



Sunday 27th September 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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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 September**
Respect for the Planet's Resources: We pray the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.
- **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

We pray for those who have died especially Bernie Fitzgerald and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of September that they enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Terry Moran, Michael Holland, Ann Cusack, Andrew O'Dea, George Ind, Peter Thomas, Francis Goodge, Margaret Fitzgerald, Alexander Libertino, Jean Watson, Maria Scordo, Gennaro Mascia, Bernadette Richardson, Norah Moylan, Jane Tremayne, Tess Natoli, Barry Williamson, Mollie Kerr, Rocco Crea, Bernadette Linehan, Vincent Mascia, Jim Hardwick Snr, Kevin Power, Antonio Lunardello, Ines Lunardello, Vincenzina Varalla John Ryan, Fr Jim Feenan, John Muscat

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.



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AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY: WONDERS OF CREATION

Fr Steven with Sacred Heart parishioner, John O'Connor, offer you the first of a proposed series of *pleasant* short talks exploring the universe, its origin, galaxies, stars, planets, life; and us with our Big Brain and mind, able to work out our awesome cosmic pedigree, all from a Christian perspective. We use great visuals, with frequent pauses for questions and discussion, and think you would find the sessions fun and fascinating; also, especially helpful for parents, grandparents and teachers from all walks of life, wanting to explain to our young, how the Two Books: Scripture and Nature, *complement* rather than contradict each other. Guaranteed to *keep our neurons firing!* Do you realise that it was a Belgian Catholic priest who first conceived of the Big Bang theory?

At this point, because we want to offer this session at the most suitable time for people, we are asking for an indication of which day and time would suit the majority of people. Please contact Sr Margaret Sapsford on Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au or Jacinta Bright on Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au to express your interest and your preference for day and timing. We are thinking of one of these three options Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday. In your reply, would you please indicate in order of preference – 1, 2 or 3 and whether a morning, afternoon or evening would suit best on any of those days.

John was educated at St Mary's, Thornbury; Parade College, East Melbourne; Melbourne and La Trobe Universities (BSc, Dip Ed, M App Sc, PhD, Melb. Univ.) He then worked as a geologist/geophysicist with Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources (now Geoscience Australia); EPA reports and consultancies; Environmental Science, Physics, Maths, Years 11/12 teaching, Parade College; 27 years academic staff, PIT/ RMIT University; he is now a science communicator, e.g. Astronomy, Physics, Cosmology courses for Council of Adult Education, and currently for ASAV (Astronomical Society of Victoria, Diurnals), and U3A (University of the Third Age).



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.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

This year, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on the 27th September.

Catholics worldwide are called upon to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution.

For 2020, Pope Francis has chosen the theme “**Forced like Jesus Christ to flee**”, with a focus on the need for the pastoral care of internally displaced persons. The World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The full message from Pope Francis can be found - <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet/1188-migrant-and-refugee-kit-2020/file>

PRAYER SUGGESTED BY POPE FRANCIS

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked. Grant that we may experience his protection and help.

May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will.

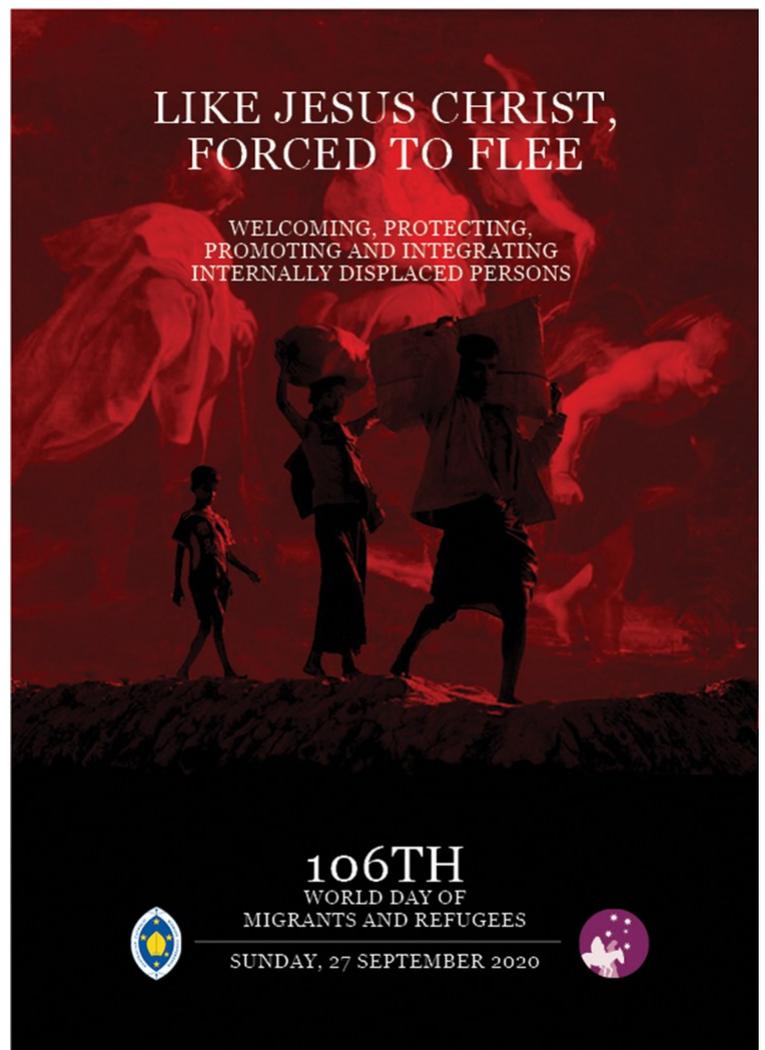
Amen.

