



Sunday 28th June 2020

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Lenin Thenamirtham

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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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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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

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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Secretary: Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am
Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

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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>
- **To view the St Thomas day reflection by Fr Lenin Thenamirtham please follow the link:**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jPxRvqm02QpeGo9Vy6N5Kfyy5IBJ4uY8/view?usp=sharing>

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 including Gordon Shannon 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 Smoker.

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 or greensborough@cam.org.au or 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 Way's 30th Birthday

You are invited to

a Zoom Celebration

at 8pm on Sunday 28th June 2020

click on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86362771641>

Rose 0411 650 339 or Sandra: 9434 7553

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES ST THOMAS

Thanksgiving envelopes dated the 5th of July are now available .
As we will not be resuming Mass at the moment I will post out all of the Thanksgiving Envelopes.
If you do not receive them by the end of next week could you please ring me on 9434 7373 or email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au
Hoping to see everyone again very soon. Lisa

MEMORIAL WALL GARDEN

Please contact Diamond Creek Parish Office if you are interested in purchasing a bronze plaque to be placed on the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden Wall.

The Parish is not fundraising from plaque sales. To cover costs and installation we need to charge \$295.00 per plaque, which are the same as those already on the wall. Flyers can be emailed or collected from office. Phone 9401 6361 or email diamondcreek@cam.org.au



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 (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.

CHRISTINA O'CONNOR

Dear Parishioners,

It is with sadness and gratitude that I inform you that Christina O'Connor, our Parish Pastoral Worker, has retired from this role as of the end of June. Christina volunteered around the Parish before being officially employed as a Pastoral Worker in 1998. From many years ago, she worked closely with Fr. Kevin McIntosh in a Movement for a Better World, which helped create the community of St. Thomas parish. This led to connecting family groups with the parish and later to the development of the Grapevine, which she continued to coordinate. She also took on the role of organising the group leaders responsible for its distribution. She has been actively involved in the parish Thanksgiving programs and has been on the Counters' roster since it began.

More specific to her role as our Pastoral Worker, Christina has visited the sick in our parish, and established and maintained the rosters for parishioners who take Communion to the sick in their homes and Aged Care accommodations. She has also always been the friendly, welcoming face meeting and greeting new parishioners as they arrive at Mass.

I am very grateful for the friendly and pastoral ministry that Christina has exercised and on your behalf and I thank her for the great contribution she has made to the vitality of St. Thomas' Parish. We will need to make sure that the ministry Christina has exercised in our care for the sick, elderly and housebound continues to ensure that these parishioners are connected to us. Christina will continue, of course to be an active parishioner and I'm sure she will continue to involve herself in the life of the parish.

On your behalf, I wish her well, and trust that she enjoys more time spent with Thomas, her husband, her two children Lisa Maree & Kerry Ann and her four grandchildren.

Fr. Steven.



INTER CHURCH COUNCIL

Michael Bates is stepping down from the Inter Church Council after many years. We are looking for someone to take over this role. The requirements are to attend 4 meetings per year, and involvement for the Ecumenical Way of the Cross on Good Friday, Family Christmas Carols in December, World Day of Prayer in May, and occasional fund raising BBQ's. It is an opportunity to be involved in social justice issues in conjunction with other local churches. If you would like to be involved please call the Parish Office and we can put you in touch with Michael if you would like any more information.

GREENSBOROUGH DIAMOND CREEK CONFERENCES VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2020

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.

This note details how to direct your contribution to the Diamond Creek and Greensborough Conferences, to support people in need in our Parishes

If you donate on line at vinnies.org.au go to "Comments" and type in that you want your contribution to go to Diamond Creek or Greensborough Conference (or any other conference you might prefer).

If you donate by phone on 13 18 12 make sure you tell the person taking your call where you would like your donation to go.

Diamond Creek St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2020: Gift cards or cash donations can be left at the Parish or School Office. Donate by phone 13 18 12 (specifying Diamond Creek) or online at vinnies.org.au (in 'Comments' tab type **Diamond Creek Conference**). Your support for the needy in our local area is much appreciated.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Catholic Theological College is offering a range of online courses due to start late June until the end of October. As per government instructions for tertiary institutions all sessions are online. However, it is possible we may require to phase in some sessions via face to face mode.

Some of the courses on offer are: Reimagining Creation and Incarnation through Art/ Christian Faith & World Religions/ The Liturgy and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

For more information on courses and fees: www.ctc.edu.au

For enrolment information and appointments 9412 3309 or email AssistantDean@ctc.edu.au



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

28 June 2020

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by

the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

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