



**Sunday 14th June 2020**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo

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**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

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**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.30am to 10.00am

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**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

**MASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**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](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>

**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 Bistrivic, Bernice Burke, Linda Bistrivic, 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 and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom**

Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Pauline Georgiades, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker, Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker.

## DIAMOND VALLEY COVID-19 HOME STORIES

*Stories from the Partnered Parishes of Diamond Creek, Greensborough and Greensborough North about a time of pandemic.*

Good stories capture our imaginations, inspire us to be better, teach us, define us and help us bear witness to our own humanity and those of our neighbours. We weave our stories with other people's stories on a common loom. Let's weave together and see our tapestry. Jesus was not only a healer, a teacher and prophet—he was a storyteller. He used his stories to illuminate the minds and souls of those who heard his voice. His voice can still be heard in the written form through the scripture, through the Mass, through the art and music that artists across the world are inspired to create and our very own voices (if we allow it to be). The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we live in the short term and we are yet to see the changes that will occur in the future.

We would love to hear your stories and anecdotes about staying home to stay safe to collate into a book. Think of what story you would like to pass on; perhaps something you want others to know, or perhaps your children, your grandchildren or even those who will walk the paths we walk now. Say a prayer, muster your courage, get planning & write! Your piece does not need to be long, a paragraph or two or three. If you do complete this task, email it to [Diamondcreek@cam.org.au](mailto:Diamondcreek@cam.org.au) or [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) or [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) with your name, your age (if you are game enough) and a note giving us permission to publish your work. New Dates for Submissions close is 18 September 2020. The collection of stories will be published in an e-book at a later date.

## 'THE ART OF DIVINE ENCOUNTERS'.

You are invited to a Zoom presentation "The Art of Divine Encounters".

Right from the beginning of Christianity people writing with brushes have left us timeless material offering the opportunity of Divine Encounters even during a pandemic. Spend 2 hours exploring and experiencing.

**WHEN:** Saturday 13 June 2020 at 10.00am

**LOCATION:** In the comfort of your home! Zoom gathering free of charge.

Book early to avoid missing out as we have limited numbers.

**BOOK AT:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVNK> You will be sent a link to use to attend.

If further information is required phone Sandra Bishop 9434 75543

## VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT 2020

Hi Everyone

I hope you are all managing to keep well and warm now that winter is upon us. On these very cold nights, my thoughts go to the homeless who brave the elements night after night.

It is difficult for us to even imagine it as we snuggle down into our warm beds. I am planning on participating in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout on the 18th June to both raise awareness and much needed funds to assist those who find themselves sleeping rough. This year it will be a Sleepout with a difference no gathering at one venue, rather everyone at home, on their verandah or in their car, with a link to hear from the inspiring speakers. Vinnies need your help to enable our volunteers to keep up the amazing work they do helping those less fortunate.

If you would like to help me with a donation, please go to the following link: [ceosleepout.org.au/fundraiser/kevinmcmahon](https://ceosleepout.org.au/fundraiser/kevinmcmahon)

I appreciate all the support I have received for the last 2 Sleepout's and thank you in advance for any continued support.

Kevin McMahon

(State President)



## 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.**

## 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.**

**The Church collection/account (2<sup>nd</sup> coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.**

## DIAMOND VALLEY REFUGEE SUPPORT

Diamond Valley Refugee Support – Thanks to all parishioners for continuing to support the project even though we have been in isolation. Please ensure all donation envelopes are handed in by the 15th June at the latest. Please drop in your envelopes to the St Thomas or Sacred Heart parish offices or alternatively place them in the letter box beside the front door of the Presbytery at St Thomas (Not the Front Gate). This will be the last collection for banking before the end of the financial year 2019/2020. The Brigidines' Asylum Seeker Project will be issuing receipts sometime in July. For queries, please ring Lilian Hobson (0402 823 679). Our Parishes will continue to support the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project; new envelopes for 2020/2021 will issued in July/August.

