



Sunday 15th, November 2020

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

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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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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Secretary: Pat Guatta

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

Parish School Principal

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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

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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WORSHIP & PRAYER

The celebration of Masses will resume in our 3 Parishes. 20 Indoor/ 50 Outdoor

Tuesday-Friday 9.15am St Mary's

Tuesday/Thursday 9.15am St Thomas

Wednesday/Friday 9.15am Sacred Heart

St Thomas 6.00pm Saturday

Sacred Heart 9.00am Sunday

St Thomas 10.30am Sunday

Bookings are essential for Weekend Mass via Trybooking:

Opening the Tuesday prior at 10.00am and closing at 2.00pm Friday

St Thomas Mass will be celebrated outside under the Verandah at the Church entrance.

The collection plate will not be passed around could you please leave your contributions in the baskets provided.

You can search Trybooking without the link: Sacred Heart Diamond Creek or St Thomas Greensborough Mass.

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, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, Elaine Chapman, Jim Goodge, Tony Ledda, Fr Owen Doyle, Lyn Corcoran

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

Jack Ridley, Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Rebekah Weston, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke, Nick Piccolo, Kathleen Hudson, Maura Coyle, Lena Brullo, Ray Tipping, Lawrence Meilak, Theresa Meilak, Marcel Bishara, Frank Mercieca, Thomas Iacobucci, Fr Kelvin Kenny, Christopher Kenny, Joan Campbell, Serge Teychency, Lena Finlayson, Grace Jones, Joan Chadzynska, Rocco Di Pierro, Haydn Chapman, Lena Anderson, Francis Mc Mennemin, Kevin Hartley

FARWELL FR LENIN THENAMIRTHAM

Next Wednesday (November 18th) we farewell Fr. Lenin Thenamirtham, who has been appointed to the parishes of North Balwyn and Greythorn, and welcome Fr. Dixon George who has been the assistant priest at Craigieburn for the last two years. On your behalf I thank Lenin for his passionate and enthusiastic ministry among us over the last two years, and wish him well in his continued ministry in the Archdiocese. I'm sure we will also welcome Dixon and the contribution that he will bring to us in our three parishes. Both Lenin and Dixon have been in their current appointments for two years. It is quite standard procedure currently that assistant priests are only appointed for about two years and are moved on to another appointment so that they can gain experience in at least two parishes before being appointed as parish priests to be pastors of faith communities. I know that Lenin will take much from his experience with us to his new parish, and Dixon will bring with him a wealth of experience that he can bring to his ministry among us.

Steven.

NAIDOC WEEK

This year's **NAIDOC Week** is being celebrated from **Sun, 8 Nov 2020 to Sun, 15 Nov 2020**.

(It was postponed from the usual date in July due to COVID19)

The NAIDOC 2020 theme - Always Was, Always Will Be. - recognises and celebrates that **First Nations** people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the **ancient history** of this country – a **history** which dates back thousands of generations.

For a list of various digital events in Melbourne, Victoria, refer to the website:

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/naidoc-week-events>



THE OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Opening The Doors Foundation will be selling Christmas ornaments for the first time after a particularly turbulent year for families, schools and students, the Board of Trustees are trying this new approach to fundraising.

The ornaments depict festive gum nuts with a Merry Christmas message.

Each ornament is signed by Opening The Doors Foundation on the back as they are a gift 'from our family to yours'.

Opening The Doors Foundation has been supporting Aboriginal students for almost 20 years and has always been led by the diverse voices of the Aboriginal community. All proceeds go directly to supporting educational costs for Aboriginal students around Victoria

So please get behind the Trustees to spread the news as our Christmas ornaments will brighten any tree and make a perfect gift for loved ones. You can help through social media, Facebook, email networks, work colleagues, local parish members, family and friends.



There are also Christmas Packs available which contain 12 ornaments and cost \$360.

Christmas Packs are presented in charming carry box which allows people to take them to work, school or around the neighbourhood.

Your support enables Opening The Doors to continue to support Aboriginal students with uniforms, books and IT equipment.

Online Application: <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/product-page/christmas-ornament>

URL for Facebook: <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/product-page/christmas-ornament>



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.

Personal information is collected, stored, used and disclosed by all Partner Parishes in conformity with Commonwealth & Victorian Legislation of 2001.

A copy of all Parishes Privacy Policy is available to any Parishioner at the Parish Office and on our Websites.

WEEKDAY MASS SACRED HEART / ST THOMAS

It has been lovely seeing everyone attend weekday Mass. From next Tuesday 17th November we will be going back to celebrating Mass on the following days.

9.15am Tuesday & Thursday St Thomas
9.15am Wednesday & Friday Sacred Heart

HELP NEEDED

With the easing of restrictions we are now able to perform Baptisms in our Parishes. As there have been no Baptisms since February we have quite a backlog. If anyone is available to help on a Saturday (11.15am) or Sunday (10.45am Sacred Heart) or (11.45am St Thomas) for approximately an hour could you please contact the Parish Offices.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST AT MASS

I have noticed that some parishioners who have come to the Masses this last weekend have not received the Eucharist, and only asked for blessings. I would like to reassure everyone that over the last several months, because of the extraordinary circumstances, the normal obligations of Sunday Mass and celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to receive communion do not apply. When we are permitted to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will offer opportunities to do so with individual and communal rites, but in the meantime, please make use of the opportunity to receive communion when you come to Mass.

Fr. Steven Rigo

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 -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 Greensborough parish office on 9435 1543 or Email

jacinta.bright@cam.org.au



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

We are very excited to let you know that the Safeguarding Risk Management Fundamentals e-learning videos are now available on the website.

Co-facilitated by the Professional Standards Unit and Catholic Church Insurance, the Safeguarding Risk Management Fundamentals e-Learning video modules are designed to increase your awareness of safeguarding risks within your parish and develop your understanding of how to conduct a risk assessment.

The content is presented over three 20 minute modules, providing a step-by-step demonstration of the risk management process to identify, analyse and address possible risks to provide safe physical and online environments for children and young people.

<https://cam.org.au/safeguarding-children-young-people-and-vulnerable-persons/safeguarding-risk-management-fundamentals/>

These modules are recommended for Safeguarding Committee members and any person responsible for overseeing, coordinating and delivering programs within a parish.

ONLINE SAFETY FOR GRANDPARENTS & CARERS.

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps.

Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>

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.



First Reading Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have
worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city
gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

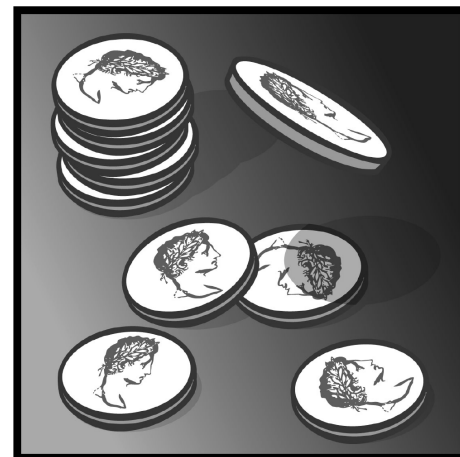
**Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.