



Sunday 18th October 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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**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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**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**

**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](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) or Pat **9401 6361** [diamondcreek@cam.org.au](mailto:diamondcreek@cam.org.au) to reserve your Calendar.

**We only have limited stock at \$10.00 each.**

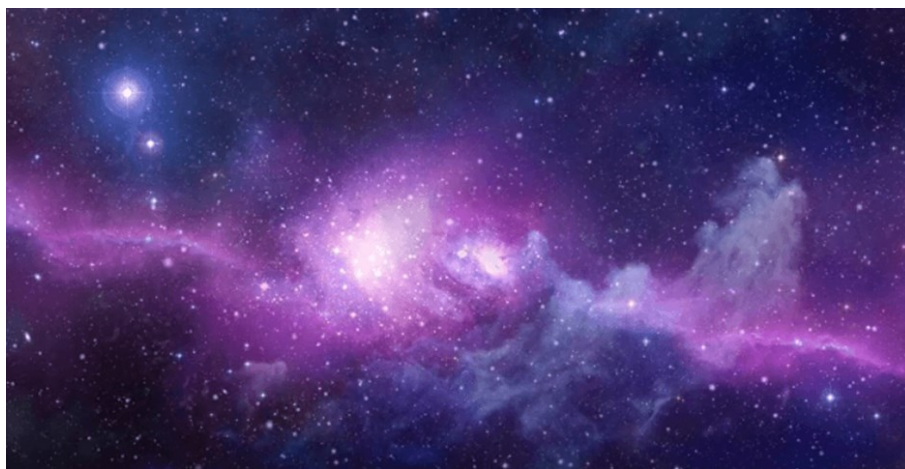
### AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY THE WONDERS OF CREATION.

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

Please contact either Jacinta Bright [Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au) or Sr Margaret Sapsford [Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au](mailto: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.**

### NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES SACRED HEART/ST THOMAS

The current envelopes finish on the 25th of October. Due to people changing to Direct Debit/Credit Card there may have been a change to your envelope number. Envelopes will be available for collection commencing Tuesday 27th October. Due to current conditions if you are able to deliver any to other Parishioner's within your area could you please let Lisa or Pat know. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

**SACRED HEART ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER ONLY FROM THE PARISH OFFICE .**

**ST THOMAS ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE SCHOOL FOYER FROM TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jacinta.bright@cam.org.au)**

# JAMES Discerning

ZOOM course

7 Thursdays 8 - 9.30pm

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26

Dec. 3, 10, 17



The objective of the "James" course is to take a journey through the Letter of James, learning how to discern our own lives in the light of the Word of God.

It is not a comprehensive course on discernment, but rather an introduction, with some criteria in approaching the art of discerning.

FREE but donations appreciated

BOOK before Nov 4 at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BLYXG>





## **MADONNA MAGAZINE**

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## **CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL 2020**

Today at our Parishes we are partnering with Catholic Mission through their annual Church Appeal.

Thanks to your generosity, the funds raised from last year's Church Appeal enabled Sister Stan Therese Mumuni to complete construction of the vocational training school at the Nazareth Home for God's children.

In accordance with local customs in parts of northern Ghana, some people consider children born with a disability or whose mother dies during their birth to be a bad omen, and place their lives at risk. The Nazareth Home is a haven for children who have been rescued from situations like this, they are given safety, nutritious food, healthcare and education.

The school will help provide more opportunities for these children, as well as students from the local area, to access skills training which will help them to earn an income and provide themselves.

The appeal this year focuses on the work of the Church in Cambodia which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability, giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

The funds raised through the Church Appeal will contribute to vital community-building and faith formation projects in Cambodia and around the world. Your support is crucial in ensuring all of God's people can have life to the full.

I invite you to reach out and support those in need through the life-giving Work of the Church in Cambodia.



For the Joy of the Lord is your **STRENGTH**  
NEHEMIAH 8:10

Please help empower people with disability in Cambodia

 catholic mission  
2020 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL  
Freecall: 1800 257 296 | catholicmission.org.au/cambodia

### ***A message from Bishop Kike***

***"We are her for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring also the joy of life everywhere... we look with a positive vision and, I would say, with hope and joy and happiness."***

***2020 Church Appeal***

***Freecall: 1800 257 296***

***[Catholicmission.org.au/cambodia](http://Catholicmission.org.au/cambodia)***

### **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.**

**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.**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**18 October 2020**

**First Reading Is 45:1.4-6**

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to  
Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not  
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I am you  
that men may know from the rising to  
the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7**

**(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.**

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the  
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens.  
(R.)
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts.  
(R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.  
(R.)

**Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5**

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the  
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing

you grace and peace from God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers  
and thank God for you all, and constantly  
remember before God our Father how you  
have shown your faith in action, worked for  
love and persevered through hope, in our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and  
that you have been chosen, because when  
we brought the Good News to you, it came  
to you not only as words, but as power and  
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mt 22:15-21**

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God  
the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out  
between them how to trap Jesus in what  
he said. And they sent their disciples to  
him, together with the Herodians, to say,  
'Master, we know that you are an honest  
man and teach the way of God in an honest  
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,  
because a man's rank means nothing  
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it  
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'  
But Jesus was aware of their malice and  
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this  
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay  
the tax with.' They handed him a denarius,  
and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose  
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then  
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar  
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what  
belongs to God.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The frequency with which we consider  
the question of insider-outsider is an  
indication of how important  
universalism and the breaking down  
of boundaries is within our religious  
tradition. All peoples, all lands are  
called on to praise God. Furthermore,  
God cares about and cares for all  
people (see Is 19:25), and God works  
through all people to accomplish good  
in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of  
Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a  
Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a  
suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black  
South African, etc. Human beings  
have always realised that, in  
comparison with the grandeur and  
expansiveness of the universe within  
which they live, they are weak and  
vulnerable creatures. This has led  
them to believe in and offer homage  
to a divine being, or beings. Praise of  
God has always been an expression of  
awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age,  
nor class nor culture qualifies one for  
being an insider, what does? Today's  
readings suggest that it is service of  
others. In breaking down the walls of  
prejudice, the social activists of our  
own age liberate not only the  
oppressed groups to which they  
belong, but also those who oppress  
them. The lives of these dynamic  
people show us that service of others  
draws them into our circles and  
encircles us in theirs. With open arms  
God invites all into an embrace of  
divine love. As God has embraced us,  
so we are called to embrace all  
others.

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