



Sunday 9th June 2024

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priest:** Fr Ananda Maddineni MSFS

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Lisa & Libby

Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & **5.00pm**

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening
Mass

Parish School Principal

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Diamond Creek 3089

Parish: 9401 6361

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Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

St Peter's: 1st Saturday 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Acting Parish School Principal

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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Parish: 9434 7373

Email: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

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

Acting Parish School Principal

Mrs Jo Nolen **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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On the first Friday of every month, at St Thomas Parish at 7.00pm we will have Eucharistic Adoration along with confession, everyone welcome.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: With the Lord there is mercy.

O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it.

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B, 9th June 2024.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-10-ot-year-b-2024>



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St Mary's Facebook page

facebook.com/stmarysgreensborough/

Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS continued

CARITAS LAUNCHES APPEAL TO SUPPORT PNG COMMUNITIES HIT BY LANDSLIDE

Caritas has an appeal for the people who have been affected by the horrific landslide. At times they have helped us, now we can help them. No amount is too small. Thank you.

You can donate through: www.caritas.org.au/PNG

SAFEGUARDING

Our Partnered Parishes are so incredibly thankful for the amazing work of our Volunteers.

Without your time, talent and commitment, the inner workings of our Parish community would not be the same. As a reminder, to be compliant as a Volunteer there are some vital steps that need to be taken first.

These include obtaining a Working With Children Check or VIT registration for Children and Vulnerable people, registering your place of volunteering on your WWC Check application or on MyCheck page and keeping it active throughout your entire service, completing the Essential Safeguarding training online and signing the Code of Conduct. Once again, thank you for your generous and valuable service to the Parish.

Links:

* <https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check>

* <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

RETAIN THE LORD'S PRAYER IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS | PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

Below is a link from faith leaders to sign a petition which we would be seeking parishioners from our communities to support.

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/retain-the-lords-prayer-in-legislative-council-proceedings/>

PARTNERED PARISHES PLENARY COUNCIL FACILITATORS GROUP

At the completion of the Plenary Council Dialogue and Discernment Sessions conducted in each of our parishes, our three Facilitator groups together decided to continue meeting on a regular basis with an agenda as follows:

1. To continue the work that had already begun on Recommendations resulting from the Discernment Sessions, especially how they related to our three parishes
2. To communicate with various Parish groups about the Recommendations referred to above, eg Liturgy, Music, Social Justice, etc
3. To recognise and further the roles of laity in leadership⁴.
4. To observe and explore each of the decrees of the Plenary Council⁵.
5. To maintain and promote awareness of issues emanating from the Synod on Synodality

We have held a number of combined events, with guest speakers involved in the Plenary Council, A Liturgy of Lament, aimed at acknowledging past concerns, and planning a future with more purpose and stronger relationships, and have communicated with the Archdiocese on various matters of interest.

We will aim to keep you informed of action being taken on all of the above on a regular basis.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 15th & 16th June 2024

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis..

You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar,.

You, have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward. catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



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LITURGY OF THE WORD



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BAPTISMS: we pray for Flynn, Anderson, Noah & Flynn who are welcomed into our community in June.

LECTIONARY FOR THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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FAMILY GROUPS FUNDRAISING: Thank you to Sacred Heart Family Groups for generously volunteering at Rotary Tram Café. They have kindly rostered on again Saturday 29th June. Please enjoy a walk, say hello and buy a coffee.

SACRED HEART MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES: The cost of supply and installation is \$350. Please contact Marg Farrell via email at ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com or leave a message with Pat in the Parish Office if you would like a loved one remembered in this way.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next PPC meeting is on 13th June. Suggestion box in church or email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

SENIOR MOMENTS: .Wednesday 19th June 12pm Lunch & Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 3rd July 12pm Pastie, Pie and Cake lunch in the Parish Centre.

HALL HIRE: Sacred Heart Hall is for hire. For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions contact Alison Pieper on 0417571535 or alisonpieper52@gmail.com

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ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Week 11th June C. Ledda, F. Ledda

Sunday 16th June Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: D. Bayan **Commentator:** F. Ledda **Eucharistic Ministers:** Y. O'Brien, T. Sirianni

St Peter's Saturday 6th July 7.15pm

Reader: M. Frisby **Commentator:** J. Robinson

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Denney Hegarty, Mary O'Dea, Tony Watson, Bernie Bourke, Lucy & Pat Cassin, Mervyn Bourke, Antonietta Nesci, Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard.

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker, Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday 11am-3pm, Wednesday 8am-12.00pm, Thursday 9am-3pm, Friday 11am-3pm*

SANDY'S OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am-5.30pm and Friday 9.00am-5.30pm*

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LADIES AUXILIARY: Save the date Wednesday 17th. July. We have invited Sen. Const. Alison Tepple to speak to us on "Safety in the Home". All welcome. More details later. .

Next meeting of Ladies Auxiliary Wed.19th.June @ 10.15am in their gathering space. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Next Gathering will be on Wednesday 12th June at 12.00in the gathering space.

Bring your own lunch, afternoon tea provided, Bingo Geraldine on 0438 148 896

ST MARY'S GARDENING GROUP: A big thank you to our wonderful Grade 3's who with their teachers, visited our Memorial Garden, on their First Eucharist Retreat Day, and planted lovely plants in beautiful pots, and placed small rocks painted with inspiring words, throughout the garden.

