



**Sunday 11th April 2021**

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

**Parish Pastoral Associates:** Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

204 Grimshaw St.,  
Greensborough, 3088  
**Parish:** 9435 1543  
**Email:** Greensborough@cam.org.au  
**Website:** www.cam.org.au/greensborough  
**Secretaries:** Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser  
**Communications Officer:** Denise Chang-Faux

**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

**Parish School Principal**

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**Sacred Heart**

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Diamond Creek 3089  
**Parish:** 9401 6361  
**Email:** DiamondCreek@cam.org.au  
**Website:** www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek  
**Secretary:** Pat Guatta

**Mass Times**

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Friday:** 9.45am to 10.15am

**Parish School Principal**

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan **Ph:** 9438 1590 **or Email**  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle**

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Greensborough Nth 3088  
**Parish:** 9434 7373  
**Email:** greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au  
**Website:** www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth  
**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 17th & 18th April**

**SACRED HEART 9.00am**

**Special Minister:** R. Belli, T. Sirianni

**Reader:** M. Walsh

**ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am**

**Special Minister 6.00pm:** M. Bedford, K. McMahon, K. Salm

**Special Minister 10.30am:** B. Iacobucci, A. Letzia, C. O'Brien

**6.00pm: Reader:** E. Sacchetta

**Commentator:** P. Carty

**Set Up:** C. Leahy

**10.30am: Reader:** T. Williamson

**Commentator:** L. Hobson

**Set Up:** J. Kerr

**Counters:** J. Bohan, B. Riordan

**Cleaners:** B. Guldson, G. Kilkenny (15th May)

**Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our Websites**

**\*\*\*\*\*NO MASSES AT ST PETER'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED\*\*\*\*\***

**Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:**

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Elaine Chapman, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,  
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Wimal Piyumsiri,

**We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April**  
**that they 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

## PARTNERED PARISHES UMBRELLA PASTORAL COUNCIL

### HISTORY LINE

Late in 2019 a session was held at Sacred Heart Parish, and one at St. Thomas' Parish that led us to explore our backgrounds and the characteristics of our parishes. Arising out of the Plenary Listening and Discernment Sessions, there has been an expressed desire by several parishioners to form Parish Pastoral Councils. The next step towards forming Pastoral Councils, is to undergo a process called The History Line in which we clarify our parishes' strengths and vulnerabilities, by reflecting on particular points in our parishes' histories. These sessions will be facilitated by Jacinta Bright,

We have settled on two dates:

- ♦ **The Sacred Heart Parishioners will meet on Tuesday the 27th of April, in the parish office, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.**
- ♦ **St Thomas parishioners will meet on Tuesday 4th of May, in the parish meeting room, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.**

It would be important to have at these sessions older parishioners who have a knowledge of the history of the parish as well as those who have come in more recent years. Out of this there may be some who would want to go further and become members of newly formed Parish Pastoral Councils.

**With thanks, Fr Steven**

# Invitation

*All Welcome*

You are invited to join with new, old and prospective parishioners to the  
Sacred Heart History Line event.

Let us share who we are, what we have been through and where we are going and  
build community.

**Tuesday 27th April**

**7.00pm-9.00pm**

**Sacred Heart Parish Centre**

**25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek**

**Supper provided**

**RSVP: Sr Margaret Sapsford**

**[Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au](mailto:Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au)**

**Phone: 94016361.**

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE  
LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS  
FOR HIM. EVERY VALLEY WILL  
BE FILLED, EVERY MOUNTAIN  
MADE LOW. ROADS WILL  
BECOME STRAIGHT, ROUGH  
WAYS SMOOTH. AND ALL  
WILL SEE GOD'S SALVATION.

*Luke 3:4-6*

**Past....Present....Future....**

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### SENIOR MOMENTS:

**MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM:** These Zoom catch ups for morning tea for members of our partnered parishes, have been such a great initiative. Now that we are venturing out and about, the need is not so great for us to be finding ways to see and speak with others. However, the group who has been gathering doesn't want it to simply stop, so we have decided to meet on the first Friday of each month at 10.30. This gives people who go to morning mass, time to get back home and settle in for morning tea. This is a great way to get together with old friends and meet new people.

If you are interested please contact Jacinta Bright at [Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au) or call the parish office at St Mary's on 9435 1543.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** We wish to advise all community groups that should you wish to have an event listed in our Weekly Newsletter the deadline is the 2.00pm on the Wednesday prior. Should you have any queries please contact Lisa in the Parish Office.