## DREAMING OF A BETTER FUTURE

Sherry is the Coordinator of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, she has recorded a reflection on her hope for the future for Indigenous Australians. Here is the link to the article: . [https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Eureka%20Street%20Daily%20-%20Tuesday%209%20June%202020&utm\\_content=Eureka%20Street%20Daily%20-%20Tuesday%209%20June%202020+CID\\_7131a091621a0df48603e5771cdd9e15&utm\\_source=Jescom%20Newsletters&utm\\_term=EUREKA%20STREET](https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Eureka%20Street%20Daily%20-%20Tuesday%209%20June%202020&utm_content=Eureka%20Street%20Daily%20-%20Tuesday%209%20June%202020+CID_7131a091621a0df48603e5771cdd9e15&utm_source=Jescom%20Newsletters&utm_term=EUREKA%20STREET)

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## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2020

Winter brings about many challenges for people who struggle to meet the costs of heating, warmer clothing, and healthy nourishing meals, let alone the extra difficulties facing the homeless. Every year, Vinnies have a Winter Appeal and rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners from all our churches.

Despite the restrictions we have all been facing, Vinnies have managed to continue to assist those in need, but our income has been drastically affected due to the necessary closing of our stores and to the closing of our churches and schools.

The effects of COVID-19 will remain with us for some time and we expect that, as the Government financial assistance comes to an end, the calls for assistance will increase greatly. There are likely to be many new people who find themselves unemployed and needing help.

Each year we have a guest speaker at each Mass to highlight the wonderful work Vinnies do and to appeal to your generosity.

Please find the time to open the links below to hear this year's 'guest speaker'. We thank you in anticipation for your generous response to our Winter Appeal.

**Kevin McMahon (State President)**

Share a video from our State President by using the links below

- <https://bit.ly/2yEkBp3> (1.06mins)
- <https://bit.ly/2XxiLyC> (3.47mins)



## PLENARY UPDATE

The Plenary writing groups have been working with the submissions from Parishes and have published Discernment Papers on each of the six themes for all to view and read at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.auncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.auncil.catholic.org.au). These are the sum of Australians' discernment into what the Holy Spirit is telling us, as the Church in Australia today. Ways to get familiar with these and to reflect and pray will be offered in our combined parish in due course.

## YARRA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Study at Yarra Theological College in Semester 2.

We are offering undergraduate and postgraduate awards of the University of Divinity.

This equips people for various ministries in the church, parishes, school, hospitals and church agents.

Classes commence 27th July 2020.

Options for enrolments.

Current students wanting to add for Semester 2, [email registrar@ytu.edu.au](mailto:email_registrar@ytu.edu.au)

For students who need to discuss their enrolment please call or email, to make an appointment.

Email: [registrar@ytu.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ytu.edu.au) or Phone; 9890 3771.

Check the YTU website for the Semester 2 timetable and fees.

Yarra Theological College, 98 Albion Road Box Hill 3128. [admin@ytu.edu](mailto:admin@ytu.edu) or [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au)



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# The Message Board

## MESSAGE ON 11th JUNE 2020 SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Church, in this month of June, giving us the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, wishes us to understand the consequential devotion to Our Lady traditionally lived in the Marian month par excellence: the month of May. The Heart of Jesus is the See and Throne of Divine Mercy, revealed to the world in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI speaking of the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 2005 said: "In biblical language, "heart" indicates the centre of the person where his sentiments and intentions dwell. In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, his will for universal salvation, his infinite mercy. Practicing devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ therefore means adoring that Heart which, after having loved us to the end, was pierced by a spear and from high on the Cross poured out blood and water, an inexhaustible source of new life".

The call which comes from this important feast day is first of all a call to Eucharistic adoration, because in the Sacred Host the Lord Jesus is truly present and He offers each of us His Heart, His Merciful Love. To spend time in the Presence of the Eucharistic Lord, to adore Him, is the best expression of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which, as we know, spread all over the world thanks to Jesus' revelations to Saint Margherita M. Alacoque in the 17th century: "Behold the Heart which so loved mankind"!

As a prolongation and accomplishment of this message, the Lord appeared to another Sister in the 20th century revealing the abyss of His unfathomable mercy; she was Saint Faustina Kowalska who wrote in her Diary, now world famous, these words of Jesus: "I have opened my Heart as a living source of Mercy, from it all souls draw life, all approach with deep confidence this sea of Mercy. Sinners will obtain justification and the just will be strengthened in goodness. I will fill the souls of those who put their trust in My Mercy with My divine peace at the hour of their death. My daughter, continue to spread devotion to My Mercy, in doing so you will refresh My Heart which burns with the fire of compassion for sinners. Tell my priests that hardened sinners will be softened by their words if they speak of my boundless Mercy and of the compassion which My Heart feels for them. I will give priests who proclaim and exalt My Mercy wondrous power, unction to their words and I will move all the hearts to which they speak" (Book 5, 21 January 1938).

