



Sunday 16th May 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 **Presbytery:** 9432 2515  
**Email:** Greensborough@cam.org.au  
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**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

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**St. Thomas the Apostle**

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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 22nd & 23rd May**

**SACRED HEART 9.00am**

**Special Minister:** Aminda, Dharshani  
**Reader:** P. Gullone

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

**Special Minister 6.00pm:** M. McKenzie, D. Haesler, R. Garner  
**Special Minister 10.30am:** F. Landy, B. Iacobucci, A. Letzia

**6.00pm: Reader:** P. Carty **Commentator:** E. Sacchetta **Set Up:** M. Mc Kenzie  
**10.30am: Reader:** M. Bates **Commentator:** T. Williamson **Set Up:** C. O'Brien  
**Counters:** K. Irvine, S. King **Cleaners:** B. Iacobucci, V. Vella (12th June)

**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, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,  
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Wimal Piyumsiri, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper

**We pray for those who have died including Dessie Rafferty & Ed Schellens and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of May that they 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, Mary Camilleri

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS:** There is now a small quantity of Low Gluten Hosts available at our Masses.

These hosts will be available from the main celebrant. If you approach him and let him know you would like to receive the Low Gluten Host.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES:** If you wish to have someone added or removed from the sick or Anniversaries list for our newsletter could you please notify **Pat 9401 6361** or **Lisa 9434 7373**.

**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, 20th May. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with praise and worship, followed by Mass that will include the Sacrament of Anointing.

Please note, bookings are required via TryBooking. <https://www.trybooking.com/BRGVG>

For any assistance with bookings or any further details, please contact **Rose 0411 650 339** or **Emilia 0418 120 902**.

## HISTORY STEPS PROCESS

Recently Sacred Heart parishioners engaged with the 'History Steps' process. Now a further invitation is extended to all parishioners to gather with Fr Steven and Jacinta Bright for a Follow-up Parish Leadership Meeting on Saturday, 29th May 10.00 am 12.00pm.

Venue will be either Sacred Heart Church or Sacred Heart Parish Centre depending on COVID requirements then.

Hoping to see you there. **RSVP TO Parish Office 94016361**.

## CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2021

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalized in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support.

Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and a financial donation to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au) or call 03 9827 5513.



## ALIGHT YOUTH GROUP

This invitation is open to all young people within our Parishes aged between 15 to 30. Our youth group meets on the 1st Friday of every month at 7.30pm. We come together in friendship, fun and to become "Alight" in our faith. Our next gathering is scheduled for Friday 4th June. Please contact us for more details if you would like to come along!

Youth Mass will be held every 3rd Sunday of each month, 5pm at St Mary's Church. The next Youth Mass will be held on Sunday 16th May and we look forward to seeing you all there.

If you would like to find out more or register your attendance to come along to our next gathering, please contact Nicole Ridler, 0403 714 045 or Caitlin Jakubik 0455 251 046.



## EXHIBITION OF FLOW PAINTINGS BY JUDY RACZ

You are all invited to an exhibition of Flow Paintings by Judy Racz at Bridges Restaurant, 1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge. Please call 9718 0099 before attending, in case there is a function at the restaurant.

Open 9.00am until late. Wednesday to Sunday only, from the 12th of May until 20th June.



## MASK WEARING

Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors but should be worn by participants if a distance of 1.5metres cannot be maintained. People must carry a fitted face covering at all times.

You will be required to sanitise your hands when entering the Church and before receiving Communion.

Could you please take home your bulletins as we are not allowed to reuse them. **Thank you**

## COMMUNITY LIFE

**SENIOR MOMENTS:** Wednesday 19th May Lunch & Games in the Parish Centre, 12.00pm.

**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.

### ANGELA CACCETTA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Friends of Sacred Heart parishioner Angela Caccetta are invited to celebrate her 96th Birthday on Sunday 23rd May 1pm-4pm at Diamond Creek Bowling Club.



Invitations with more information are available from the Parish Office.



### TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

On Friday 26th March, Victoria moved to a more relaxed COVIDSafe setting.

As part of these changes, electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship.

Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, weddings and funerals within a Place of Worship, **must use an electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API).**

- ***This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.***
- Everyone entering the Church can scan the QR Code using the camera on their smartphone or tablet device.
- In exceptional circumstances, due to age, disability etc., the Parish has the ability to manually record their attendance (and maintain records for a period of 28 days). This form of record keeping should only be offered as a backstop solution, as it does not provide 'real time' connectivity to the Department of Health's contact tracing system.
- ***Sacred Heart & St Thomas Parishes will continue to use the Trybooking system to enable parishioners to book in for Mass so we do not exceed our density quotient.***
- ***Social distancing must still be maintained.***
- ***Due to Government regulations you will still be asked to scan the QR Code on arrival.***



### DIAMOND VALLEY DEANERY

The Diamond Valley Deanery met for the first time in 15 months on the 6th of May. All Parishes were represented. Discussion centered on how parishes had coped during COVID lockdown and what activities parishes had been involved in.

The Archdiocese position on the future of Deaneries is unclear, however it was agreed that it would be beneficial for our Deanery to continue in some form to enable us to all meet and listen and learn from each other.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Project Compassion this year. Your support has enabled the most vulnerable communities to support themselves during these difficult and uncertain times.

Totals from our Parishes so far. St Thomas \$3,638.50.

#### 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 Ascension of the Lord, Year B**

**16 May 2021**

### **First Reading Acts 1:1-11**

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6**

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or  
(R.) Alleluia.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

### **Second Reading Eph 1:17-23**

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength

of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### **or Eph 4:1-7. 11-13**

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

### **Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Go and teach all people my gospel.**

**I am with you always, until the end  
of the world. Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Mk 16:15-20**

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.