### WORSHIP & PRAYER

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES:** It is time again to update those who we have been praying for within our Parishes. If you wish to have anyone added to the prayer list could you please notify Pat **9401 6361** or Lisa **9434 7373** or email [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au)

**THE WAY PRAYER GROUP:** You are welcome in joining us celebrate the next Charismatic Mass at St Thomas the Apostle Parish, 251 Diamond Creek Road, Nth Greensborough on Thursday, 15th April. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with praise and worship, followed by Mass. Please note, bookings are required via TryBooking. <https://www.trybooking.com/BQIXI> For any assistance with bookings or any further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

### WEEKEND MASS SUNDAY 25TH APRIL:

**A reminder to Parishioners Sacred Heart & St Thomas are hosting Loyola Houses Masses at the 9.00am & 10.30am Masses. To avoid disappointment could you please book in for Mass via Trybooking or ring Pat or Lisa in the Offices.**

### St THOMAS PARISH OFFICE

Due to ongoing works on the St Thomas Property I will be working mainly from home from Thursday 8th April –Thursday 15th April.

I will still be able to access emails from home.

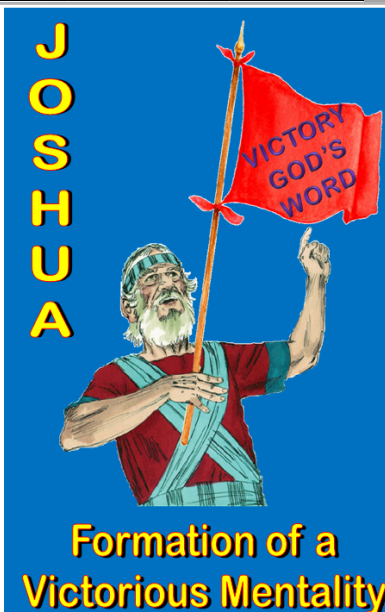
We will be without phones and internet in the office so if you need me please send an email or contact

Sacred Heart 9401 6361 or St Mary's 9435 1543



### ART REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE

When Jesus appears to the disciples, in the reading from John, he meets them where they are, in material reality. The experience of the divine is mediated through the familiar things of this world: Jesus shows them the marks of crucifixion on his body and he breathes the Holy Spirit into them. This is a sensual experience. Thomas, however, is being too concrete and at first he refuses to move beyond the sensual so Jesus allows him a visual and tactile experience, but a leap of intuitive faith is expected of Thomas in the end.



Zoom **JOSHUA** at home

When we look at the world today we can see many things to give us cause for worry and fear.

This reality can lead to a loss of hope and a defeatist mentality. Now more than ever we need the mentality of Joshua, the mentality of Victory.

Come with Joshua on this incredible journey into the Promised Land. Travel with Joshua and apply the principles he learned in your own life. Let the Lord lead you into your own "Promised Land."

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Josh 1:9

**7 Wednesdays 7.30-9.00 pm, 21 April - 2 June**

book before 20 April

at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNQE>

\$5 booking fee

Overseas participants use promo code: OVASEA

### 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.



**Second Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**11 April 2021**

**First Reading Acts 4:32-35**

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting**

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the  
Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6**

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has  
commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by  
God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.  
Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the  
Son of God;  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me,  
but still believe!**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 20:19-31**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first  
day of the week, the doors were closed in  
the room where the disciples were, for fear  
of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among  
them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,'  
and showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples were filled with joy when they  
saw the Lord, and he said to them again,  
'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them  
and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of  
the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus  
came. When the disciples said, 'We have  
seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see  
the holes that the nails made in his hands  
and can put my finger into the holes they  
made, and unless I can put my hand into  
his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days  
later the disciples were in the house again  
and Thomas was with them. The doors  
were closed, but Jesus came in and stood  
among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.  
Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger  
here; look, here are my hands. Give me your  
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer  
but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and  
my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and  
yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus  
worked and the disciples saw, but they  
are not recorded in this book. These are  
recorded so that you may believe that Jesus  
is the Christ, the Son of God, and that  
believing this you may have life through his  
name.



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The true believers in the Risen Christ  
kept Thomas the Doubter within their  
circle, rather than expelling him. This  
gave him a further opportunity to  
experience the very Real Presence of  
the Risen Lord and his gift of peace.  
Companionable patience is our best  
response to those struggling with belief  
in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ  
were still present, not obliterated. Does  
this suggest that our redeemed bodies  
will bear the marks of the wounds  
unjustly inflicted on us? However, they  
will not be disabling to our personality  
because they will be incorporated into  
the resurrection life of Christ.  
Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e.  
our sins, will be obliterated in the  
mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in  
responding to the invitation to touch  
the wounds of Christ that Thomas  
understood Christ's true identity,  
exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is  
only by touching the wounds of Christ in  
many different people in many different  
situations that we can authentically  
make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the  
strength to touch the wounds of Christ  
in others, 'the least'. And we could pray  
that, wounded as we may be by the  
vagaries and injustices of life, we may  
be liberated from their evil effects as  
the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as  
his own.

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