Our Parishes' Yearly Collection of goods for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre has not been able to happen this year because of COVID19 lockdown restrictions. However the ASRC is still operating helping Asylum Seekers in these difficult times; if you wish to make a small contribution to help please visit their website for ideas:

<https://www.asrc.org.au/get-involved/donate-food-and-goods/>

Diamond Valley Deanery Refugee Support for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project is continuing but due to the COVID19 lockdown, the monthly envelopes initiative is temporarily suspended. An alternative solution will be communicated very soon to the number of St Thomas & Sacred Heart parishioners who are willing to continuing to support the Deanery's initiative. In the meantime some of you may wish to make a donation online to the BASP:

<https://basp.org.au/you-can-help/>



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.

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

- * 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.



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

'THE WAY' CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Way is still meeting each Thursday evening via zoom.

At 7.30pm a group "enter a room" to pray the Rosary. At 8.00pm when everyone comes together we participate in various spiritual formation activities.

All are welcome to join us.

We also have participants zooming in from country Victoria and London.

Enquiries: Rose 0411 650339.



MESSAGE BOARD

During the last few months I have 'attended' weekly Mass on line. I share my presence between my parish Mass and that of the Passionist community at Lower Templestowe. Last week it was their turn. I was struck by the opening hymn. It was totally relevant to our current situation.

"Be not afraid,

I go before you always,

Come, follow me,

And I will give you rest."



I always remember the words of a teaching colleague, Sister Monica, who had the knack of getting all the (teenage) students (and staff) to join in the singing at Masses with her words "Singing is praying twice". I love singing, so it was no hardship. The words above demonstrate the truth behind her words, at a time when we need encouragement and lots of hope in God.

It linked beautifully with the reflection chosen for the State Council meeting earlier in the day. It looked at the perennial question of why God allows things like a pandemic to happen. Is God not powerful enough to prevent them? Is God uncaring for us? Is God testing us in some way? None of the above. I have no easy answer, just as I had no easy answer when confronted with this deep question in my student days, studying Voltaire's "Candide". We can never resolve this issue with our reason alone. We need faith and confidence in God. Let us keep praying as we grapple with this challenging question in our current plight, and remember also those families, too many of them, affected by so many distressing losses.

Kevin McMahon (State President of ST Vincent de Paul Society and parishioner of St. Thomas)



I am now Mum's bubble buddy and she wished she could show friends and parishioners her "iso craft". So I took this photo to send around.

At 85 years of age there are 12 completed quilts and 20 knitted beanies ready for charity donation, all done since lockdown began.

We will not mention there has been other sewing of bags and pajamas for friends and family! smiles

Mandy

12 Quilts and 20 knitted beanies made by Margaret Jose!

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 or greensborough@cam.org.au or greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au with your name, your age (if you are game enough) and a note giving us permission to publish your work.

SUBMISSIONS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN FOR THE EBOOK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE COULD WE PLEASE HAVE YOUR STORIES NO LATER THAN 30th NOVEMBER

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading Phil 2:1-11
or shorter form Phil 2:1-5**

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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