



Sunday 7th June 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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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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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 Bistricec, Bernice Burke, Linda Bistricec, 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 Margaret Aylward (former Principal at St Thomas) 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).

Pope Francis' 2020 Message for World Day of Social Communication is an inspirational piece about the value and need for our stories to be told. The text of his Message follows and is an inspiration for us to be story-tellers, especially at this crucial time in history. 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 story about staying home to stay safe. Some inspiration questions may include:

- What has changed in your outside world?
- What has changed in you?
- What new skills have you been required to learn?
- What have you grown to appreciate?
- What has died in you during this time ?
- What time has been given life at this time?
- What has been your biggest challenge?
- What has been your biggest success?
- What do you want to remember from this?
- What lessons will you let live or let die?
- What made you see the humorous side of life
- What made you shed a tear or re-evaluate your heart's desire?
- With all that you have learnt and gained and lost—Where do you want to go from here?

We would LOVE to hear your stories and anecdotes to collate into a book. Over the next few weeks, 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, would suffice. If you would like to contribute your story please email it to us at Diamondcreek@cam.org.au or greensborough@cam.org.au or greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au including your name & age (if you are game enough) with a note giving us permission to publish your work.

Submissions close on 18th September 2020.

MARGARET AYLWARD

When Margaret was appointed Principal of St Thomas school in December 1985 the school was part of St Mary's Parish. In January 1986, St Thomas became a parish in its own right, so she became the first Principal of St Thomas Parish Primary School.

We have been notified of her passing and are thinking of her husband Michael and family at this time. May she rest in peace.



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.

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

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

Kevin McMahon



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.

FR KEVIN MC INTOSH GOLDEN JUBILEE

A link has been sent from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish to Fr Kevin McIntosh' 50th Jubilee Mass on 24 May:

<https://olmcsunbury.com/2020/05/24/celebrating-the-golden-jubilee-of-father-kevin/> and a couple of articles in their newsletters: <https://olmcsunbury.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/newsletter-20.05.24.pdf> and <https://olmcsunbury.com/2020/05/24/celebrating-the-golden-jubilee-of-father-kevin/?fbclid=IwAR31ks8cWSoEyMHenryfSvB0KLOJ9fZelaUcmNP2fVaz7fPiFJD-RDntSma>

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary and I are proud to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. On Saturday 6th June 1970 at St Brendan's Flemington, in the presence of our friends and families, we pledged our vows to each other.

Through the medium of the Parish Bulletin we would be grateful if you could let our friends and fellow parishioners share our happiness.

Very much looking forward to returning to normality.

Brian Bedford

Congratulation to Mary and Brian on this very special occasion from everyone in the St Thomas Community



On viewing last week's celebration of Mass by Fr Steven I was very moved when he gave the blessing for those who had wedding anniversaries in the month of May. Even though my husband succumbed to MND over 20 years ago the 16th May is the day that brings back memories of that windy day in 1953 when two young people made their vows. What particularly impressed me in the lovely words of the prayers, were the blessings for our families. Our families are so precious, and to hear them prayed for was very special, and I thank Fr Steven for his inspiration in offering these prayers even though we are at a distance. I hope others also appreciate this kind thought when their month comes along. Pat F.

Our Family
A circle of strength and love,
founded on faith...
joined by love...
kept by God...
Together Forever

The boxes of books at Sacred Heart Parish Centre have all been claimed. Happy reading. Thanks to Peter for donating. There is an ongoing issue regarding sending Parish emails with attachments. The Archdiocese is working to resolve the problem, which is causing emails to arrive hours after they were sent, or without the attachments. Thanks to our parishioners for their pa-

The Message Board

Fr Tao's Message 7th June.

TRINITY SUNDAY 2020

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the cultus of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so shown His mercy towards us and has given us to share in His life.

Trinity Sunday

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist par excellence to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving Te Deum rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's Te Deum of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection.

The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.

Happy Feast Day to Everyone!

May Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you and your family always!

Fr. Tao Pham



First Reading Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit:**

**to God who is, who was, and who
is to come.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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