



Sunday 23rd August 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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**Parish:** 9435 1543  
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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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**Website:** www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek  
**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

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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**

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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:

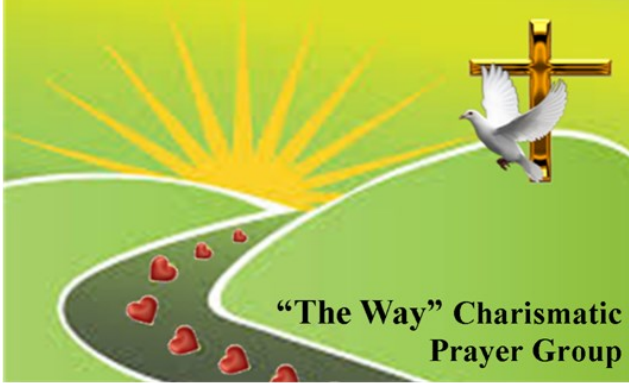
- **St. Patrick's Cathedral:** Monday - Friday, 1:00pm, Saturday 8:00am & Sunday 11:00am, you can access these by the following [Link https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass](https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass) or on Channel 31, 44 on Digital TV, for Sunday Mass
- **St. Mary's Greensborough:** Mass 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 August**  
The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman and their families.
- **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, Marilyn Manison, Alan McCarthy, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland, Catherine Leonard, Ted Sheenan, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo

**We pray for those who have died including Lisa Bartlett(Dinan) 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



### “The Way” Charismatic Prayer Group

The Way is still meeting each Thursday evening via Zoom.

At 7.30 a group “enter a room” to pray the Rosary. At 8pm when everyone comes together we participate in various spiritual formation activities, currently it is Ignatian spirituality.

All are welcome to join us. We also have participants zooming in from country Victoria and London.

Enquiries: Rose ph 0411 650 339

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEWS

It’s not over until it’s over for everyone. COVID-19 continues to impact parts of Australia, while around the world, millions of people are dealing with the Impacts of the virus. Many of these communities were already facing poor sanitation, overcrowding and limited access to healthcare. How can you combat COVID-19 without access to adequate sanitation and healthcare? Caritas Australia has joined churches and aid agencies for #EndCOVIDForAll, a pledge of support that will be taken to government to show our support for vulnerable communities, because it’s not over until it’s over for everyone. For more information on #EndCOVIDForAll or to sign the pledge go to

[www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all](http://www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all)

It is with great heartbreak that we learnt of the explosion in Beirut which killed over 100 people and wounded thousands. Lebanon has suffered multiple waves of conflict and disaster. A drawn-out civil war, followed by years of conflict with her neighbours, has been compounded by the strain on resources caused by the Syrian war and an influx of refugees. Tuesday’s explosion came at a time when the country is already gripped by an economic crisis and reeling from the impacts of COVID-19. The situation is dire. Yet the Caritas network is on the ground, doing what it can to alleviate suffering by delivering emergency food and medical resources at a time of intense crisis. Donations via;

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal> or call 1800 024 413.

The COVID crisis isn't going to end for anyone, until it ends for everyone.

Pledge your support



### THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

WIN A NEW CAR VALUED AT \$20,682 Tickets still available for purchase at only \$2 each! Given the current climate with Covid 19, we understand that you may not feel comfortable coming to collect your tickets from the Parish office – if this is the case please let the Parish Office know & we will organize to deliver to your doorstep. All proceeds go to our Parish Community.

**Sale Closing Date:** 11th September 2020; **Draw Date:** 26th September 2020 at 7.15 pm;

**Publication of Winners Date:** 30th September 2020.

Please find the link below for the google form to request tickets form the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle:

[Click on the link https://forms.gle/JZ8HCptxdtS82db39](https://forms.gle/JZ8HCptxdtS82db39)

*If you would like to purchase a book of tickets you can contact Lisa at St Thomas so we can get them delivered to your home.*

### DIAMOND VALLEY COVID-19 HOME STORIES

*Stories from the Partnered Parishes of Diamond Creek, Greensborough and Greensborough North about a time of pandemic.*

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we live in the short term and we are yet to see the changes that will occur in the future. We would love to hear your stories and anecdotes about staying home to stay safe to col-late into a book. Think of what story you would like to pass on; perhaps something you want others to know, or perhaps your children, your grandchildren or even those who will walk the paths we walk now. Say a prayer, muster your courage, & write! Your piece does not need to be long, a paragraph or two or three. Email your story to [Diamondcreek@cam.org.au](mailto:Diamondcreek@cam.org.au) or [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) or [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) with your name, your age (if you are game enough) and a note giving us permission to publish your work.

