



Sunday 1st 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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Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

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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

Parish School Principal

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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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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

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

WORSHIP & PRAYER

The celebration of Masses will resume in our 3 Parishes.

Tuesday-Friday 9.15am indoor for 10 Parishioners (20 Outdoor) in each of our 3 Churches and the usual weekend Mass schedule outdoor for 20 Parishioners.

Bookings are essential for admission via Trybooking

Please refer to the letter attached to this newsletter.

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our websites.

A Short video on how to use Trybooking <https://youtu.be/3X5IFHtnxys>

- 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>
- **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, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, Elaine Chapman, Jim Goodge, John Prendergast, Tony Ledda, Fr Owen Doyle

We pray for those who have died 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 Piero, Haydn Chapman, Lena Anderson, Francis Mc Mennemin

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.**



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.



CATHOLIC
THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE



Catholic Theological College
2020 Knox Public Lecture
Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm
Sheree Limbrick

**Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for
cultural change**

Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or
Phone 9412 3333

Venue: online

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/BLYXC>



Recently several parishioner's from our combined
Parishes were very inspired by a Public Lecture:
**"Prayer, Liturgy, Pastoral Care and
Pandemics"**.

The recording has now been uploaded by the Australian
Catholic University to YouTube and is now easily available
anyone who is interested. You can find Sr Prof Julia Upton

https://youtu.be/3mRqQil_DFs

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.

FUNERAL FOR BERNIE FITZGERALD

My darling Dad Bernie Fitzgerald passed away recently aged 101 years and 9 days. We are celebrating his life at 10.30am Thursday 5th November, and if you would like to join us the link is:

<https://vimeo.com/470040346/c9acd5d18c>

Pam Leonard (Sacred Heart)

FROM FR DIXON GEORGE

Dear Parishioners.

I hope you are all keeping well and feeling a little more upbeat now that we start to see some light at the end of this pandemic. My name is Fr Dixon George. I belong to a congregation called Voluntas Dei Institute founded in Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Canada in 1958 by Rev. Father Louis-Marie Parent, OMI.

I entered Voluntas Dei seminary following graduation and completed the necessary requirements for the priesthood and was ordained in Kerala, India in 2014. My first appointment was as an assistant parish priest at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Kerala. After two and a half years, I served as a Vocation Promoter of Voluntas Dei institute.

I came to Australia to serve in the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 10th April 2018. I undertook a period of induction before my first appointment. I was appointed as an Assistant Parish Priest at Our Lady's Church, Craigieburn.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has recently appointed me as an Assistant Parish Priest to St. Mary's, Greensborough, Sacred Heart, Diamond Creek and St. Thomas the Apostle, North Greensborough. I will commence my new life on 18th November and live with Fr. Tao at St. Thomas'.

As a Voluntas Dei member, I strive for personal holiness by living the charism and spirituality of Voluntas Dei in the world as salt, light and leaven in the dough based on the Gospel message and social justice. I seek to welcome and live God's will as best as possible, to sow around me peace and fraternity in Jesus Christ.

I beg your prayers for me and implore the Lord's blessings upon you and your families and look forward to coming to know you.

Fr Dixon

FR OWEN DOYLE

As some of you may already know, my Dad had a fall in his house on last Tuesday and was taken to Box Hill hospital by ambulance. He had skin tears and abrasions on his head and said his neck hurt a little bit.

Scans were done late Tuesday night to find he has two small fractures in C1 & C2, in his neck.

He will have to wear a neck brace for three months and will have an x-ray in six weeks and a CT scan in three months.

We are hoping he will be moved in a few days to a rehabilitation centre which will be good.

At this stage he isn't able to take phone calls as you can imagine he is very restricted in his movement.

He is in good spirits but will be happier once he can move about and do things for himself.

Dad said to say thank you for your prayers and good wishes.

Ann

Dear Father Owen

Sorry to hear that you broke your vertebrae and you're in a brace.

Thinking of you and sending you good wishes and hope you are on the mend soon and the brace is not too uncomfortable for you.

Love Marg McKenzie 😊

SACRED HEART & ST THOMAS MASSES

It was lovely to see people at Weekday Mass today.

For Sunday Mass Sacred Heart will celebrate Mass in the Church and move outside if they have more than 10 people attending.

St Thomas Mass will be celebrated outside under the Verandah on the St Thomas Village side.

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 Weekend Masses.

Bookings for the weekends Masses will be open at 12.00pm the Wednesday prior.

SACRED HEART & ST THOMAS PARISH OFFICE.

Just to advise everyone Pat and I are back in the office.

You are able to come in and collect the current Thanksgiving envelopes or you can drop it in the letterbox at Sacred Heart or the letterbox at the Presbytery at St Thomas.

Great to being able to see you all again.

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

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>



Embargoed until 9.00am, 29 October 2020

Media Release

On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Victoria

Victorian dioceses partner to bring enhanced Catholic social services to those in need

“On 1 January 2021, the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Diocese of Ballarat, the Diocese of Sandhurst and the Diocese of Sale will unite in common mission to advance the ministry of Catholic social services in Victoria.

This landmark endeavour for the Church and for the people of this State, particularly the most vulnerable, will see the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat, and CatholicCare Sandhurst, to form a new entity: CatholicCare Victoria.

With a combined service of more than 180 years, the individual agencies have responded to needs in their communities with compassion and care

As CatholicCare Victoria, we will have enhanced capability to respond to those in need, to sponsor initiatives at the breadth and scale that are most effective, and to advocate about and address the root causes of poverty and injustice, thus fulfilling the Church’s commitment to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by proclaiming God’s love for each person and promoting their fullness of life.

Building and supporting individuals, families and communities in times of need, especially those who are most disadvantaged, vulnerable and/or marginalised, is key to advancing human dignity and to fostering the common good in our society.

In coming together, we reinforce our shared commitment to social service ministry; offering works of mercy, charity and justice to meet the needs of the vulnerable and marginalised in Victoria, now and into the future.”

Statement attributable to:

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne

Most Rev Paul Bird CSsR, Bishop of Ballarat

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst

Rev Peter Slater, Administrator Diocese of Sale

Rev Greg Bennet, Bishop-elect Diocese of Sale

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First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!**

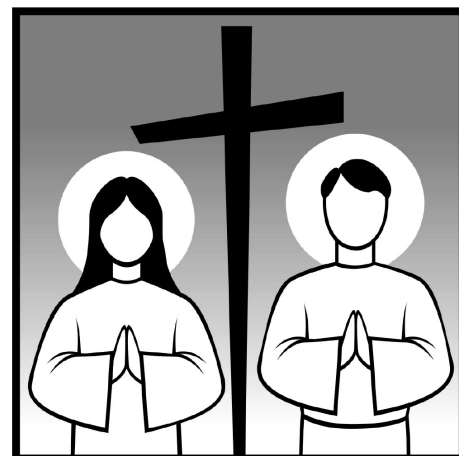
Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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