



Sunday 10th May 2020

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Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am
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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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Sunday: Mass 9.00am

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Sunday: Mass 10.30am

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers:

Reader: Commentator: Welcoming:
Set-Up: Counters: Cleaners:

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 2020

Special Ministers:

Reader: Commentator: Set-Up:

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

Special Minsters 6.00pm:

Special Minsters 10:30am:

6.00pm: Reader: Commentator: Set-Up:

10.30am: Reader: Commentator: Set-up:

Counters: Cleaners: 11th April:

MASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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 Bisticic, Bernice Burke, Linda Bisticic, 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 including Mary Camilleri (Sister of Vic Vella) and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Dorothy Pittle, Alan Bentley, Glenn Hurley, Michael Berriman, Helen McCrohan Steve Molnar, Domenica Picollo, Kath Mumford, Theodora Ellul, Maura McGauran, Stephen Ruzic, Marg Watson, Ray Money, Gaetano Palazzolo, Peter Beaumont, Frank Perversi, Noela Atkinson

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> 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>

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.

WOMENS CONNECT

Women's Connect is a social group of women from the combined parishes and wider. Currently they are catching up using the "zoom" app on phones, tablets or laptops. If anyone is feeling isolated or would just like to join in the next one ON Saturday 9th of May at 2.00pm please let Jasna Bruce know on 0403827530 or brucejasna@gmail.com

PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas would like to say thank you for your support in 2020. if you still have boxes or envelopes at home you can drop them Sacred Heart or St Thomas Parish Offices. You can also drop them off at the letterbox at the Parish House at St Thomas.

You can leave your donation boxes (envelopes) at either school Office as they are both open. If donation boxes could be dropped off by the end of May it would be appreciated.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the worlds most vulnerable communities to grow stronger.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Or phoning 1800 024 413.



Why God Created Mothers

*When God created Mothers, He made two loving arms
To cradle us and shelter us from the worldly harm.
When God created Mothers, He made a pair of hands
To care for us and guide us through our choices and our plans.
When God created Mothers, He made the warmest heart
To understand and give our lives a happy, loving start.
Why God created Mothers, is not a mystery. . .
He meant to share His love with us and did it perfectly.*

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.

The Message Board

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St Peter's, St Thomas and St Mary's Parishes.

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day for all our mothers, grandmothers and god-mothers in our parishes. Due to the pandemic crisis and social distancing restrictions, we cannot celebrate Mother's Day at our churches like we normally do. Therefore, I would like to write few lines and ask God to bless them all.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you together with me to thank and to pray that Almighty God bless all mother figures for their lives and for their sacrifice for us.

All-loving God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us. We thank you today for the gift of our mother's.

We give thanks for our mother's who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love. We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

We ask your Blessing upon mother's who are unable to be with us be with us this weekend. May they know how much we love and care for them.

We pray for birth mothers who have loved their children so much they have shared the gift of their child with those who could better care for them and their needs, and give them a secure home.

And we pray for adoptive mothers, that they may always know their special role of being a true mother, a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon Mothers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, accident and tragedy, war and violence that they may have your continuing strength and courage. We ask your blessing too, upon those who would very much like to be mothers but who are having trouble having a child.

We ask your Blessing upon the mothers who are with us and with their children, grand-children at home during this crisis. Please give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all grandmothers, mothers, and god-mothers in our parishes, that they may be strengthened as Christians. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. We ask this Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Fr. Tao Pham

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks: "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?" Her mother replied: "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked: "Mumma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?" (Source from internet) Fr Tao Pham

Wishing all the mothers a very happy Mother's Day and thanking them for the love, care, thoughtfulness and compassion that they give to their families. They have a unique place in our hearts. Also remembering the beautiful mothers who have died and have left behind their legacy of love and devotion to family. You are always part of us. I am also thinking of those who have taken on a motherly role with others in need. They have a very special place as well and we could not manage without them. Best wishes to all the mothers in our lives.

Cathy O'Brien

Happy Mother's Day to Margaret Jose who at 85 and in home isolation has completed three patch work quilts, several sets of pajamas and baked birthday cakes for two of her grandsons.

Mandy Robinson



The Message Board

Dear Brian and Ellen

Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary what a Wonderful achievement. You were married at St Mary's Greensborough on the 2nd May 1970 by the late Father Ashe **Wow!!** Wishing you good health and happiness God Bless you and keep you safe.
Marg McKenzie on behalf of our Partnered Parishes of St Thomas', St Marys' and Sacred Heart



We would like to wish mum a very happy Mothers Day. Mum will be 107 in July, she lives in Brisbane so we don't get to see her very often, but keep in touch via the staff at Villa Maria. Dad succumbed to a bout of meningitis in 1951, leaving mum at the age of 38 with three children under the age of nine to raise on her own. Mum worked hard and made many sacrifices for her young family. God Bless you mum, hopefully we will be able to visit you for your 107th birthday in July.
Peter and Jan Duffell