New Dates for Submissions close is 18 September 2020. The collection of stories will be published in an e-book at a later date.

### 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 (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.

## 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*

## RETREAT CONNECTING WITH THE SPIRIT

This seven day retreat will begin on August 30th and ending on the 6th September. It is a very simple retreat in which we can participate, in the comfort of our own homes. There is no face to face conversation during the retreat, but if you would like to speak with Fr Steven or Jacinta Bright during the week, please make contact via the parish office or email, [steven.rigo@cam.org.au](mailto:steven.rigo@cam.org.au) or [Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au) The last day of the retreat, September 6th, is a Sunday and so, we thought that participants could gather over Zoom for a cup of tea and sharing between 10.00am and 11.00am. If you don't have access to Zoom, or you don't really want to participate in the gathering on the Sunday, you don't need to. The reason why we chose to finish on the Sunday, is that it gives people the opportunity to finish the retreat with our regular Sunday Mass, at which Fr Steven will make mention of our retreat, drawing it to a close.

The retreat has been designed by Fr Steven's friend, Fr Michael Moody, Parish Priest at Catholic Parish Melton. The people of his parish participated in this retreat earlier this month. We are grateful that Fr Michael has shared this retreat with us.

***If you, or someone you know would like to take part, and you or they don't have access to the internet, or to email, please let the office know and we will post the retreat to you.***

## 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, from the 21st of August.***

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.

If who haven't used Zoom before, here is what it looks like. You can see and hear all the participants on your screen.



### Steps to access Zoom and join us for morning tea:

- \* Download the Zoom app on to your phone, iPad or computer
- \* Let Jacinta know you would like to participate and give her your phone number and email address. The email address enables you to access Zoom and provides security.
- \* When the email invitation comes from Jacinta's gmail address, all you need to do is click on the link provided in the email and you will connect.
- \* If you have trouble at the time **call Jacinta on 9435 1543** and she will help you through it.
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***Come and join in. It will be lovely for us to each to see and hear, whether you are long term parishioners, or new to the community.***

***All are welcome!***

***Fr Steven & Jacinta***





Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

**Media Release 06.08.2020**

**ACN Australia Launches National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon**

The Australian office of the international Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) has launched a national emergency appeal for Lebanon, requesting prayers for victims and their families, and raising funds in the wake of the deadly explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, which has killed at least 135 people, injured 5000 and decimated the capital city.

The funds that are raised will be used to support the most urgent needs in Lebanon (such as emergency food packages) but they will also respond to the physical and spiritual needs that arise in the coming weeks, months and years.

ACN is grateful that the appeal has been given the endorsement and support of Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay of the Maronite Catholic Diocese of Australia and Bishop Robert Rabbat of the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand.

In launching the appeal, the National Director of ACN Australia, Mr Bernard Toutounji, is asking the Catholic people - and all people of goodwill - to offer a prayer and a donation for the Lebanese people. "Australians love the Lebanese people, who have been an integral part of this nation since the 19<sup>th</sup> century; indeed almost 250,000 Australians claim some Lebanese ancestry. Lebanese Australians have, and continue to, contribute significantly to our civic, religious and business fabric. The explosion in Beirut has devastated the lives of our Lebanese brothers and sisters, and we feel their pain today. I appeal to the Catholic and wider community to support the people of Lebanon with their prayers and financial resources. The sort of carnage we have witnessed cannot be fixed overnight, this will take years, and even though all of us are currently living through the stress of the coronavirus pandemic, we must put ourselves in solidarity with Lebanon and her sons and daughters."

Bishop Tarabay, the spiritual leader of 160,000 Maronites in Australia, expressed his gratitude for the appeal. "I give my blessing to this national appeal. ACN has been on the ground in Lebanon for many, many years working with the priests, religious and the people to keep the faith alive. Our people have suffered so much for so long, but I know Australians will be carrying them in their prayers and I thank them for anything they can do to help us."

Bishop Rabbat leads the 50,000 Melkite Catholics of Australia, many of whom are themselves Lebanese. "This is a shocking situation, this is the land of my own birth, and I mourn with the people of Lebanon. I am conscious though that in this month we will commemorate the Dormition (Assumption) of the Mother of God, so we must pray that the Theotokos will bring hope and healing in the lives of all those who have been affected. For those who have died, memory eternal! I thank everyone for supporting this appeal."

