



Sunday 6th September 2020

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Lenin Thenamirtham

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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 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 Bistricec, Bernice Burke, Linda Bistricec, Joan Moran, Marilyn Manison, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland, Catherine Leonard, Ted Sheenan, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, June Cummins, Elaine Chapman

We pray for those who have died including, Jim Farrell, Joan McEvoy (wife of Ron) and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of September that they may 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

'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, currently it is Ignatian Spirituality.

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

Enquiries: Rose 0411 650339.



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.

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

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)

3 CARS TO BE WON

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes: Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4 Itr Auto. Each Valued at \$20,682

4th & 5th Prize: \$1000 Coles Myer Gift Card.

6th-14th Prize: \$500 Coles Myer Gift Card



Last chance to buy tickets If you would like to purchase a book of tickets you can contact Lisa or Pat so we can get them delivered to your home. DON'T MISS OUT!

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.

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.



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.



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

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION 2020

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis recently spoke of all the hardworking priests who have tirelessly and honourably given their lives in service of God's people. He compared them to incense "which silently rises up to heaven. Their weariness goes straight to the heart of the Father."

In the short time since I have come to Melbourne, I have already met these same priests among you. On your behalf, I want to thank these humble stewards of God's grace for us.

It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Fathers' Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. May I commend the Appeal to you.

Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!

Peter A Comensoli

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

The Priests Retirement Foundation runs the Father's day appeal annually on the first Sunday of September, Father's Day.

The donations received go towards the cost of supporting our retired priests, a cost of approximately \$3m annually.

If you would like to contribute this year you can drop the Appeal envelope or an envelope clearly marked for the Priest Retirement fund at either of the Parish offices/letterboxes.

A Prayer For Fathers

**God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless those fathers who have taken upon
themselves the responsibility of parenting.
Bless those who have lost a spouse to death,
separation, or divorce, and who are parenting
their children alone.
Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may
become the loving, caring persons they are meant
to be.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen!**



*WISHING ALL OUR DADS A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FROM EVERYONE
AT
SACRED HEART AND ST THOMAS PARISHES*



MESSAGE BOARD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dear Parishioners,

Last month, Mandy Robinson, a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish informed me that, her eldest son Damien and his wife Sarah welcomed their second child: Max Charlie, who was born on Thursday 13th August. He was more than six weeks early but all is well. I thanked Mandy for letting me know a great news. I congratulated her and her family about having one more new family member: Max Charlie. I told Mandy that, if it was not a lockdown time, I would celebrate and offer a special Mass at Sacred Heart church on Sunday to thank and praise to God and welcome Max Charlie to our faith community. However, this time, we cannot do anything for him. I kept him and Damien and Sarah's family in my prayers. May Almighty God bless them in this special time.

And last month I rang a lady who lives in Sacred Heart Parish to wish her Happy Birthday. I started to know this lady since 2014. She is a very devout and holy lady who comes to church to celebrate Eucharist not only on Sundays but also daily Mass in both churches Sacred Heart and St. Thomas. Talking on the phone, she let me know that, her Birthday will be on Sunday 23rd August. Every year, her son who is living in Bendigo and his family come down together with the three her boys and all members in their families from Melbourne to organize and celebrate her Birthday for her in Diamond Creek. However, due to the hard lockdown and curfew rules in Victoria, this year her 4 boys, 4 daughters in-law, 9 grand children and 8 great grand children and 2 of them will be at the end of October and November this year, cannot celebrate her 89th Birthday for her.

Dear my Parishioners, I would like to share these two brief stories of the birth of Max Charlie and the Birthday of the lady in our Parish because I want to say that, coronavirus pandemic has turned all our normal activities upside down. As your priests, we would love to do something especially for you on these special occasions. If coronavirus pandemic doesn't happen and we don't have to quarantine the entire state and curfew time like it is now, there's nothing to stop the way of celebrating Birthday Anniversary in our churches at this weekend. We just go to church for Mass and then we congratulate the couple who were born during this month, the month of September and pray and ask God to bless them. However, coronavirus pandemic has turned all our normal activities upside down: due to this pandemic, everything was different we cannot do anything. We understand and deeply feel sympathy for our parishioners who are suffering such upheavals. What we can do this time is to think of each person, remember each person, and pray silently for each person and every family in our Parishes through our prayers and through the Masses which we celebrate every day.

As mentioned above, due to the Coronavirus pandemic we cannot gather physically in our churches to celebrate Birthdays, instead, on behalf of Fr Steven and Fr Lenin, I would like to send this message to you with prayers, blessings and best wishes.

On this occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to remember all of you, the people who have Birthday's this September, by sending you my greetings with prayers, blessings and best wishes.

I wish you have a very happy, joyous and meaningful day at home with your loved ones in your family!

My dear friend(s), on this occasion, I pray that,

May God make each day of your life as beautiful and as golden as you are.

May the Almighty God go on to add more years of happiness and good health to your life.

May you be blessed with a long life full of nothing but grace and peace of God.

May you always be surrounded by family and friends that love and cherish you and never be lonely in this life. May the Lord bless and enlighten you through the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthen you as you walk in his light.

Once again, I keep you in my prayers and wish you a joyous and blessed Birthday!

Happy Birthday!

Fr Tao Pham



First Reading Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

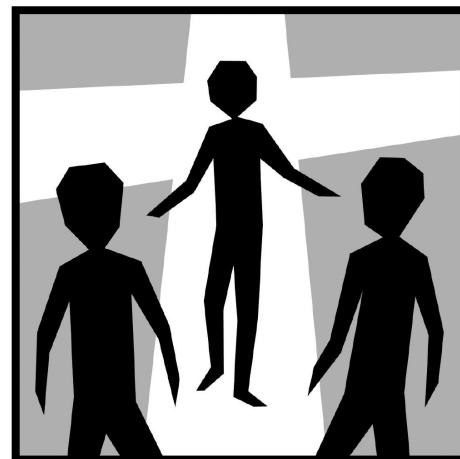
Gospel Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

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