



**Sunday 3rd May 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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**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**

**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 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](mailto: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](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

Or phoning 1800 024 413.



## LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

**Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist**

## 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.

# The Message Board

Dear parishioners,

I would like to express my thanks to Father Steve for making weekly Mass available for us as we stay at home. It is an immense source of peace and continuity of faith expression for me in times when we are unable to come together as a community. As always his homilies are pertinent and helpful.

I particularly commend his thoughts on ANZAC Day which I found very moving. His message has beautifully captured the teachings of Jesus about living together in peace, mutual respect, forgiveness and reconciliation. The words attributed to Ataturk remind us of our common humanity, the power of the call to duty and the profound grief and loss that comes with war.

Let us hope that now, at this time of extreme disruption and tearing at the fabric of our lives, the peoples of the world can stop and reflect on what is fundamentally important in our lives - our loved ones and the shared wellbeing of all.

Thank you also to Father Tao for his thoughtful weekly homilies and congratulations on the short film about his life, in which he displayed great commitment and strength to fulfill his vocation to become a priest.

We are very blessed to have four special priests in our parishes and I thank them for all they do for us.

Best wishes to all, Cathy O'Brien

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",

you know our needs,

and we know that you will provide,

so that, as at Cana in Galilee,

joy and celebration may return

after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the will of the

Father

and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,

and burdened himself with our sorrows

to bring us, through the cross,

to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;

Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,

but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.



**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 Birthdays of all those who were born 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 Birthday's in the month of May, by sending you many blessings and best wishes.**

**Happy Birthday to you! My dear friends.**

**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. May you always be surrounded by family and friends that love and cherish you and never be lonely. May the risen Lord bless and enlighten you through the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthen you as you walk in his light.**

**I wish you a joyous and blessed Birthday!**

**Happy Birthday to you.**



Hi everyone we hope you are all well,

Just a quick reminder that next Sunday, 10th May is

**"Mother's Day"**

We would love to receive some messages from you to your mother or partner that we could include on our Message Board for next to help them celebrate their special day.

Looking forward to hearing from you all,

Lisa



# The Message Board

## THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE FOR US

Dear the Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St Peter's, St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes,  
First of all, I would like to greet you with blessings. I wish all of you and everyone in your families have a peaceful time and stay safely at home in this pandemic crisis.

Secondly, I would like to invite all of you together with me to thank God for good rain this week. Looking at the grass, trees, and plants changing colour and looking at young shoots sprout up quickly I have a big hope. Let us thank God for this week's amazing showers.

As we know, the infection of the coronavirus epidemic on our country has decreased markedly due to efforts to comply with the law of social distancing and the rule of restrictions to gather together in public places. On behalf of and together with all the people in this nation, we thank God for this gift.

With the reduction of the infection of the coronavirus pandemic markedly and with amazing showers in this week, we have a big hope to be back to a normal life in the near future.

Thirdly, the month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I would like to invite all of you join with me in spirit to pray the Rosary every day in this May. According the tradition of this devotion, the Catholic Church invites us to dedicate itself exclusively to presentation of fresh flowers and especially the flowers of our hearts to our Lady, Mother Mary. May God help us and the world through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is more than a month we have no chance to see each other physically. Due to the rule of social distancing and restrictions I have to celebrate Mass every day without you and you have no chance to celebrate Eucharist in our church. You have to receive Holy Communion in spirit. I know that you have missed our church and have been hungry for the Blessed Sacrament. I miss all of you very much too. Remember that, I miss all of you and every time when I pray or celebrate Mass privately I pray for you to be good health and overcome all difficulties in this time.

With the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession, may the Almighty God stop the coronavirus pandemic soon and then we will be able to see each other face to face at our church. May the risen Lord bless and take care each all of you and your families in this difficult time.

God bless all of you and your families always!

Hope to see all of you soon!

Fr Tao Pham



### The Rosary

*The origin of the rosary has a rich history that continues to bring peace to peoples lives.*

*The word rosary itself comes from the Latin word **Rosarium**, which means rose garden or garland of roses.*

*When you pray the Rosary it is like taking a peaceful walk through Mary's rose garden. A garden filled with beautiful, fragrant roses.*

*There are...*

- **White roses that tell the joys of a child and His mother**
- **Yellow roses that speak the truth of a Teacher and His first believer**
- **Red roses that tell of the sorrows of a Man and a woman**
- **Golden roses that tell the glories of a King and a queen**



*The Origin of the rosary is so rich with history, yet all the mysteries can be applied to your everyday, modern situations. It has deep roots, yet is still enduring even in this hectic age.*

**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.**

**First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41**

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;**

**there is nothing I shall want.**

**or**

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25**

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he

took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;**

**I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 10:1-10**

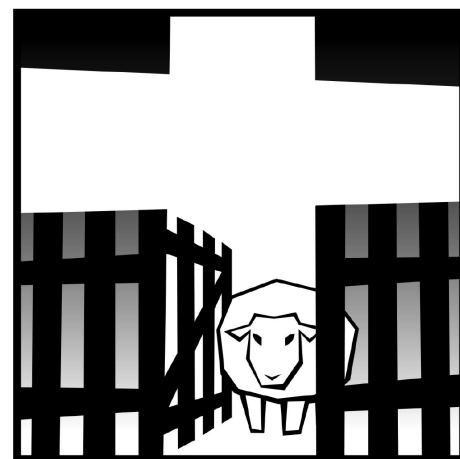
*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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