Founded in 1947, *Aid to the Church in Need* has long-term and trusted project partners on the ground in Lebanon, and around the world. These project partners are already providing 2 vital information as to where resources are most needed and how they can be most effectively used. ACN supports more than 5000 projects annually around the world and all are undertaken with strict processes of accountability and transparency in place.

**To donate to ACN's National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon)**

or call ACN on **1800 101 201** during business hours, 8am-5pm, AEST.

# MESSAGE BOARD

"Hello everyone.

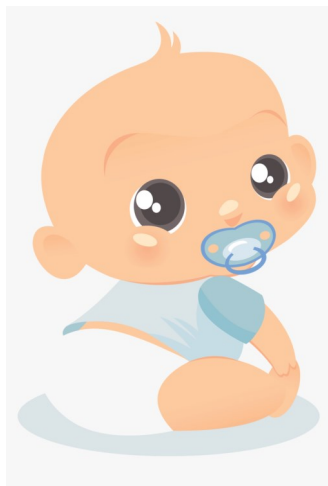
In October, it will be 50 years since a small group of 9 started our nurses training and of course we had to live in at the Nurses Home. It was quite an adventure!

Now I'm particularly thinking of our nurses across our three Parishes.

May they have FAITH of St Thomas, the HOPE of Mary and the LOVE of the Sacred Heart to keep them and everyone in the health system strong.

Stay warm & safe.

Wil Watson"



*Our eldest son Damien and his wife Sarah welcomed their second child: Max Charlie, who was born Thursday 13th August. He was more than six weeks early but all is well. He has only seen his parents while they are wearing masks and it may be some weeks before he comes home to meet his sister, Lilli who is 3, but he managed to reach 2.4kg (over 5 lbs.) so he has made a good start and Max is a video star already! As our tenth grandchild Max ensured Nana and Pa never miss his birthday, as he was clever enough to arrive on our wedding anniversary. Thank you for all those who have kept us in prayer as the past weeks have been a very anxious time for all.*

*Love Mandy Robinson*

**Hello from Jenny Kennedy and thank you to everyone asking after me. I am feeling very well and test results are all clear. Coping well with lifestyle adjustments.**

**Regards also from Michael.**

**So in retrospect, in 2015,  
not a single person got  
the answer right to "Where  
do you see yourself 5  
years from now?"**



COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020  
**3 CARS TO BE WON!**

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes:**

**Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4ltr Auto** with Apple Car Play, Multimedia Sat Nav, Reversing Camera, 7" Touchscreen Display & Cruise Control

**Each Valued at \$20,682**



**4th & 5th Prize**

**\$ 1000**

**Coles Myer Gift Card**

**6th - 14th Prize**

**\$ 500**

**Coles Myer Gift Card**



[Ticket sales extended until: Friday 11 September 2020](#)

[New Draw Date: Saturday 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm](#)

Click here: <https://forms.gle/gEAeKnWgVhdjYLeQ9>

to register for tickets online, or complete the form below and return the office or via email to [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ books, each containing 10 raffle tickets. I understand that **ALL SOLD and UNSOLD** tickets must be returned with monies collected to the office by Friday 11 September. Tickets may not be sold after this date.

- I will collect tickets from the office
- Please deliver my books to my home

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**23 August 2020**

### **First Reading** Is 22:19-23

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8**

*(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;*

**do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and  
love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the  
lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### **Second Reading** Rom 11:33-36

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give

him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### **Gospel Acclamation** Mt 16:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You are Peter, the rock on which I will  
build my Church;**

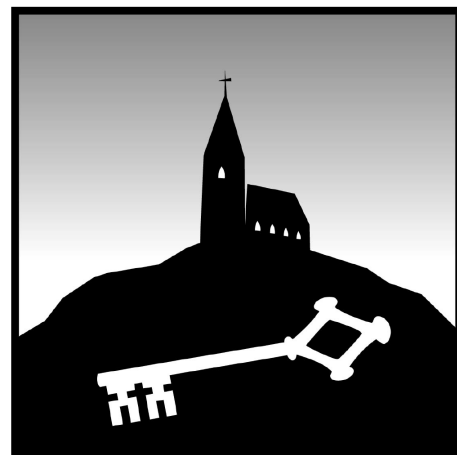
**the gates of hell will not hold out  
against it.**

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel** Mt 16:13-20

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



### **Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname "Rocky" which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: "You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church." The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about "*my*" church, not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, "Rebuild *my* church."

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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