

PLEASE NOTE: When ringing either Parish Office or Parish House please let it ring for about 12 rings. This is due to an unusual set up of our phones.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur in the month of October that they may enter joyfully into God's kingdom.

Felicia Ongarello, Salvatore Caputo, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Ken Nettleton, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Frser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: Wednesday 18th October lunch and games 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share. Wednesday 1st November 12pm lunch at Diamond Creek Tavern. Contact Margaret 9438 1540 for bookings.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY At St Mary's we have a Library collection of over 3000 books, DVDs and CDs, mostly on religious/spiritual themes, which we would like to share with other Deanery parishes. As the Library is open only at weekend Masses at St Mary's we would like to make it available at other times. We are appealing for interested parishioners of Deanery parishes to volunteer to help staff the Library on a weekday to make this possible. The Library's collection can be seen at cloud.collectorz.com/247780 Please contact St Mary's Parish Office: 9435 1543 or greensborough@cam.org.au if you would like to visit the Library and /or volunteer.

THANKS GIVING ENVELOPES FOR SACRED HEART AND ST. THOMAS will be available in the Gathering Space over the next couple of weeks for you to collect. Please look out for them and please take you envelopes home. Many thanks.

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,
The Presbytery collection/account (1st 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.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch; Wednesday: St Luke.

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK A session, for those who are new to this ministry, will be held in Sacred Heart Church **TODAY Sunday 15 October at 10.45 am**, following the 9.00 am Mass and morning tea. Current ministers are welcome also. On 22 October, a short Rite of Designation and Blessing will be held within the 9.00 am Mass for all who serve or will serve as ministers of Communion to the Sick in Diamond Creek.

HEALING MASS You are invited to join us in celebrating a Healing Mass on Thursday 19th October 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. For further details, please contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS Gluten Free, Wheat Free, Dairy Free, Corn Free communion hosts are available for those with allergies. Please see Father before Mass if you require these hosts.

FORMATION IN FAITH

RCIA: a small group has begun meeting weekly, with some inquirers, who are keen to join the Catholic Church. If you would like to join in learning more about the Catholic faith e-mail Mandy at greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA

Voluntary assisted Dying Bill 2017

There are copies of this letter available in the Gathering Space of each church today or you can go to the parish website at www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth or www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek or www.cam.org.au/euthanasisa to read the letter.

YOUTH

YEAR OF YOUTH IN YOUR PARISH workshop day on October 21 9.30am to 3.30pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne. Cost is \$20 or \$60 for groups of four. To register for this event go to www.cam.org.au/youth/yearofyouth

RESOURCES ON MARRIAGE AND THE PLEBISCITE

The Pope along with the Bishops of Australia has written articles on the current issue on same sex marriage. The articles can be read on the websites at www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth or www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OBTAINED THEIR WWCC

If you do any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet please do so immediately. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au Many thanks Pat and Mary.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

STORIES OF FAITH AND HOPE November 4-Sam Farbod will describe his life in Shiite Iran, before his conversion to Christianity and arrival in Australia and his life now as a Baptist minister here in Melbourne, at the Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty from 2:00- 4:00pm RSVP Janet 041 041 3774

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Study Tour of the Biblical Lands: 17 November – 14 December Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories, Turkey and Greece, and option for 3 days in Rome Tour Leaders: Dr. Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM Information Session: Saturday 21 October 2017: 2.00pm to 4.00pm RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au



St Mary's support of Blue Knot Day began 4 years ago, driven by a desire to reach out to survivors of child abuse. This year we are pleased to host a presentation by **Francis Sullivan**, CEO Truth, Justice and Healing Council the person at the forefront of the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission. **Wednesday 18th October 7:00 pm** St Mary's Catholic Church, Grimshaw St, Greensborough. RSVP: greensborough@cam.org.au or 9435 1543 (Parish Office)
An amazing opportunity. Don't let it pass you by.

When I stand before
God at the end of my
life, I would hope that I
would not have a single
bit of talent left and
could say, I used
everything you gave me.

ERMA BOMBECK

A problem is a chance for you to do your best.

Duke Ellington

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 October 2017

First Reading Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud unwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6
(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

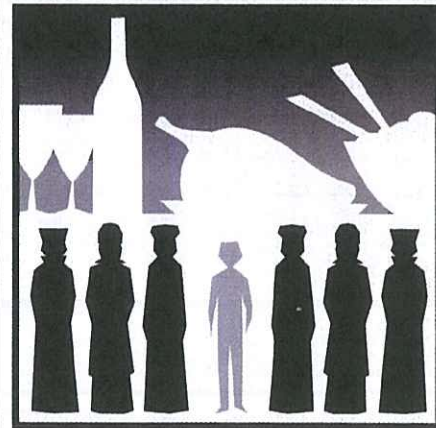
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14
(or shorter form Mt 22:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important - it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street - the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all - rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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Sacred Heart Church Diamond Creek



St Peter's Church Hurstbridge



St Thomas the Apostle Greensborough

Sunday 15th October 2017

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22th October 2017

Diamond Creek. 9 am

Special Ministers:

- C. Garzia, C. Ledda, J. Pittle, A. Keenan, P. Keenan
Reader: M. Farrell
Commentator: F. Ledda
Welcoming: M. O'Dea
Setting up: P. Keenan, M. Farrell
Counters: G. Ind, P. Guatta
Cleaners: J. Hiser

Next Mass at St. Peter's Hurstbridge - Sat 4th November @ 7.15pm.

Greensborough North

Special Ministers:

- 6.00pm:** K. McMahon, A. McCarthy, D. & D. Haesler, R. Garner.
10.30am: D. Nixon, M. Tipping, A. Kerr, F. Landy, J. Millar.
Readers: **6.00pm:** E. Rainsbury. **10.30am:** S. Millar.
Commentators: **6.00pm:** S. McMahon. **10.30am:** R. Rendina.
Setting Up: **6.00pm:** K. Salm. **10.30am:** M. Bates.
Cleaners: 28th Oct. E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L. Stephens.
Counters: D. Bonello, S. Bishop, B. Carr.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October

Wed 18th Lunch & games 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch to share.

Wed 18th Talk by Francis Sullivan 7pm St. Mary's

November

Wed 1st Seniors Lunch 12pm Diamond Creek Tavern

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Mass Times:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday:
6pm Greensborough North
7.15pm Hurstbridge
First Sat. of Month

Sunday:
9.00am Diamond Creek
10.30am Greensborough North

Weekday Masses:

Mon. Eucharistic Service 9.30am Sacred Heart
Tues. & Thurs. 9.15am Greensborough North
Wed. & Fri. 9.15am Diamond Creek

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.30-10.00am Sacred Heart
Saturday 9.30-10.00am St. Thomas

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioner and friends from

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Noela Atkinson, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, and from

Greensborough North: Fr. Owen Doyle, Maureen Ellks, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Nathan Fistic, Emily Selar, A young parishioner, Denis Gardiner.

Sacred Heart and St. Thomas are member parishes of Diamond Valley Deanery