



Sunday 9th 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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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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Diamond Creek 3089

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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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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.

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, Mark Quipp, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo

We pray for those who have died 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 McMahon, 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

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL 8th & 9th AUGUST



This week is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Donations from our Parish Community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Please donate to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full.

You can donate online at www.cam.org.au/SundayAppeal or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

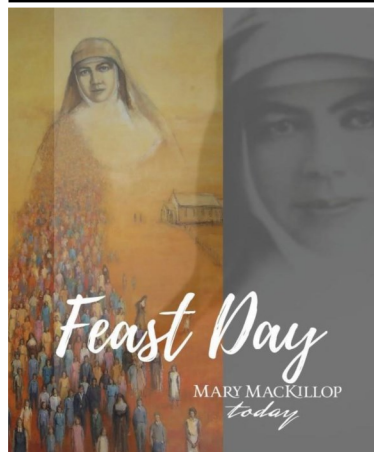
PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PAPERS: THE WAY FORWARD

As you may already know, the Discernment Papers relating to the six Themes for the Plenary Council are now available for you to view at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. They were worked from what was submitted by all Listening Dialogue and Discernment groups that met in each of the Parishes around Australia, including our own.

As a first step forward, The facilitator groups from the three parishes have agreed to start working on initiatives based on local ideas relating to our parishes which came from our parishioners during previous Plenary discussions. If you wish to access these initiatives, and a summary and index for the Discernment Papers, you can request them from your parish office. We will keep you posted on progress and look forward to your input and involvement as things develop. **The Facilitator Group**

ST THOMAS VILLAGE

A beautifully appointed 2 bedroom unit, single car garage has come onto the market at St Thomas' Village, Greensborough. Asking for offers over \$610,000. Please call Monika on 0438 402 604 to book your private inspection.



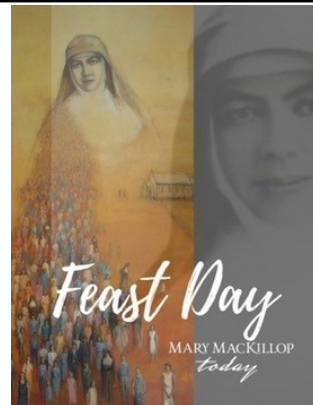
In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

"Take fresh courage."

For the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation, please give generously this Feast Day to continue her legacy.

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Call 02 8912 2777 or visit
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Feast Day - 8 August 2020
MARY MACKILLOP
today



Thank you for your prayers

Mary MacKillop Today supports thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please pray for Mary MacKillop Today especially during the challenging times we all face, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works carrying on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop.

If you'd like to learn about Mary MacKillop Today please contact us via Ph: (02) 8912 2777
Email: hello@marymackilloptoday.org.au or visit:

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au

GREENSBOROUGH CONFERENCE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2020

This year we extended our Winter Appeal from June through July, given our present circumstances of no Sunday Mass, hence no opportunity for leaving collections. Despite this disadvantage, you, the parishioners of St Mary's and St Thomas' combined, have donated over \$10,000, enabling us to continue helping people who request our assistance. Meanwhile the donation of food items through our two parish schools, St Mary's and St Thomas', over-filled our food store, despite only three weeks of classroom attendance in second term. Thank you to all who donated,

Ian Fraser, President.

DIAMOND CREEK VINNIES CONFERENCE WINTER APPEAL 2020

Diamond Creek St Vincent de Paul conference would like to express their gratitude to everyone for their generous support of the Winter Appeal. Your online donations, cash and gift cards are very much appreciated.

John from Diamond Creek Vinnies

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.

MESSAGE BOARD

Fr Tao's Message 6th August.

Dear parishioners,

As we understand that, the hunger for the sacraments has become more pressing among the Catholic faithful during the lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. So, last week I received a question which related to the confessions in the pandemic lockdown:

"How can we do confession in the pandemic lockdown (stage 4 restrictions)?"

So, I would like to send to you what Pope Francis said on March 20th, 2020 about confession in the lockdown time.

Pope Francis encouraged "People who cannot get to confession because of the coronavirus lockdown or another serious reason can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness" - "This is the right time, the opportune moment. An act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow." When contrition arises from "a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect,'" the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches. The catechism explains that perfect contrition "remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible."

He continued, "You do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your father, and tell him the truth...Promise him: 'Later I will confess, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to the grace of God."

There is no set formula for making an act of contrition, but a common one reads as follows: "My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin."

Meanwhile, Pope Francis is saying that general absolution of sin — confessing directly to God as opposed to through a priest — applies worldwide during the pandemic - if all attempts to meet with a priest are exhausted.

Fr Tao Pham



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

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 18 September 2020. The collection of stories will be published in an e-book at a later date.

MESSAGE BOARD

Hello dear parishioners.

