closed church, including for the purposes of live

streaming. In doing so all precautions such as physical distancing and hygiene measures must be modelled and met.

Masses in family homes or other such private or domestic locations are not permitted until further notice.

**All other requirements for density, numbers and hygiene may be found in the General Guidelines as listed below.**

**It is recommended that you keep informed through the Department of Health and Human Services website for varying updates:**

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202007/Stay%20at%20Home%20Directions%20%28Restricted%20Postcodes%29%20%28signed%29.pdf>

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202007/Restricted%20Activity%20Directions%20%28Restricted%20Postcodes%29%20%28Signed%29%20.pdf>

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-restricted-postcodes-covid-19>

As of 11.25am 18 July 2020