



Sunday 26th April 2020

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Mass Times

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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Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at St. Peter's Hurstbridge 7.15pm
Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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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 and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Betuna, Margaret Mc Carthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Rod Nettleton, Jane Coyle

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>
- **St. Mary's Greensborough:** Saturday evening Mass at 6:30pm, access via following Link <http://www.cam.org.au/greensborough>
- **St. Mary's Church, North Sydney:** Mass on demand & live streamed daily <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

If you are seeking fresh inspiration for your prayer consider www.sacredspace.ie daily prayer

You can find this week's resources which we invite you to share in preparation for the Third Sunday of Easter.

The resources can also be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/> and will be updated each week.

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.

ANZAC DAY

As you will understand Diamond Creek RSL Sub Branch will not be offering a public ANZAC Day Service this year. Our President will conduct a wreath laying and respectful observance ceremony at the Cenotaph on Saturday 25th April at 10.30am. The club appreciates the Priests & parishioners from Sacred Heart & St Thomas, and especially the pupils from both schools, who participate in our ceremonies.

We thank you for your Prayers and hope you all stay safe.

Diamond Creek RSL

FR TAO'S JOURNEY — A FEATURE MINI-FILM

Recently the You Tube Channel "*Shalom World*" filmed a special feature on Fr. Tao Pham. It follows his journey showing the power of hope and challenges in Fr Tao's life & to his Faith. We highly recommend you watch this video, click on the Link below, we are sure you will find it very interesting and will give you an insight into our wonderful Assistant Priest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFC4wQ9AU3Y&app=desktop>



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 April 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.



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 Lisa

Greetings from the Parking Attendant and the Collector of monies for the Church. Thank you for keeping us informed through your online messages.

It is over four weeks since I have been to St Thomas' & I miss you all, Chris, Chris's mother Lorraine, yourself and all the other wonderful people.

I have been leaving my envelopes at St Mary's with the appropriate requests.

I fill in my time easily with my morning walk, reading and the garden. I love the phone and make calls all over Australia. Ellen and I have many friends from our days as members of the YCW (Young Christian Workers).

I like reading the homilies of our lovely priests - Steve, Lenin and Tao.

I try to live the Gospel message in my daily life. However, I still miss the personal contacts.

We must give thanks to the medical people for their wonderful leadership during this crisis.

God's blessing to you all.

Brian



*Hi Everybody
Just wanted to say how much I miss the chats with everybody after
Mass and over the cup of tea after Friday's Mass
It is great to have the Mass on line and the homilies
Thank you Frs Steve, Lenin and Tao
Thanks Pat for keeping us all informed
Love you all Moya*

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

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

According to the tradition of our parishes, on the last weekend of the month we celebrate the Wedding Anniversaries of all who were married during that month. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the rule of social distancing and restrictions, we cannot gather physically in our church, therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remember all the people who have Wedding Anniversaries this month – the month of April, by sending you many blessings and best wishes. May you continue to live a full and joyous life for many more years to come. May your companionship grow stronger each day and may truth, passion and love stay deep inside your hearts. May the risen Lord bless and enlighten you through the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthen you as you walk in his light.

Happy Wedding Anniversary!

Fr Tao Pham



We all know that Easter eggs are a sign of new life as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Interesting though in these days of ISO, I am surrounded by other signs of new life: an abundance of butterflies, our winter vegie crop growing fast, stunning dahlias in our garden and the local birds seem to be singing constantly. But for me the most significant sign of new life has been right outside our back door. A spotted dove made a nest just under the roof of our patio and sat patiently and lovingly on 3 eggs until 2 of them hatched. I watched with delight each day, photographing each stage of development as she nourished and nurtured her baby chicks. She seemed to know I was no threat, and made no objections. I watched as 2 fluffy chicks grew to be almost as big as Mumma bird. Even Papa bird dropped in occasionally. I knew the time was getting close for 'my' chicks to spread their wings so it was with a mixture of sadness and excitement that yesterday I noticed the nest was empty. Our 4 children left the 'family nest' many years ago, but I'm feeling like an empty-nester once again! However, I am thrilled that my Easter gift this year has been to witness this beautiful example of new life. Thank you ISO for giving me the time to observe this beautiful natural phenomenon of new life and thank you God for continuing to surround us with signs of new life even at a time of great uncertainty.

Keep well, Alleluia, alleluia. Sue McMahon



The Message Board

LEARN TO BE GRATEFUL

The Coronavirus pandemic reminds us that we often forget to give thanks to God and to others for the many kindnesses they have shown us but instead we have taken them for granted.

According to an unconfirmed piece of news, a ninety-three year old man in Italy, whose condition had improved from COVID-19, was handed an expensive bill for using the ventilator. Upon receiving the bill, he broke down in tears and cried loudly. A doctor rushed to comfort him and told him not to worry about the expenses, but was deeply touched by the elderly man's reply. The elderly man said "I am not crying because I need to pay since I can pay! I am crying because I have been breathing the air God has given me for ninety three years free of charge. Using the ventilator for a day in the hospital costs five thousand dollars. Do you know how much I owe God? I have never been more thankful to him." It does not matter whether this story is true or not. The anecdote reminds all of us not to forget to be grateful to God and to others for all we are given when we can still breathe air freely and free of charge. I remember a well-known Chinese idiom that reads:



*"We remember those who help us for a thousand years;
the fragrance of flowers given to us will linger for ten thousand years."*



This pandemic crisis reminds us that, day by day, lives are being lost both here in Australia and in other countries. Although we have some concerns and worries, we are still alive. Millions of people are infected with the Coronavirus and we are still safe and sound. Many people in other parts of the world have no place to live, they are hungry and thirsty because there is not enough food and water. Although we are currently facing difficulties and challenges, we still live in good conditions where we can access most things we need.

At this time I am spending a lot of time praying and reflecting on my life. I recall the past period of my life and count how many graces and goodness and gifts God and others have given me. I have counted tirelessly and realized that I could not count all the gifts and good things the Lord and others have given me. After counting them I have cried and thanked God and others who have done so much for me. I think if you would take the time to count the gifts and good things which God and others have given you in your life, you will do the same as I have done.

Take care, stay safe and thank God and others at all times.

Fr Tao

Thank you to our priests for sharing the experience of celebrating the Eucharist in these unusual times of locked and empty churches.

Thank you Frs Steven, Tao and Lenin for praying for us and our families in your Masses.

How is this time for each of you, members of our worshipping communities?

On Holy Thursday my community and I gathered for the telecast of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The homily 'Eucharistic Hunger' is available at

www.melbournecatholic.org.au/archbishop/homilies if you are interested.

Margaret rsc

Hello everyone

I'm reflecting this week on faith. My daughter asked me "how do you think the grandparents would have gone in this current situation?" Then she decided they would have been fine, given they had been through the Second World War. Both my parents and my maternal grandmother. My Dad was a Red Cross driver in Holland and my Mum was a nurse. Dad became a convert when he married Mum after which they came to Australia in 1950. My grandmother was a widow during the war with 8 children. I draw on the faith of my ancestors: great faith, hope and love sustained them through those difficult and challenging days.



I have my grandmother's silver rosary on my bedroom drawers and often give them a comforting touch, which connects me to prayers said long ago in faith.

Wilhelmina (Named after my Grandmother)

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them*



RSL's Nationally are urging all Australians to commemorate this ANZAC Day by standing at the end of their driveway or on their Balconies at 6:00am for a "Moment of Reflection" We would encourage all our Parishioners to participate in this silent remembrance in honour of our fallen soldiers from all conflicts.

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 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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