



Sunday 2nd August 2020

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

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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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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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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>
- **Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August**
The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman and their families.

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

Jim Beattie, Maurie Dalwood, Fr Gerard Loughnan, Kevin Nihill, Win Atkinson, Mary Burke, Arthur Walker, Jane de Carlo, Rachael Casale, Frank McMahon, Frank Ventura, Tony Chirico, Marie Lewis, Michael De Popolo, Maris Sacchetta, Guido Micheluzzi, Orazio Palazzoto, Giovanna Formosa, Robert Capocchi, Denis McCarthy, James McCarthy, Bill Ahern, Marina Micai, Anne Honeywell, Giusepa Minutolo, Paul Silverwood, Jim Lysaght, Salvatore Scala, Margaret Hardwick, Ted Tremayne, Giselle Caliste, Nadia Mefflin, Alan Corcoran, Margaret Howse

DIAMOND VALLEY COVID-19 HOME STORIES

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

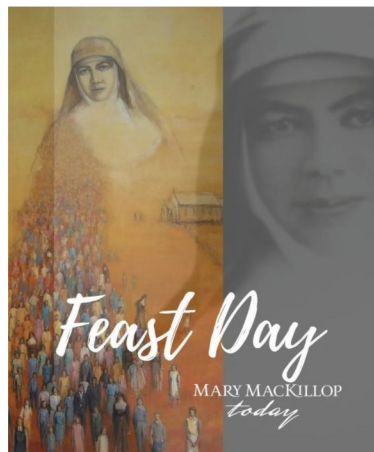
The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we live in the short term and we are yet to see the changes that will occur in the future. We would love to hear your stories and anecdotes about staying home to stay safe to col-late into a book. Think of what story you would like to pass on; perhaps something you 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, & write! Your piece does not need to be long, a paragraph or two or three. Email your story 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.

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL 8th & 9th AUGUST

On the 2nd weekend of August we are having the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal in our combined parishes. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. Please donate to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full.



You can donate online at www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



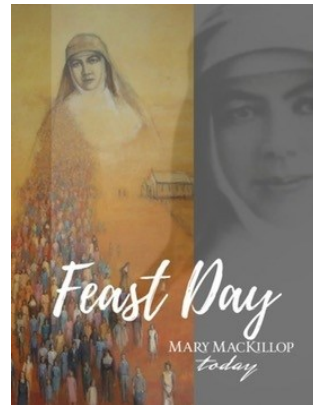
In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

"Take fresh courage."

For the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation, please give generously this Feast Day to continue her legacy.

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Call 02 8912 2777 or visit
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Feast Day - 8 August 2020
MARY MACKILLOP
today



Thank you for your prayers

Mary MacKillop Today supports thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please pray for Mary MacKillop Today especially during the challenging times we all face, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vitals works carrying on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop.

If you'd like to learn about Mary MacKillop Today please contact us via Ph: (02) 8912 2777
Email: hello@marymackilloptoday.org.au or visit:

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GREENSBOROUGH CONFERENCE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2020

This year we extended our Winter Appeal from June through July, given our present circumstances of no Sunday Mass, hence no opportunity for leaving collections. Despite this disadvantage, you, the parishioners of St Mary's and St Thomas' combined, have donated over \$10,000, enabling us to continue helping people who request our assistance. Meanwhile the donation of food items through our two parish schools, St Mary's and St Thomas', over-filled our food store, despite only three weeks of classroom attendance in second term. Thank you to all who donated,

Ian Fraser, President.

ST THOMAS VILLAGE

A beautifully appointed 2 bedroom unit, single car garage has come onto the market at St Thomas' Village, Greensborough. Asking for offers over \$610,000. Please call Monika on 0438 402 604 to book your private inspection.

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.

MESSAGE BOARD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St Peter's, St. Thomas' & St Mary's Parishes, According to the tradition of our parishes, on the first weekend of the month we celebrate the Birthday of all who were born during that month. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and we are in the second lockdown with the strict rule of social distancing and restrictions, and wearing face mask when going out. We cannot gather physically in our churches to celebrate Birthday's for our sisters or brothers in our churches in this month. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remember all the people who have Birthdays in the month of August, by sending you many blessings and best wishes.

I wish you have a happy, joyous and meaningful day at home with your loved ones in your family!

My dear friends, on this occasion, I pray that,

May God make each day of your life as beautiful and as golden as you are. May the Almighty God go on to add more years of happiness and good health to your life. May you be blessed with a long life full of nothing but grace and peace of God. May you always be surrounded by family and friends that love and cherish you and never be lonely in this life. May the Lord bless and enlighten you through the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthen you as you walk in his light.

Once again, I wish you a joyous and blessed Birthday!

Happy Birthday!

Fr Tao Pham



I thought I might share with you a recent message I received from one of the people in America who plays 'Words with Friends' with me. She lives in Connecticut which reopened late because it had been part of the

terrible experience New York has. She and her husband have a dental practice which they closed when they went into isolation.

She writes "So much of the U.S. is a mess. We expect vacationers to bring it back or the young elite athletes who are travelling to tournaments to bring it back. We have installed air sanitizing systems in our office ductwork, along with two free standing units, have U.V. Germicidal lights that operate on timers which clean and zap, have also purchased a very high speed system to capture aerosol. We believe we are still very vulnerable."

