



Sunday 22nd November 2020

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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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

Parish School Principal

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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, Faye Bowkett

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 Pierro, Haydn Chapman, Lena Anderson, Francis Mc Mennemin, Kevin Hartley

NAIDOC WEEK 8TH-15TH NOVEMBER

Always Was, Always Will Be

First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. They were Australia's first explorers, navigators, engineers, farmers, botanists, scientists, diplomats, astronomers and artists and have the world's oldest oral stories. Their engineered structures pre-date the Egyptian pyramids and Stonehenge.

Cricket history: In the Western District of Victoria from the early 1860's onwards, cricket matches took place on cattle stations between Aboriginal people and European settlers. Between May and October 1868, Aboriginal Australians, led by Johnny Mullagh, toured England thus becoming the first organised group of Australian sportspeople to travel overseas. Tom Wills, captain of the Victoria Cricket Team and founder of Australian rules football, who spoke to the team in an Aboriginal language he learnt as a child growing up, was the coach. This was a source of intrigue as only 5 years earlier he survived a massacre in which his father was murdered. When Tom died, aged 45, he was buried in Warringal Cemetery, Heidelberg.

The Harrow Discovery Centre and Johnny Mullagh Interpretive Centre (near the Grampians) located in Victoria's oldest inland settlement, tells the remarkable history of that first international tour. The centre is named after the star all-rounder of that pioneering cricket team.

War history: When Aboriginal people fought for Australia in WWI & WWII they only received two-thirds the pay of white soldiers. When they returned home from both wars they continued to face racism and discrimination. They were denied citizenship and not counted as human until 1971 in the Commonwealth Census. They were not allowed in pubs due to segregation. Under the Soldier Settlement Scheme many soldiers were granted farmland after both world wars. But only one Aboriginal man ever received land under the scheme. Returned Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women were often denied the honour and rights given to other returned servicemen and women. In March 1949 the Commonwealth Electoral Act was amended to give the federal vote to Aboriginal returned servicemen. Other Aboriginal people did not receive this right until 1962.

Source: Monash & Latrobe University; Wikipedia

Art of Divine Encounters – PART 2

~ Mixed Media Creation Art ~

Spend 1 hour exploring & experiencing depictions of creation by 6 artists using different media. You will receive an invitation for a Divine Encounter.

WHEN:

On Sunday 29 November 2020 at 7.30pm

LOCATION: in the comfort of your home!

Limited meeting size, book early to avoid missing out.
The day before the session you will be sent a Zoom link.

BOOK AT: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMWXS>



READY, SET, PRAY, CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in the own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

This weekly resource follows the familiar Liturgy of the Word for Children format but in an on-line setting. It may be used by families in their homes, teachers or catechists.

Each session is for 15-20 minutes and is available using this link <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne offers this new series.

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



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

Sunday the 22nd November sees the 35th Anniversary of the Passionist Family Groups at Sacred Heart Parish. Over this period many families have enjoyed the benefits of being involved in Family Groups, from the fun side to the supporting, encouraging and getting to know others, forming life long friendships as well as the community aspects of these groups. Some of the original groups no longer exist but the friendships that were formed have stayed. We currently have 1 active group that normally meet regularly and enjoy a variety of activities, but due to Covid-19 getting together was put on hold, although we have met via Zoom and stayed in touch by phone.

If you would like more information about Family Groups.

Contact Claire or Frank Ledda on 0438 058 619.

PALMS AUSTRALIA



Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

22 November 2020

First Reading Ez 34:11-12.15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (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 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be

subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!**

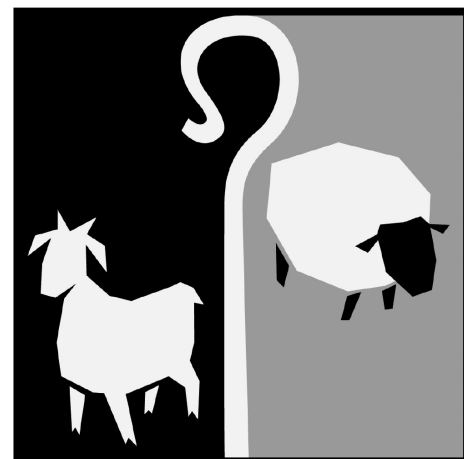
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?