



Sunday 1st August 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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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
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 7th & 8th August

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: M. Jenkins, J. Bruce
Reader: T. Jenkins

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: M. Bedford, L. Carty, D. Haesler
Special Minister 10.30am: E. Sutherland, A. Letzia, R. Piccolo

6.00pm: Reader: P. Carty **Commentator:** E. Sacchetta **Set Up:** C. Leahy
10.30am: Reader: J. Kerr **Commentator:** R. Rendina **Set Up:** J. Kerr

Counters: G.Lynch, L. Vecchio, B. Vecchio **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 including Salvatore De Bartolo and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of August that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Jim Beattie, Maurie Dalwood, Fr Gerard Loughnan, Kevin Nihill, Win Atkinson, Mary Burke, Arthur Walker, Jane de Carlo, Rachael Casale, Frank McMahan, Frank Ventura, Tony Chirico, Marie Lewis, Michael De Popolo, Maris Sacchetta, Guido Micheluzzi, Orazio Palazzoto, Giovanna Formosa, Robert Capocchi, Denis McCarthy, James McCarthy, Bill Ahern, Marina Micai, Anne Honeywell, Giusepa Minutolo, Paul Silverwood, Jim Lysaght, Salvatore Scala, Margaret Hardwick, Ted Tremayne, Giselle Caliste, Nadia Mefflin, Alan Corcoran, Margaret Howse, Wayne Robinson, Alan McCarthy

WORSHIP & PRAYER

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: Astrid Schellens would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and support during Eddie's illness and since his passing.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 4th August 12.00pm, to be advised.

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

'I am the bread of life.

**He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'**

Matthew 28:16-20

The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want".

(Pedro Arrupe, "Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976", The Portal to Jesuit Studies, accessed 23 April 2021, https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeucharist/.)

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



TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

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

Electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship. Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, 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.
- 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).
- **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.**

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.

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.



CATHOLIC MISSION-PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Catholic Mission thank you for your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$262.60 which was raised by St Thomas the Apostle community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution, mothers and babies in Thailand can be confident that they have a safe place to live as they rebuild their future.

THANK YOU.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GREENSBOROUGH CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Greensborough Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I wish to sincerely thank the parishioners of St. Thomas for your tremendous support of our recent Winter Appeal. Even though the final figure is still being processed, we know that it will be around \$10,000 or more from both Parishes. This will set us up well to continue to look after our local families who need us to help get them through this Winter amongst lockdowns and restrictions. When there are many demands on your generosity during the year, we really appreciate that you have once again seen fit to donate to Vinnies at this time.

Maureen Lonsdale, President – Greensborough SVDP

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERS

*I thank you, Lord for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock, and my fortress since my
youth!*

*I thank You for having given me a family and for
having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the
dreams that have already come true in my life and for
those that are still ahead of me.*

*I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to
which You call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your
peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more
than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your
wonders to new generations.
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church that the
light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.*

*Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
That the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
The poor consoled and wars ended.
Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the
full*

*In each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age. Amen.*



CATHOLICARE VICTORIA APPEAL

Sunday 8th August

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1 August 2021

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had
won. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were

taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal
life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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