

Sunday 11th October 2020

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Lenin Thenamirtham

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The Partnered Parishes of:

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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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Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

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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Mass Times

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>
- **Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for October**
The Laity's Mission in the Church We Pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church
- **Please look for the link on the home page of our Websites for the weekly reflection from Fr Lenin Thenamirtham.**

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 Bisticic, Bernice Burke, Linda Bisticic, Joan Moran, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland, Catherine Leonard, Ted Sheenan, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, Elaine Chapman, Jim Goodge, John Prendergast, Tony Ledda

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

Felicia Ongarello, Salvatore Caputo, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Ken Nettleton, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Fraser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green, Dainne Galea, Grace Money, Doris Toohey



2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The 2021 Columban Art Calendar is now available for purchase.

As our Churches are still closed if you would like to purchase a Calendar you can contact Lisa **9434 7373** greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au or Pat **9401 6361** diamondcreek@cam.org.au to reserve your Calendar.

We only have limited stock at \$10.00 each.

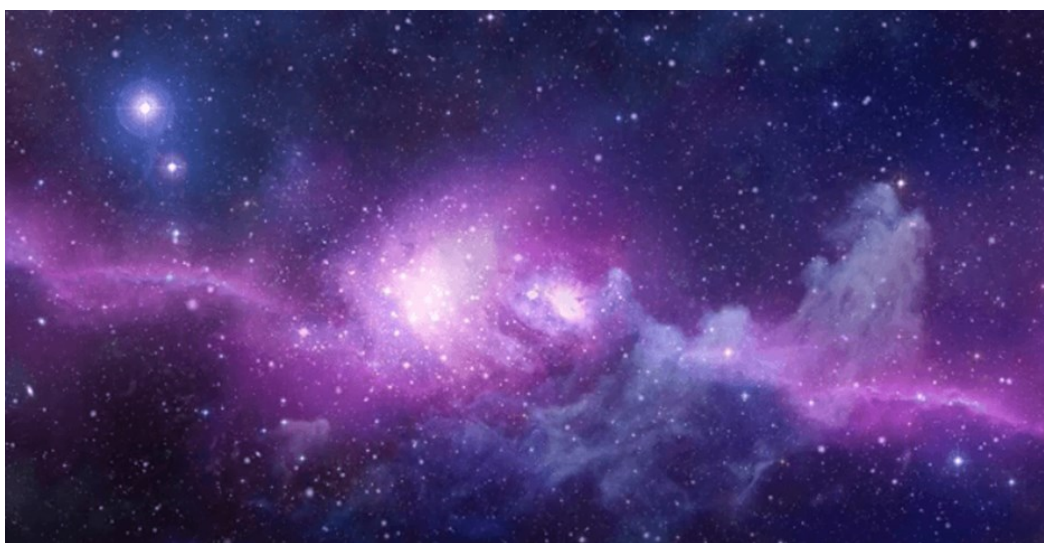
AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY THE WONDERS OF CREATION.

An Exciting Opportunity! WONDERS OF CREATION A Date Has Been Set and Bookings are being taken. Thursday October 15th from 7.30pm until 9.00pm on Zoom.

Please contact either Jacinta Bright Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or Sr Margaret Sapsford Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au to register, even if you have already expressed your interest. Jacinta will send a link via email and the rest is simple. If you want to have a practice using Zoom before the day, ask Jacinta and she will be only too happy to help you.

What's it about? Does Scripture contradict Science? Does Science contradict Scripture? Fr Steven with Sacred Heart parishioner, John O'Connor, offer you the first of a proposed series of *pleasant* short talks exploring the universe, its origin, galaxies, stars, planets, life; and us with our Big Brain and mind, able to work out our awesome cosmic pedigree, all from a Christian perspective. Guaranteed to *keep our neurons firing!* We use great visuals, with frequent pauses for questions and discussion, and think you would find the sessions fun and fascinating; also, especially helpful for parents, grandparents and teachers from all walks of life, wanting to explain to our young, **how the Two Books: Scripture and Nature, complement rather than contradict each other.** The absence of testable evidence need not be evidence of absence! Do you realise that it was a Belgian Catholic priest who first conceived of the Big Bang theory?

John was educated at St Mary's, Thornbury; Parade College, East Melbourne; Melbourne and La Trobe Universities (BSc, Dip Ed, M App Sc, PhD, Melb. Univ.) He then worked as a geologist/geophysicist with Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources (now Geoscience Australia); EPA reports and consultancies; Environmental Science, Physics, Maths, Years 11/12 teaching, Parade College; 27 years academic staff, PIT/ RMIT University; he is now a science communicator, e.g. Astronomy, Physics, Cosmology courses for Council of Adult Education, and currently for ASAV (Astronomical Society of Victoria, Diurnals), and U3A (University of the Third Age).



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.

SACRED HEART & ST THOMAS PARISH OFFICE.

With the introduction of Stage 4 restrictions Pat and I will be working from home.

We have diverted the phones to our mobiles or please send us an email.

If you wish to leave anything for us please drop it in the letterbox at Sacred Heart or the letterbox at the Presbytery at St Thomas.

We are still here for you all and the Message Board will continue so please send in your messages or Jokes. Missing seeing everyone.

Lisa & Pat

TIME TO BREAK OUT THE BEST CHINA.

Join us for Morning Tea with Fr Steven & Jacinta Bright & parishioners & friends, over Zoom every Friday from 10.00am until 11.00am,*

We will make sure the conversation flows well and if we have a big enough number we can break up into small groups to allow you to have quieter conversations.

