



Sunday 15th April 2018

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo

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

**Pastoral Associate:** Jacinta Bright

**Pastoral Worker:** Sr. Margaret Sapsford

**Pastoral Worker:** Christina O'Connor

**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088

**Parish:** 9435 1543

**Presbytery:** 9432 2515

**Email:** Greensborough@cam.org.au

**Website:** www.pol.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

**Parish:** 9438 1159

**Email:** DiamondCreek@cam.org.au

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

**Secretary:** Pat Guatta

**Mass Times**

**Monday:** Communion Service 9.15am

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**1st Saturday of the month:** Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm

**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Friday:** 9.45am to 10.15am

**Parish School Principal**

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Greensborough Nth 3088

**Parish:** 9434 7373

**Email:** greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

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

**Secretaries:** Mary Gargan & 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 21st & 22nd April**

**SACRED HEART 9:00am:**

**Special Ministers:** C. Garzia, C. Ledda, F. Ledda, A. Keenan, P. Keenan

**Reader:** M. Farrell

**Commentator:** J. Pittle

**Welcoming:** M. O'Dea

**Set-Up:** P. Keenan, M. Farrell

**Counters:** P. Guatta, G. Ind

**Cleaners:** P. Leonard

**ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 5th May, 2018**

**Special Ministers:**

**Reader:**

**Commentator:**

**Set-Up:** P. Frisby

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

**Special Minsters 6.00pm:** M. Bedford, K. McMahon, C. & L. Leahy, J. Bohan

**Special Minsters 10:30am:** E. Sutherland, B. Iacobucci, B. Riordan, R. Piccolo, J. Millar

**6.00pm: Reader:** B. Bedford

**Commentator:** S. McMahon

**Set-Up:** C. Leahy

**10:30am: Reader:** E. Rainsbury

**Commentator:** L. Hobson

**Set-Up:** M. Bates

**Counters:** K. Irvine, S. King, H. Weir

**Cleaners:** 21st April - K. D'Angelis, J. D'Angelis

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**April**

Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> April Lunch & Games in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

**May**

Wed 2nd Movie day.

Fri 4 Ladies Dinner 7pm Sacred Heart Hall

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

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

**Greensborough North:** Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, John Muscat, Noel Casemore.

*We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they may 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 Bertuna, Margaret McCarthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Ray Money, Rod Nettleton,

### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**SENIOR MOMENTS** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April Lunch & Games in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share. Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Movie Day

**LADIES DINNER AT SACRED HEART** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7pm in Parish Hall. \$30ph carvery & dessert. Come on ladies put it in your diary and start organising a table of friends for a good night of chat and giggles and catching up with old friends. RSVP 1st May to Pat in the Parish Office on 94381159



**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** Sacred Heart fundraiser 2018 Entertainment Books: \$70.00 book or digital. 4 books left. Please contact Pat 9438 1159

**ST. MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP** Our next outing to Woop Woop on the 9th May 2018, with 2 course lunch at Cumberland Hotel. \$47 Members, Non Members \$54 Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.30pm. Bookings are required before each event so please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298, Kay 9435 5736 if you are interested in attending.

**THE CHURCH IN THE FUTURE** the Diamond Valley Deanery Group are holding a conversation night to look at Parish Partnerships and the Church in the future. The meeting will be held on Thursday 19th April in James Kierce Centre at St Mary's Parish from 7pm-9pm. All Parishioners are welcome and are asked to RSVP to St Mary's 9435 1543 by 16th April.

**PARISH COUNSELLOR** This is a brief message for the St Thomas community to let you know that I will be working in the Parish again this year. I am located at the Parish House every Tuesday during school term and can be reached through the parish Secretary on 9434 7373 or by contacting the Dandenong office of CatholicCare on 8710 9600. If you simply leave your name and phone number I will return your call as soon as possible. The service is offered to individuals and couples and is strictly confidential.

**REMOVAL OF TREES** due to the increasing movement in the pavers due to tree roots the Parish Finance Committee decided that it best to remove the trees before work commenced on repairs to the fore court area. We intend to replant the area with trees that hopefully won't impact on the pavers.

**ANZAC DAY CEREMONY** Diamond Creek RSL ANZAC Day Ceremony: Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April March 10.15am from Chute St and service 10.30am at Cenotaph. Descendants wearing medals are encouraged to March.

**MARY ON LEAVE** I will be on long service leave from the Parish Office for the next few weeks. During my absence Lisa Leahy will be in the office to attend to all Parish matters. If no answers to the phone please leave a message and Lisa will contact you.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** Reminder that the Project Compassion money is due back this weekend. Thank you to those that have already contributed.

### **FORMATION IN FAITH**

**RCIA:** 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** in this month's issue they look at what and where people call home. The articles open the doors on peoples thinking of where home is and what it means to some people. The magazine is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy.

### **WORSHIP & PRAYER**

#### **SAINT OF THE WEEK:**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS** will be celebrated at Sacred Heart on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am.

**HEALING MASS** will be celebrated on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. Enquiries Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

**GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS:** Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. Please see

### **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.



**Third Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**15 April 2018**

**First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19**

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7**

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

or:

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:**

**make our hearts burn with love when you speak.**

**Alleluia!**

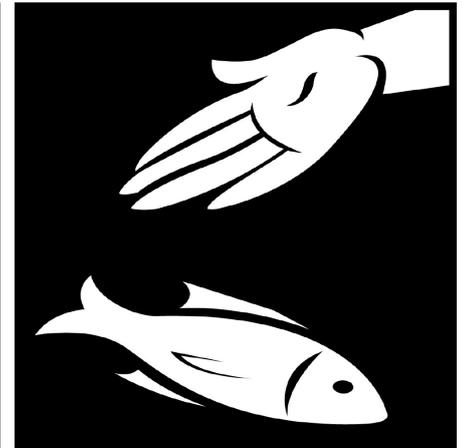
**Gospel Lk 24:35-48**

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.