The deepest longing of Christ's Heart is that we discover how much he loves us, the extent of his tender love for creatures who, cooled by their selfishness, look only inwards at themselves, as if they were afraid to let themselves be loved unconditionally by their Creator, who asks nothing and gives all!

How society, culture, economy, politics today need this Heart! It is really true, the more man distances himself from God-Love the more he becomes 'heartless', agitated about a thousand things because he has mislaid the principal one: to let oneself be loved by Christ and to respond to this Love with our love.

Many times during history the Supreme Pontiffs have reminded humanity that without the Lord Jesus life has no real meaning, man gropes in the dark to find himself! The Servant of God, Saint John Paul II introduced the Church into the Third Millennium with a mandate to become "Apostles of Divine Mercy". The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI picked up where his Predecessor left off and never tires to remind us of the necessity to rediscover the merciful Heart, this infinite Love of God, who reveals Himself in our lives if we open to Him.

"Open, open wide the doors to Christ" the voice of the Holy Spirit continues to say. By means of Eucharistic adoration we are "opened" from within by His invisible working in us. The Most Holy Eucharist, celebrated and adored, as the Church teaches us, is the greatest and most effective treasure of our salvation, an infinite treasure which must be safeguarded with profound respect and deepest devotion.

Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, "I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment".

*Let us pray: Lord Jesus, I do love You and I give my life to You.  
I pray that You will always fill me with a  
burning desire to seek You out, each and every day.  
I thank You for Your mercy and for Your shepherd's heart.  
May I rest close to Your heart every day.  
Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*

*I wish all of you have a great week.  
Happy Feast Day, Corpus Christi  
God bless you and your family always.  
Fr Tao Pham*



# The Message Board

How can a person be fully occupied in lockdown? The answer to that is technology! YouTube has enabled me to see daily Mass. Zoom has worked overtime, meeting up with our Monday night bible study group (including the member who is currently under lockdown in London), attend uni lectures Tuesdays, prayer group Thursdays. We even presented a Catholic School of Evangelisation course over 3 afternoons to a team in the Highlands of PNG and last week saw the first presentation of "The Art of Divine Encounters" zoomed to 3 countries. What's app keeps me connected with family at Somers and friends near and far. Thankfully, if I am quick enough, I turn off the video camera when I am caught still in my night attire in the afternoon!

And of course there is the phone. However, I very much look forward to leaving technology aside and dressing early in order to not only see, but actually participate in Mass in our very own churches. Hope to see you there very soon.

Sandra Bishop

My computer came with a font called Dingbats. Perfect for writing the relatives.



***Congratulations and Happy 80th Birthday to Carole Bell.***

***Carole has been on both the Greensborough North and Diamond Creek Eucharistic Minister and Counting Roster for many years.***

***Happy Birthday and Thank You from the St Thomas and Sacred Heart community.***

## ***Modern Catechetics - COVID Style***

*At the beginning of this year, Fr Steve asked me to take on the Catechist Class at St. Thomas'. I agreed and we had just settled into a combination of face to face classes and home activities when COVID-19 reared its ugly head. Not to be beaten, and after some pondering, we started Zoom classes. Each Thursday afternoon, five eager little faces light up my computer screen as we launch into the next lesson. All of the children are preparing for First Reconciliation and some are preparing for First Eucharist as well. So far we have learnt about Lent, Easter, Mary, prayer and now we are coming to know more about Jesus. Next term we will begin the more specific sacrament preparation. During lock down when my calendar was empty, I have looked forward to our Thursday Zooms and have been delighted to welcome my enthusiastic students and their parents into my 'home'. May God bless them as they continue their sacramental journey.*

***Sue McMahon***



***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](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) before 12.00pm each Wednesday***

## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A**

**14 June 2020**

### **First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16**

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

*or*

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your  
gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your  
borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

### **Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17**

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

### **Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the living bread from heaven,  
says the Lord;**

**whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Jn 6:51-58**

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come  
down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for  
ever;

and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one  
another: 'How can this man give us his

flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of  
Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink  
my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from  
heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live  
for ever.'



### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

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