



**Sunday 4th 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**

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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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Diamond Creek 3089  
**Parish:** 9401 6361  
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**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**

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**Parish:** 9434 7373  
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**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 10th & 11th April**

**SACRED HEART 9.00am**

**Special Minister:**

**Reader:**

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

**Special Minister 6.00pm:** L. Leahy, J. Bohan, D. Haesler

**Special Minister 10.30am:** E. Sutherland, M. Tipping, A. Kerr

**6.00pm: Reader:** D. Haesler **Commentator:** K. Salm **Set Up:** J. DeCarlo

**10.30am: Reader:** S. Millar **Commentator:** J. Kerr **Set Up:** C. O'Brien

**Counters:** D. Haesler & D. Haesler **Cleaners:** B. Guldon, 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

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# Invitation

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.

ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Centre

25 Gipson St. Diamond Creek

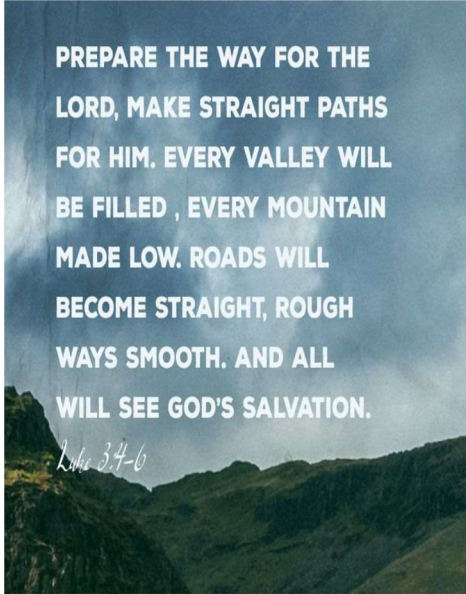
Facilitator: Jacinta Bright

Supper provided

RSVP Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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Tel 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..... Now.... Future.....**

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## COMMUNITY LIFE

**SENIOR MOMENTS:** Next meeting 7th April at 12.00pm at the Diamond Creek Hotel. Contact Margaret.

**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. **MORING TEA DATE FOR APRIL WILL BE ON FRIDAY THE 9TH APRIL.**

**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)

**GIFTS DIFFERING UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY TYPES:**, Saturday 17 April 2021, 10am-3pm. This reflection day explores the Myers Briggs personality types, and how these influence our communication, relationships and spiritual life. Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60. Book and pay via website [heartoflife.melbourne](http://heartoflife.melbourne), [email info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:emailinfo@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101

**ST MARGARET'S JUSTICE GROUP:** The St Margaret's Do Justice Group has organised for Saturday afternoon 17 April starting at 2.00 pm – POST European Contact – The Impact of White Settlement - the speaker is Dr Gary Presland, author of "First People, Eastern Kulin of Melbourne, Port Phillip & Central Victoria".

The seminar will be held in the Church so that we can also offer Zoom access.

There will be a display on Early Eltham Shire 1830 onwards in the hall which will be open from 1.15 pm prior to the seminar and afterwards during afternoon tea.

Meera from the Eltham Book Shop will have a table of books for sale including Gary Presland's book "First People: The Eastern Kulin of Melbourne, Port Phillip and Central Victoria"



**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

*Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.*

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.**

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## LECTIONARY ART & REFLECTION JENNY CLOSE

*It was very early in the morning when Mary Magdalene went among the graves to find Jesus: 'it was still dark'. It must have been unnerving to find an empty space where a stone and a body should have been. The resurrection took everybody by surprise, even those who had heard Jesus say, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up' (Jn 2:19).*



## 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.

## FAITH CIRCLES

Parishioners from the partnered parishes of Sacred Heart, St Mary's and St Thomas are invited to join Faith Circles, a simple but powerful program which centres on reflections on Gospel readings. The aim of the Faith Circles program is to provide opportunities for this reflection in small groups of approximately 6-10 people. Participants are able to think about how the reading relates to their own lives, to discuss the teaching that Jesus was sharing with us and so grow in their own faith, in a safe and welcoming environment. Typically a session will run for approximately an hour. A small group met Tuesday evenings last year via Zoom and found the experience to be very positive and enriching, as members of a parish and for personal growth in faith. However the group may decide to meet fortnightly or monthly or for particular times of the year such as Advent and Lent, as suits the group.

To express your interest or to seek further information, please contact Cathy O'Brien (St Thomas Parish) by 7th April 2021.



## 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**

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

290 Childs Rd, Mill Park

COME AND CELEBRATE THE 21ST WORLDWIDE

# DIVINE MERCY Sunday

MAIN  
CELEBRANT -  
FR JOSE  
MATHEW

1:00 PM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CONFESSIONS  
HOLY ROSARY  
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET  
BENEDICTION

3:00 PM HOLY MASS  
BLESSING OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE  
BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

PROGRAMME STARTING FROM 1:00 PM

11th  
APRIL  
2021



Divine  
Mercy  
Novena

THE 9 DAY NOVENA OF CHAPLETS TO THE  
DIVINE MERCY WILL COMMENCE AFTER  
SOLEMN LITURGY ON GOOD FRIDAY AND  
CONTINUES THROUGH TO HOLY SATURDAY

## **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**4 April 2021**

### **First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel 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. (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. (R.)

### **Second Reading Col 3:1-4**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**or: 1 Cor 5:6-8**

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### **Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;**

**let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel In 20:1-9**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the

linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**or: Mk 16:1-7**

*Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

**or at Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35**

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

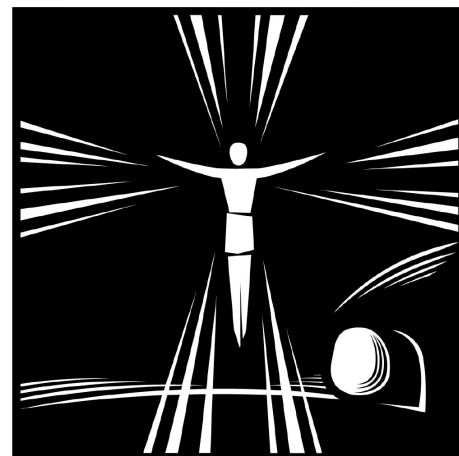
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



### **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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