If you are interested, please contact Jacinta via the parish office on 9435 1543 or Email

jacinta.bright@cam.org.au

If you don't yet know how to use Zoom you might consider asking a family member or friend to help you.

It pretty simple once you know how.

If you need help otherwise, please let Jacinta know and we will try to assist you. If you can use Zoom and you are happy to help others connect, please let Jacinta know.

This is a way we can reach out and stay connected at the moment.



Our morning teas have already been very successful with 25 parishioners from our Partnered Parishes attending the first week and another seven joined in the second week. The physical distancing does not keep us from making connections with others and enjoying a good conversation.

It is not too late to join, Jacinta would love to hear from you.

Contact Jacinta at: jacinta.bright@cam.org.au

RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle.

Every ticket purchased has help to raise a total of \$131,705 net for the 49 participating parishes and schools.

A great effort for a challenging year!



Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Parish
1	Suzuki Beleno	032770	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
2	Suzuki Beleno	095457	St Patrick's, Lilydale
3	Suzuki Beleno	049753	Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale
4	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	083496	Our Holy Redeemer, Surrey Hills
5	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	011368	Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont
6	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	024215	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dromana
7	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069241	St Damian's, Bundoora
8	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077953	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
9	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	109047	St Simon's, Rowville
10	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077525	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
11	\$500 Coles Myer gift Card	092015	St Michael's, Ashburton
12	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	056036	St Scholastica, Bennettswood
13	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	015841	St Agatha's, Cranbourne
14	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069696	St Damian's, Bundoora

'THE WAY' CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Way is still meeting each Thursday evening via zoom.

At 7.30pm a group "enter a room" to pray the Rosary. At 8.00pm when everyone comes together we participate in various spiritual formation activities.

All are welcome to join us.

We also have participants zooming in from country Victoria and London.

Enquiries: Rose 0411 650339.





AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Friendship and solidarity key themes in Pope Francis' letter

Media Release

October 4, 2020

A world that looks beyond a global pandemic with no roadmap can find one in Pope Francis' new encyclical, which Archbishop Mark Coleridge says "is not just for believers but for the entire human family".

Published this evening, the Pope's third encyclical is entitled *Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All)* – words taken from St Francis of Assisi, who the Pope says has inspired what he writes.

"It is a vision of the dignity of every human being from which flows the call to build a new culture of fraternity and dialogue," said Archbishop Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

"In his previous encyclical *Laudato Si' (Praise Be to You)*, Pope Francis spoke of care for our common home. Here he speaks of care for each other, the family that dwells together in the common home."

Pope Francis writes early in the encyclical: "It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity.

"Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."

The Pope started work on the encyclical before COVID-19 struck. But he says that the need for local, national and international solidarity has become even more important now. The pandemic has created in many people a sense of the interdependence of communities and the fragility of human beings left to themselves.

"Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation," Pope Francis writes.

"God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'."

Archbishop Coleridge said the current divisions and conflicts all around are a road to nowhere.

"The Holy Father speaks of ideologies that seek to divide rather than unite, policies that value certain people over others and economic systems that prioritise profit over people and the planet," he explained.

Archbishop Coleridge noted that many of those whom Pope Francis describes as often undervalued or treated inequitably – women, older people, unborn children, people who are trafficked, Indigenous peoples, people with disability, migrants and refugees – are similarly those left on the margin or cast aside in Australia.

"In this country we may be tempted to think that the Pope is talking about elsewhere, but he's not. True, he's talking about the whole world – but he's also talking about us," the archbishop said.

"Pope Francis offers a grand yet simple vision of human interconnectedness. We're all connected to each other in ways we scarcely imagine. Our task now is to work out what this means in practice as we look beyond the pandemic.

"In what he offers in this letter, the Pope can help with that. It's impassioned yet tender, visionary yet practical, radical yet reasonable."

Read *Fratelli Tutti* and access other material at: www.catholic.org.au/fratellitutti

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

11 October 2020

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14.19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to
be rich too. I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:

full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.**
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more servants.
"Tell those who have been invited" he said
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen
and fattened cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."
But they were not interested: one went off
to his farm, another to his business, and
the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious.
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he
said to his servants, "The wedding is ready;
but as those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to the
wedding." So these servants went out onto
the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests. When
the king came in to look at the guests he
noticed one man who was not wearing a
wedding garment, and said to him, "How did
you get in here, my friend, without a wedding
garment?" And the man was silent. Then the
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand
and foot and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some
people turn down the invitation to the
eschatological banquet. This is the
case, both in the parable and in our
world today. This invitation seems
much less interesting than a sports
event, the latest movie, or some
social affair. So much of our time and
energy is spent either climbing the
economic ladder or just trying to
keep our heads above water. Even if
we are interested in the banquet, we
do not seem able to afford the time
and energy that it might require. And
so we send our regrets: I cannot
come. What a shame! We seem to
have forgotten that everything is
tending toward the end; all of our
plans, interests and distractions will
cease. Only the banquet will remain.
All God asks of us is that we receive
the blessings that have been
prepared for us. We need not work
for them. In fact, we cannot work for
them on our own. All we can do is
enjoy them. Enjoyment of the
eschatological time of fulfilment is
open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of
the readings for this Sunday, our
total dependence on God. God
spreads the banquet table and
invites the guests; God punishes
those who are indifferent to or
antagonistic toward the
eschatological banquet; God supplies
whatever we need in whatever
circumstances we find ourselves. We
do not have to bargain with God, or
make reservations. All we have to do
is accept what God has to offer.

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