I hope you and your families are well. These times are even stranger as we get used to wearing masks when we go out and not seeing the faces of strangers and those we know. It is striking how much I miss the feedback that only a face can give; in particular the way our faces light up when we smile and the comfort, friendliness and shared human experience that a smile can convey. We'll just have to work harder with our eyes and also talk to people more to make those links. I am finding that when I am out walking people are nodding at me when we pass and saying hello. Physical distancing and masks do not have to put an end to social connection. And we can still feel a connection to our parish through participating in the Mass streamed each week, through the Parish Newsletter (well done Lisa) and by ringing those we know from time to time to share a laugh or maybe a loss and feel that soothing sense of community - and lots of other creative ways that people have to stay in contact. Best wishes to you and your loved ones. I am thinking of all of you.

Cathy O'Brien



ABOUT THE ROSARY

The Rosary is the story of the New Testament. Through the beads we follow the life of Mary and Jesus.

We follow Mary from the day the Archangel Gabriel came to ask her to become the Mother of Christ, to the day she was crowned Queen of Heaven.

We follow Jesus from the moment the Holy Spirit came down on Mary, through his childhood, his cruel death on the cross, the joy of Easter when he rose from the dead, to the day he ascended to Heaven in glory.

What a story! And it is all true.

Mary waits for your prayers. If you speak to her she always listens. She is our mother.

When you pray the Rosary, begin by telling Mary what you would like her to use your prayers for— and then think about the stories that are hidden in the beads.

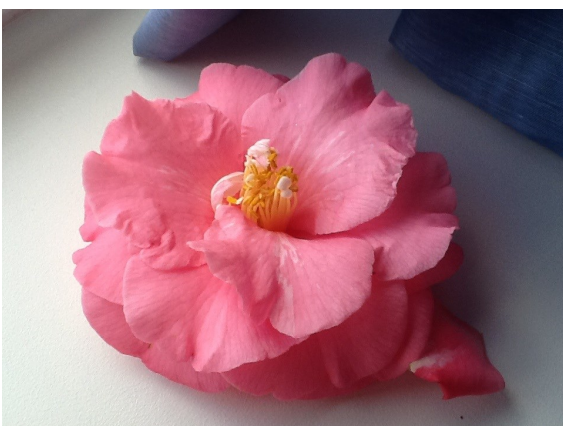
The Rosary is such a tremendously powerful weapon against Satan, that armed with the Rosary in our hearts, and the beads in our hands, we can even stop wars.

If we but knew how powerful this prayer is - we would never want to put the beads down.



Remembering you often in thought and prayer and sharing something beautiful from our garden.

Margaret rsc

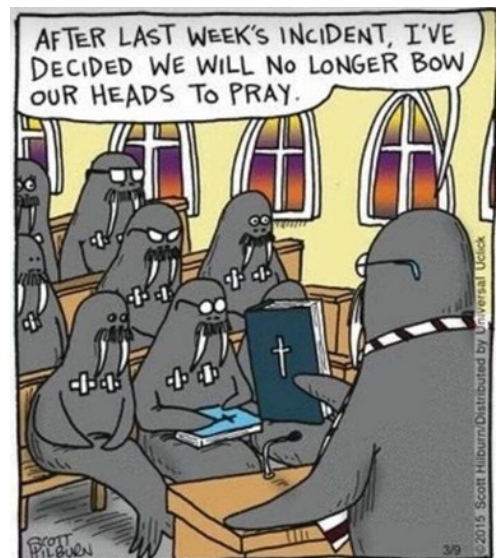


THE MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

In October 2002 Pope John Paul II added the "Mysteries of Light" to the Holy Rosary, calling us to pray the Rosary daily; for our Families, and for world Peace.

From Ave Maria

Po Box 40, Glenbrook NSW 2773



MESSAGE BOARD



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)

FACE MASKS FOR SALE

Maddy and Steph are making Face Masks if anyone is interested in purchasing any check out their Facebook or Instagram account or send them an email or contact Lisa

At St Thomas on 9434 7373.

The Masks are made to Government Standards

- * 3 layer face masks
- * Comfortable cotton inner lining
- * Adjustable elastic
- * Breathable fabrics
- * Hand wash preferable, machine wash in a laundry bag
- * **DO NOT PUT in dryer**

Local Drop within 5km of St Thomas area

Postage at extra cost of \$10

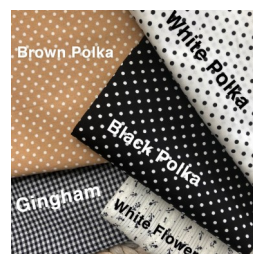
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COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2020
3 CARS TO BE WON!

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

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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

✂ _____
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: _____

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to "the other side", the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

"Do not be afraid."

mtate@bigpond.com

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