

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 1st November 12pm lunch at Diamond Creek Tavern. Contact Margaret 9438 1540 for bookings. Wednesday 15th November lunch and games 12pm Parish Centre. BYO light to share
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 your envelopes home. Sacred Heart people who give by credit card your receipts and information will be available later in the month. Many thanks.

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL Production 2017: 'Let's Go to the Movies'. Thursday 26th October at Planetshakers in Lower Plenty. Contact Parish Centre for details of Matinee/Evening performances.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY as a leaving collection at all Masses for Catholic Missions. Please see below for more information. Envelopes are available on the seats for your donation.

OUR FIRE FIGHTERS please keep Tim Holland and 32 other Victorian fire fighters and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they head to Los Angeles to help fight the bushfires over there.

HELP AT ST THOMAS if there is anyone who would like to spend some time outside on the ride on mower cutting the grass around the Parish please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

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

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK 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.

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.

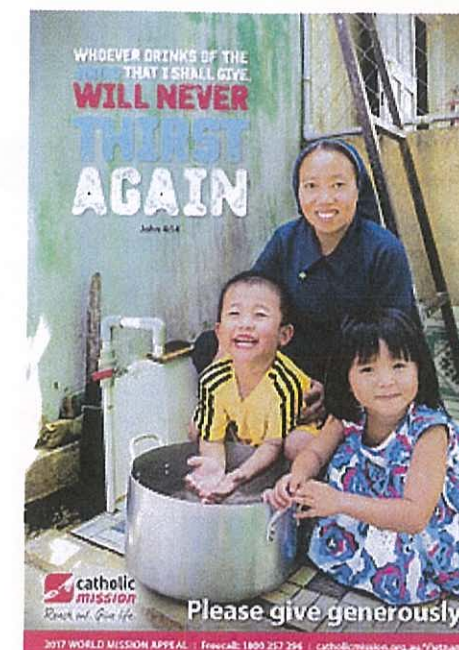
RESOURCES ON MARRIAGE AND THE PLEBISCITE

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND



This year, Catholic Mission's World Mission Appeal is inspired by Pope Francis' World Mission Message, which reminds us all that... *mission is at the heart of our faith.*

In this appeal, we invite you to reach out through financial gifts and prayers to support the work of Sister Mary Hoaian and the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart, located in Nha Trang, Vietnam. The Sisters work tirelessly to combat malnutrition, as well as providing clean drinking water and accessible health and education services for the forgotten farming families in the nation's remote coastal communities

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
2017 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION to be delivered by Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO. **THE LEGACY OF JUSTICE HIGGINS** – Seeking a True New Start for all Job Seekers and Workers Wednesday 8th November 7pm light refreshments for 7.30pm start. Concludes promptly at 9.00pm Lecture Theatre – Cardinal Knox Centre. 383 Albert Street East Melbourne Free event RSVP 3rd November 2017 to justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727. The 8th November 2017 marks the 110th anniversary of the decision by Justice H.B Higgins to award a "living wage" in the historic Sunshine Harvester Case. Of particular interest to all those concerned with the Church's Social Teaching on the Dignity and Purpose of Human Work. **All Welcome**
MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in Oct/Nov followed by a Training Day early December. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) www.mercyworks.org.au PH.9326 1895
ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB is looking for players next season commencing Term 1 2018 for the following:
Juniors – DVTA Friday twilight, NEJTA Saturday morning **Seniors** – HDTA Tuesday Ladies (day), NENTG (nights) Tuesday Men/Vets, Wednesday Women, Thursday Mixed, DVTA (night) Thursday Men We also offer a Monday night Social play at our Kalparrin courts for those not wishing to play competition. For more information, email stmystennis56@gmail.com before November 15th.

Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence, yet it is the one essential, vital quality for those who seek to change a world.

Robert F. Kennedy

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

22 October 2017

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

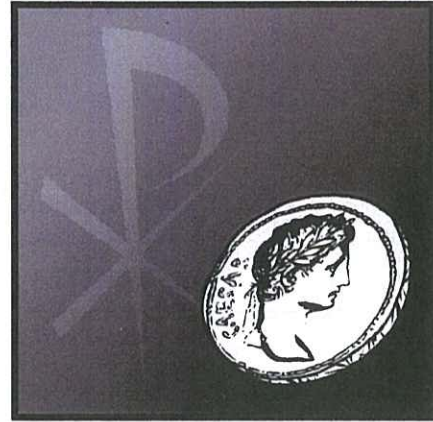
Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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Sacred Heart Church Diamond Creek



St Peter's Church Hurstbridge



St Thomas the Apostle Greensborough

Sunday 22nd October 2017

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 28th & 29th October 2017

Diamond Creek. 9 am

Special Ministers:

- C. Ledda, F. Ledda, M. Cusack, C. Bell, A. Schellens
- Reader:** Sr. Margaret
- Commentator:** Y. O'Brien
- Welcoming:** P. Leonard
- Setting up:** M. Roadley
- Counters:** A. Pieper, P. Guatta
- Cleaners:** U. Federico

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

Greensborough North

Special Ministers:

- 6.00pm:** M. McKenzie, C. & L. Leahy, S. Bishop, K. McMahon.
- 10.30am:** R. Piccolo, B. Riordan, B. Iacobucci, E. Sutherland, J. Millar.
- Readers:** **6.00pm:** K. Salm. **10.30am:** A. Tomasiello.
- Commentators:** **6.00pm:** J. Money. **10.30am:** F. Mascia.
- Setting Up:** **6.00pm:** T. Butera. **10.30am:** J. Kerr.
- Cleaners:** 28th Oct. E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L. Stephens.
- Counters:** T. Williamson, M. Bates, A. Tomasiello.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

- Wed 1** All Saints Day Mass times to be advised
- Wed 1** Seniors Lunch 12pm Diamond Creek Tavern
- Thurs 2** All Souls Day Mass times to be advised
- Wed 15** Senior Moments lunch Parish Centre 12pm BYO lunch to share.

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

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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: Maureen Ellks, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Nathan Fistic, A young parishioner, Denis Gardiner.