



Sunday 25th 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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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

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 including Betty Hannah (Kaye Salm's Mum) 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

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
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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.

LETTER FROM FR STEVEN RIGO

Dear Parishioners,

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that Fr. Lenin Thenamirtham has been appointed to another parish in the Melbourne Archdiocese. It is particularly sad because over the last year we have had little opportunity to experience his gift of ministry among us, and we are not able to gather for an appropriate farewell that he would deserve, and which we would like to offer him. Nevertheless, Lenin has gifted us with a passionate and enthusiastic ministry in leading the youth of our three partnered parishes and in his breaking open of the words of scripture through his homilies and reflections. I am grateful for his openness to working with me and our parishes over the last few years and on your behalf I wish him well in his future ministry and life. If you wish to write to him personally, you can email him on lenin.thenamirtham@cam.org.au.

Lenin will leave us on November 18th and he will be replaced by Fr. Dixon George who was ordained in Kerala, India about 5 years ago, and has been working as the assistant priest in Craigieburn for the last 2 years. I am sure that the welcome you extended to Lenin you will also offer to Dixon.

I have asked Lenin to write in this week's newsletter, and by way of introduction, Dixon will have a letter in our newsletters next week.

Steven

MESSAGE TO PARISHONERS FROM FR LENIN THENAMIRTHAM

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St Thomas and St Mary's,

I am writing to inform you all that as of the 18th of November I am moving to East Kew for my next appointment as an Assistant Priest. It is sad to leave you all but at the same time it is an exciting opportunity for me to learn more and have different Ministry experiences. Thank you for being very kind to me and welcoming me to your parish communities. I had a great time and loved the ministry experience. I was cared for and looked after by your generosity and I will remember and cherish those loving memories in my heart.

I had such a fruitful ministry experience with you all, especially leading you in Sunday Masses and other Sacraments. And I am going to miss the youth group and its leadership team - they are my pride and joy! I believe the 'Alight Youth Group' has great potential and it will do really well; the youth group has a great leader so I am happy that it is in good hands.

I also had a great opportunity to visit and work with our parish schools. The children were so inspiring and innocent - so much God in them. Preps and grade ones are my favourite. And the seniors are the best with their questions, loved those opportunities to chat with school children. Thank you, Principals and amazing teachers. I will miss your beautiful company and free cakes and food in the school staff rooms. Apart from our parish schools I also visited Parade College, which is an amazing community. I enjoyed having Q&A with year 12s, thanks to Kylie Kupee for organising those great opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our priests, Fr Steve and Fr Tao for being brothers and mentors in my priestly ministry in our partnered parishes. Thank you to all our amazing partnered parish staffs, Sr Marg, Pat, Lisa, Jacinta, Francesca, Sharon & Denise.

I am glad that I have made some good and meaningful connections and friendships with my parishioners. You will always be a part of me and my ministry. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and acceptance of me in your parish communities. Please keep me in your prayers. I will miss you and will remember you in my prayers. I am sure I will see you guys around! Please stay in touch, take care and God Bless!

Fr Lenin Thenamirtham

If anyone would like to send a message to Lenin for the Message Board could you please send them so they can be published Before he leaves on Wednesday 18th of November

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

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>

MADONNA MAGAZINE

a gift of spiritual sustenance that lasts a whole year

Madonna magazine, published by Jesuit Communications, has accompanied Australians in their daily prayer and spiritual growth for more than 120 years. With daily prayers, deep reflections, faith-focused articles and more recently online retreats – it is an ideal spiritual companion, particularly now when we may not be able to freely gather in person with our faith and spirituality communities. An annual subscription costs \$53 (published quarterly) and offers prayer and spirituality resources for the whole year.

You can find out more about *Madonna*, how to subscribe, purchase a gift subscription or donate a subscription on the website:

www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/subscriptions

THE MESSAGE BOARD

ONE STEP AT A TIME

It's been such a long time and this battle we are in is far from over, but there is some light at the end of this lockdown tunnel. The weather is improving, the gardens are blooming, my spotted dove is nesting again for her 3rd COVID family, COVID cases are way down and my team is in the Grand Final on Saturday! Yes, it is in Brisbane, but I was in India when we won in 2011 and Ireland when we won in 2009, so Brisbane doesn't seem that far away. Besides, our son Greg who lives in Brisbane has a ticket and our daughter who lives in Byron Bay will also be going, so our family will be well represented. And to top it off, our daughter-in-law is even dancing in the half time entertainment! All we need to do now is win! Go Cats!

With constant messages on WhatsApp, it will almost seem like I'm there.

Yes this year has been tough, very tough for some and very, very tough for others. I remember reading an article in the Age around Armistice Day. It was written by a surviving POW who had lived through a time much, much tougher than our 2020. He spoke about just taking it one day at a time and that by keeping that glimmer of hope alive, then you might just make the distance. We know that most did not survive those horrific and brutal camps, and sadly some have not survived this year, but we too live in hope. By taking each step one at a time, caring for each other along the way, treasuring the precious brief moments when in contact with loved ones, appreciating the beauty of our natural surroundings with new eyes and allowing God to take the steps with us, we are surviving and we will continue to survive. Who knows? Hopefully we will have learnt some things along the way!

There are still many steps to go but I look forward to the time when we can come together as a parish family again and renew old acquaintances. The children will be taller, the babies no longer babies and us older folks will look even older, and probably greyer, but the warmth of the smiles (hidden under our masks) will be the same. May God bless you all till we meet again.

Sue McMahon



To all the Geelong and Richmond supporters,
I know there are many of you in our Parishes.
In lockdown watching the Grand final, enjoy your
day as much as you can.

At least I can sit back and watch the game without
worrying about the result.

At least we won the Brownlow

Bring on 2021

Lisa



RIP Betty Hannah

We send our love and prayers to Kaye Salm and her family on the loss of her mother, Betty Hannah. The loss of a mother, no matter how long and full a life has been lived, creates a void that can never be filled. To lose a loved one under the current restrictions simply adds to the sorrow. May Betty Rest In Peace.

Sue and McMahon



First Reading Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and

Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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