They have also put the practice up for sale as they have health issues which increases their risks. How this virus has affected our lives is rather staggering, and although I feel safe in my isolation as an older person, so many still have to brave the risks to make a living and survive the financial pressures.

May I use this platform to sincerely thank those in our families who support and care for us, and for the teams in the wider community who risk their own safety to care for the infected. This pandemic seems to bring out the best in us, but unfortunately, also the worst. May the general public heed the necessary restrictions placed on us and may the authorities use the wisdom that we read about in the Sunday Mass. We need more Solomons in charge to lead us back to normality. May God bless us all.

Pat Frisby

You Know your Old when

In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.

You and your teeth don't sleep together.

People call at 9 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"

You begin every other sentence with, "Nowadays..."

The clothes you've put away until they come back in style... come back in style.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

"Getting a little action" means you don't need to take a laxative.

When getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

When happy hour is a nap.

When you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

You are 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, 94 around the golf course.

When you're told to act your own age, and you die.

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Fr Tao Pham

MESSAGE BOARD

OUR LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

Four months on and we are still unable to enjoy the things we love, seeing family, friends, going out to lunch and equally important, attending Mass at St Thomas.

While I have been able to go to the local shops for provisions, since celebrating her birthday at the end of February, Elaine has only been able to go to a few medical appointments, but we are safe and trying to do the right thing.

We are however thankful and grateful that we have been receiving the link to the Masses (thanks Frank) celebrated at all four churches but we are always pleased when it is at St Thomas. We thank Fr's Steven, Tao and Lenin for celebrating the Mass for us all.

We are also happy to receive the Bulletin with the readings and the news from the message board.

We pray that all our friends from St Thomas are well and keeping safe during this time and we look forward to one day seeing you all at the 10.30 Mass.

Angelo & Elaine Ledda



Hello everyone,

Hello all, hope you are keeping healthy and all is going well. This Covid-19 situation is a bit like looking through a telescope with the cover over the lens, no end in sight...YET!

But, what if we choose to remove this cover, which can block our way forward, then hopefully we may actually see where we are going and with God's help, how to get there. Yes, I did give it a try and low and behold, I did see something!

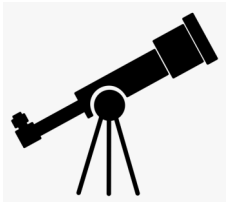
CntainOvercomeVictoriouslyImpassibleDefiantly- 1:9 Joshua, "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go".

PrayAloudNowDevotingEveryMomentInChrist.

By "The Way" the prayer group has kept busy during this challenging time, as we continue to meet, each Thursday night via Zoom, to deliver a varied program including prayer, Scripture reflections and the Rosary, you are most welcome to join us. Also, on Thursday 6th August, we are commencing a 4-part series based on 'Ignatian Spirituality'. For more information please contact Rose... 0411 650 339.

God Bless You all and keep you safe.

Rose Rendina



FACE MASKS FOR SALE

Maddy and Steph are making Face Masks if anyone is interested in purchasing any check out their Facebook or Instagram account or send them an email or contact Lisa At St Thomas on 9434 7373.

The Masks are made to Government Standards

- * **3 layer face masks**
- * **Comfortable cotton inner lining**
- * **Adjustable elastic**
- * **Breathable fabrics**
- * **Hand wash preferable, machine wash in a laundry bag**
- * **DO NOT PUT in dryer**

Local Drop within 15km of Greensborough area

Postage at extra cost of \$10

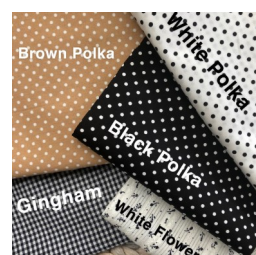
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COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020
3 CARS TO BE WON!

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes:

Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4ltr Auto with Apple Car Play, Multimedia Sat Nav, Reversing Camera, 7" Touchscreen Display & Cruise Control

Each Valued at \$20,682



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to register for tickets online, or complete the form below and return the office or via email to greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

I would like _____ books, each containing 10 raffle tickets. I understand that **ALL SOLD and UNSOLD** tickets must be returned with monies collected to the office by Friday 11 September. Tickets may not be sold after this date.

- I will collect tickets from the office
- Please deliver my books to my home

Address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

2 August 2020

First Reading Is 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:35. 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.
Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.**

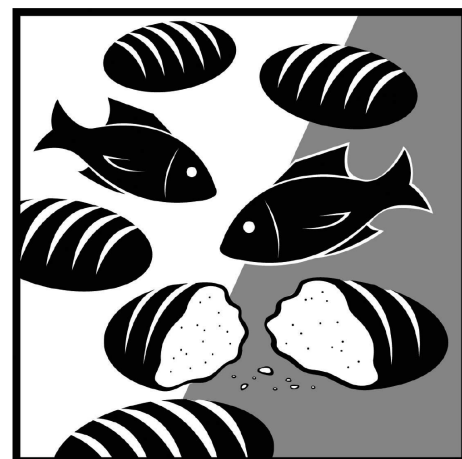
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: "Send the people away so that they can buy ." The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. "There is no need for them to go; give them something to eat yourselves." The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves "and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd." Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: "Give them something to eat yourselves."

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, commands us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, "Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world."

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, will be satisfied.

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