

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 Father Anthony Peter "Dutchy" Guelen who died this week and 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

REMEMBRANCE BOOK will be available during November in the Gathering Space at both churches. You are invited to write the names of any deceased family or friends in the book and it will be taken to the Altar at each Mass with the Gifts. November is a time we remember and pray for our loved ones who are no longer here with us..

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION last weekend for Catholic Missions raised over \$600. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO THE Food Collection For Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) And Mercy Cottage All items donated at both Sacred Heart and St Thomas have been distributed to the ASRC and Mercy Cottage. Thanks to all those who donated to this appeal, it was again supported very successfully, and your generosity is very much appreciated. Social Justice Group

ST MARY'S MATURE AGE GROUP will meet on the 8 Nov., for a game of Bingo in the James Kierce Centre, meeting starting 11.30am, with Bingo starting at 1.00pm. We will be collecting names and money for our next outing to the Noorlim Estate Homestead, on Dec 13 with lunch at Nagambie Lakes Entertainment Centre, non Members \$61.00. Bus will leave William Street entrance at 9.15am returning at 4.00pm. Enq. Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR THE INTER CHURCH CAROLS ON SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER will be held on Wednesdays: 8, 15, 22, 29 November from 7:30-9 pm at St Mary's Church, Greensborough. We will perform two songs and as many voices as possible from all our Mass Centres would be made very welcome. Contact Megan on 9435 1551 or email: mamitchem@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this event.

THE COLUMBAN CALENDAR is available in the Gathering Space at St. Thomas at **\$9 per copy**. If we have run out please let the Parish Office know and we will obtain some more.

CHRISTMAS CARDS that depict different scenes of Bethlehem are available in the Gathering Space of both Churches.

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

ALL SAINTS DAY November 1st Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas at 9.15am and at 7pm. At Sacred Heart Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am. There will be at 6.30pm Mass at St. Mary's as well.

ALL SOULS DAY November 2nd Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart at 9.15am & 7pm and at St Thomas at 9.15am for all who wish to remember those who have gone before us.

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

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

MARCELLIN COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS this annual memorial Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pat Harvey on Wed. 22 Nov. 7.30pm in the College Chapel. Supper will follow. Enq. Mary Norden 98423080.

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 stmarystennis56@gmail.com before November 15th.

Everyone Has a Story in Life

A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted...

"Dad, look the trees are going behind!"

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed...

"Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor? The old man smiled and said..."I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today.

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.



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What Can We Gain By Sailing To The Moon If We Are Not Able To Cross The Abyss That Separates Us From Ourselves? This Is The Most Important Of All Voyages Of Discovery.

Thomas Merton

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

29 October 2017

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

*A reading from the book of Exodus
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v.2

(R.) *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where
I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help,
my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from
my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories
to his king
and shown his love for
his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

*A reading from the first letter
of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God
and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

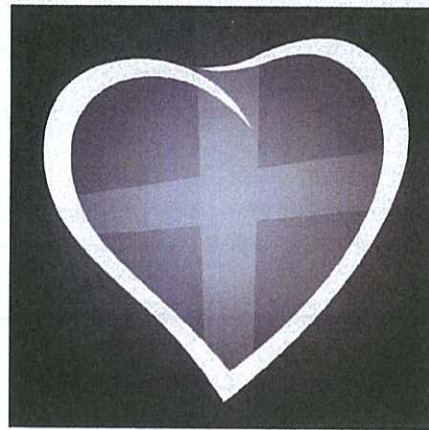
*Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour
as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful storytelling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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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

Sunday 29th October 2017

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4th & 5th November 2017

Diamond Creek. 9 am

Special Ministers:

G. Beeby, M. Beeby, A. Schellens, R. Belli, Sr Margaret
Reader: M. Hardy
Commentator: G. Hardy
Welcoming: A. Pieper
Setting up: P. Thomas
Counters: J. Hoyne
Cleaners: T. Sirianni

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

Special Ministers: E. Gittins, C. Elso, P. Leonard
Reader: M. Millard
Commentator: R. Nicolaisen
Setting up: R. Nicolaisen

Greensborough North

Special Ministers:

6.00pm: M. Sturmar, K. McMahon, W. Watson, K. Coen, M. Gargan.
10.30am: M. Elks, J. Jamieson, R. Rendina, M. Tipping, A. Letzia.
Readers: 6.00pm: J. Bohan. 10.30am: B. Watts.
Commentators: 6.00pm: B. Bedford. 10.30am: F. Landy.
Setting Up: 6.00pm: J. De Carlo. 10.30am: C. O'Brien.
Cleaners: 11th November: A. Cichello, N. Mefflin, B. Murray.
Counters: B. Bedford, L. Hobson, F. Gribbon.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

Wed 1 All Saints Day Mass 9.15am at Sacred Heart 9.15am & 7pm St Thomas
Wed 1 Seniors Lunch 12pm Diamond Creek Tavern
Thurs 2 All Souls Day Mass 9.15am St Thomas & 9.15am & 7pm Sacred Heart
Wed 15 Senior Moments lunch Parish Centre 12pm BYO lunch to share.

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

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 Fistric, A young parishioner, Denis Gardiner.

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