



Sunday 25th July 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
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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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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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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

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31st July & 1st August

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister:

Reader: **MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: K. Salm, T. Holland, M. McKenzie

Special Minister 10.30am: F. Landy, M. Tipping, C. O'Brien

6.00pm: Reader: K. Salm **Commentator:** D. Haelser **Set Up:** J. de Carlo

10.30am: Reader: F. Landy **Commentator:** M. Kenny **Set Up:** C. O'Brien

Counters: C. Leahy, L. Leahy **Cleaners:** L. Carty, J. de Carlo (14th August)

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, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper, Peg Wilcox

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of July that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Mary Keenan, Salvatore, Basil, Maria & Fortunato Caccetta, Salrina Anello, David Phillips, Kevin Jose, Pat Gannon, Anna de Gier,
Michael Pham, Hopetoun, Chapman, Edwin Ray, Shannon Risson, Nunzuio Napoleone, Mary Kenny, Eileen Mc Inerney,
Guido Paciocco, Jack Sutherland, Caterina Borgolotto, Domenico & Elidia Paliotta, Jack O'Brien



Intergenerational Digital Storytelling

Seeking participants for six-week program

Are you an older member of the community with a story to tell?

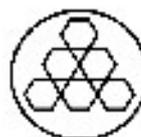
For the second year running, Nillumbik Shire Council has partnered with Humankind Enterprises to run an Intergenerational Storytelling Program, which is designed to increase social connection between younger and older residents.

The program trains and employs young 'Story Collectors' and matches them with older 'Storytellers' in the community.

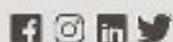
For an hour each week, the 'Story Collectors' will offer prompts to help elicit your stories, experiences, and spark great conversations.

If you are an older member of the community and would like to participate, please contact Social Connections by phone at 9433 3111 or email

social.connection@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



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Nillumbik
The Green Wedge Shire

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**.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all Sacred Heart parishioners who gave support and sent their kind wishes and messages after the recent passing of Kevin. **Much appreciated. Julia Rogers**

PLENARY COUNCIL

Fan the Flame Prayer Initiative:

Together we continue to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the Australian church.

'Listening to What the Spirit is Saying

FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

**'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'**

John 6:1-15

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness?

(Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 14 August, Saturday 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au



COMMUNITY LIFE

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.

TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

UNDER CURRENT RESTRICTIONS 25TH MAY 2021, MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.

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.***

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 4th August 12.00pm, Movie at Pat Frisby's house. More details to follow.

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.



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 15th August** and we look forward to seeing you all there. If you are aged between 15-30 yrs and would like to volunteer at one of our Youth Masses, please contact us. We would love more volunteers to read and participate in the mass!

If you would like to find out more, register your attendance to come along to our next gathering or enquire about participating in the Youth Mass, please contact **Nicole Ridler, 0403 714 045 or Caitlin Jakubik 0455 251 045**

FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 25th JULY

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this celebration is 'I am with you always'. (Mat.28:20)

To be celebrated each year near the feast day of St Anne, the mother of Mary and the grandmother of the Lord Jesus, Pope Francis drew on the scripture of the Presentation in the Temple, saying "the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly. The voice of the elderly is precious because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of peoples."



PARISH COFFEE and CHAT

Would you like to catch up for a coffee and chatter on Thursday 26th August 2.00pm at Phoenix and Co on Diamond Creek Rd Greensborough? some of us met today and thought it might be nice to make this a regular informal, social catch up each month.

If you wish to join us, please email me@ stewmarg@bigpond.net.au or for those who don't have an email address, please ring me on 94343286 and leave a message on my answering machine with your name and phone number. Please RSVP by the 12th August so I can book a table, or if you see me around just let me know you'd like come. (Bring loose money to pay and we'll put it together to help the Cafe).

Kind regards, Marg McKenzie.

A Little Catch Up



What is it all when all it told,

This ceaseless toiling for fame or gold;

The fleeting joy or bitter tears?

We are only here for a few short years.

Nothing our own but the silent past;

Loving or hating, nothing can last.

Each pathway leads to the silent fold.

Ah! What is it all when all is told?



What is it all? Just passing though

A cross for me and a cross for you.

Ours seems heavy, while others seem light,

But God in the end makes all things right.

He "tempers the wind" with such loving care.

He knows the burden that each can bear.

Then changes life's grey into heavenly gold.

Ah! That is when all is told.

Author: Unknown

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM

Our partnered parishes Zoom morning tea has been transferred to the last Friday of each month. Come along and join in. We have enjoyed developing friendships across parishes and listening and sharing with each other whatever is happening in our day to day lives. We start at 10.30am, to give people who go to morning Mass time to get home again and we finish at 12.00pm. We would love you to join us.

If you are interested please contact Jacinta Bright by email at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au and she will send you a link to the gathering. It is very simple to join in via the link... just press and go.



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.

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your
reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due
time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

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, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week's reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week's miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphoric image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus – will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd's mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.

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