MOTHERS

In the name of the Father....
Tonight we gather in God's name.
Mary the mother of Jesus was a mother,
just as we are mothers.
Let us pray that we can do God's will, just as Mary so
humbly carried out the will of God.
Together let us pray....
'May the light of our soul guide us
May the light of our soul bless the work we do
With the secret love and warmth of our heart
"May we see in what we do the beauty of our own soul
May the sadness of our work bring healing,
Light and renewal to those who mother
May our work as mothers never weary us
May it release within us wellsprings of refreshment,
Inspiration and excitement.
May the day never burden
May dawn find us awake and alert,
Approaching our new day
With dreams, possibilities and promises
May evening find us gracious and fulfilled
May we go into the night blessed, sheltered
And Protected
May our soul calm, console and renew us"

Dear Mother Mary, full of Grace the Lord is with
You, blessed are you amongst all mothers and
blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary
mother of God, pray for ALL mothers now and at
the hour of our death. AMEN
Regards,
Rose Rendina

Happy Mother's Day,



To Mum,
Thank you for looking after me
when I'm sick, sad, uncomfortable,
anxious or not set on my feet.
You're always there to look after
and protect me. You taught me to
be the loving, kind and caring girl
I am to this day.



Best wishes to all our selfless and dedicated Mums on Mother's Day.

Also, to all our inspirational women such as Margaret Dunn, Mary O'Dea and Sr Margaret Sapsford, adoptive mothers, step mothers, godmothers, sisters, aunties, babysitters, carer's and kind neighbours who enhance our lives with their love, nurturing, compassion, loyal support and assistance in the Sacred Heart community.

Love all my heart, Liza xxx

The Message Board

Happy Mothers' Day

Like Easter, Mothers' Day will be different this year as we continue to follow social distancing and explore new ways of keeping in touch. Naturally I am missing my children and grandchildren, but am happy to see them through Zoom and know that they are okay. Our youngest 7 month old grandson is always smiling in photos and will be well past the baby stage by the time we get to cuddle him. I commented to 12 year old Archie that, "you will be much taller when I see you and I'll have more wrinkles." He all too quickly agreed!

I would like to wish a very Happy Mothers' Day to all the Mums in our parish and to all women who have nurtured, loved and cared for children in their lives. Mothers' Day is for you too. I miss you all and look forward to when we can gather together again as a parish family. Many thanks to Lisa for the Message Board; it's a great idea.

Best wishes and keep well everyone,
Sue McMahon



Hi Fellow Parishioners, especially the Mums
Did any of you ask two policewomen to call on me to do a welfare check this week? They found me bewildered, wondering who would have asked them to call. They agreed that maybe the unruly front lawn may have caused concern. When I told my resident overly protective son about my lawn the next day! Perhaps it was an early Mother's Day gift.
Hope your Mother's Day gift is less bewildering and more of a blessing to you. Let's pray we see each other before anymore police visits.
Blessings, Sandra Bishop



Greetings from Heart Beat which unfortunately did not get printed for the Easter edition. I was most regretful that Fr Steven's beautiful reflection for Easter was not circulated. However, if all goes well in the next few months, we'll use all the articles for the Spring edition. Apologies to our sponsors but, hopefully, if you need any of them you may have a copy from past editions. You might like to contribute in the future with your reflections on how you spent your time in isolation, and how you coped. We have been fortunate to have our Parish Masses recorded for us, and last weekend Fr Steven celebrated a beautiful Mass from St Peter's in Hurstbridge. I particularly felt very much at home in the familiar setting and would like to express my gratitude to Fr Steve for making the effort to travel here. I would love to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mothers' Day.

*Keep safe and remember a friend is just a phone call away and Jesus is even closer.
Blessings, Pat Frisby*



Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers on this occasion set aside to celebrate your role and influence in the family. My mother taught me more with her proverbs and one-liners than I ever learned with long arguments, and I am ever grateful for her impact on my life.

As I reflect on this occasion, I think about the beautiful relationship Jesus had with his mother. I find it beautiful that when Jesus was in his final moments of his earthly journey providing redemption for the whole world, he paused to make sure that someone would take care of his mother. Even in the depths of his own pain and agony, Jesus was keenly aware of Mary's distress and did not want her to feel abandoned and in that moment He transferred the responsibility of His mother's well-being to his beloved disciple, John.

*Wishing our mother's Pam & Lorraine and all the wonderful Mothers in our Parishes a very Happy Mother's Day
Lisa & Chris*

A Big Thank You to everyone who has contributed to our Message Board so far.

If you would like to post a message next week or even share some news or a joke, please feel free to email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au before 12.00pm each Wednesday.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Phillip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
the Lord;**

**no one comes to the Father, except
through me.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

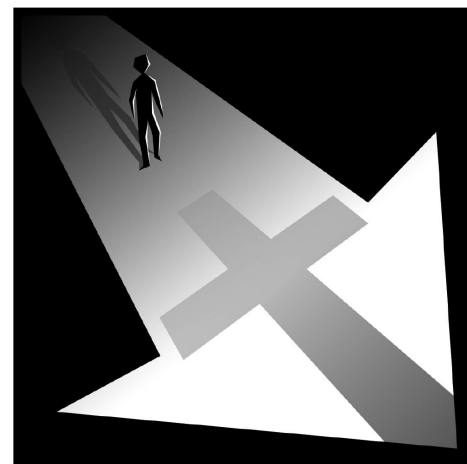
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.