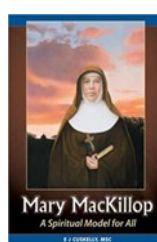
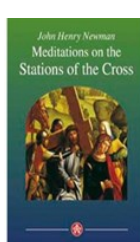
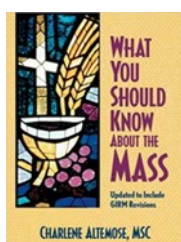
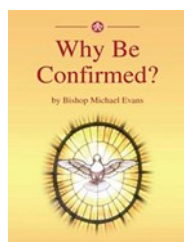
Parishioners have also been delighted to be part of Grade 3's reverence and enthusiasm as they received Jesus for the very first time. Congratulations to the teachers, parents and all who helped them to prepare for such a special occasion. Barbara.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECKS: It is important that all volunteers have an up to date WWCC, as our parish records are currently being audited.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The prayer shawl ministry meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enquiries: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326.

A LOST PROPERTY BOX is on the lower shelf of the bench in the gathering space.

Be informed, inspired and entertained.



No time to read a book?

The Library has a collection of about 70 small pamphlets on a revolving stand which cover a great variety of topics.

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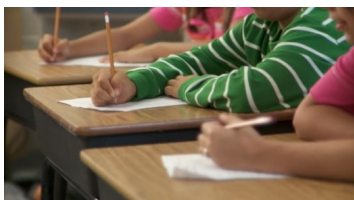
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Peter Mejak, Barbara Fernandez, Christos Pittas, Jocelyn Tibayan, Margaret Schreenan, Olivia MacDonald, Helen Quigley, Lorraine Alexander, Harley McAleer, Pat Milczakowsky, Rosie Bray, Peter Miles, Leon Gray, Amparp Sarmiento, Fr Terry Kean, Carlos Manabat, Maureen Carr, Garry York

Recently Deceased:

We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this week, may they enter joyfully into God's Kingdom: Patrick Boran, John Redmond, Jan Guzowski, Paul Forster, Pope John XXIII, Mary Monagle, May Gallagher, Flora O'Connor, Mary Pettigrove, Joan Tilbrook, Mary Code, Maria Hunyadi, Nancy Hardstaff, Paul Benson, Pauline Venville, Innocence Gomes, Louis Kirley, John Mash, James Kilkenny, Mary Hoey, John Joyce, Selva Markandu, Rebecca O'Connor, Ethna Gormley, Anna Breier, Bill Quirk, George Teycheney, Rico Coronica, Lourdes Garrovillas, Jack Gravell, Francesco Mallamaci, Anna Silvapulle, Marie Fitzpatrick, Maggie Gomes, Harold Hill, Fr Wally Logue SJ, Emilia Giusti, Ryan Peters, Gaetano Lombardo, Mary Pettigrove, Mary Ellen Conroy, Gordon Brabender, Paddy & Annie O'Kane, Joan Tilbrook, Ron Forssman, Max Febey, Beryl O'Neil, Ann Daly, Kathleen Ranavan, Mary Clifford, Samuel Marshall, Francisco Arce, George Barber, Fr Dullard, JBA De Costa, Eileen Kenny, Sr. Marjorie Remedios, Margaret Luckman, John Giles

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued



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WHO'S GOT MAIL! It could be you! Over the weekends of **8th and 9th of June and 15th and 16th June** – there will be an opportunity for you to share a little of **your Confirmation memories** in a letter to one of the **grade 6 students of St Mary's School** who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in July. Each student has written a letter addressed to "Parishioner". The students may be asking for prayer, or perhaps asking about your Confirmation Day and what advice you can offer on receiving the Sacrament. The students letters will be in a basket on the table in the Gathering Space. **Parishioners are asked to take only 1 of the 'Letters to "Parishioner"'**. Once you have read your letter you are to then **write a letter in reply** writing the Child's First Name only on the front of the envelope. All reply letters are to be given into the Parish Office by **Friday, 21st June**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Confirmation candidates to experience a deeper sense of belonging to their Parish. community.

If you would like to assist with delivery of Parishioner letters to the Grade 6 students – please contact Libby or Lisa with your contact details. We require a **total of 6 volunteers – 2 volunteers per Grade 6 class**. A convenient time for delivery of the letters to the 3x grade 6 students, will be confirmed with teachers and volunteers will be informed by a member of Parish Staff.

FAMILIES IN SPIRITUAL HARMONY

Calling all tweens, teens, young adults and families with children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation. Are you looking for a place for you and your children to meaningfully connect with other Catholic Families?



We have the pleasure of introducing Families In Spiritual Harmony (**FISH**). This group has been created by families for families; with the objective of creating a spiritual safety-net for our youth and fostering our catholic community. It is open to everyone, and is for the benefit of all three of our parishes.

We will focus on and encourage faith formation, reflection and discussion in these sessions – all whilst having some fun! These sessions will be held every Friday, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St Thomas the Apostle Parish.

On the first Friday of every month, we will also have The First Friday's Devotion, along with confession, and all are welcome to join in.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: *Tuesday & Friday: 8.00am-4.00pm Wednesdays 12.30pm,-4.00pm*
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BAPTISMS: Please keep in your prayers Kate and Autumn who are being baptised later this month.

BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCH: Our inaugural Building Bonds of Friendship lunch held on Thursday 23rd May was very successful and was enjoyed by all who came. We made good use of our new coffee machine and microwave and enjoyed the yummy sandwiches, vegie slice and fruit slice generously prepared by three of our ladies.

These light lunches will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month in St Thomas' Parish Meeting Room at 12.30pm.

Please come along and join us for some friendly chatter while we enjoy our light lunch together.

Donation \$10 To assist with catering, it is helpful to know how many will be coming.

For our June lunch on the 27th June, please RSVP to Edith Sutherland suthe4841@bigpond.com

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Roster for Weekend 15th & 16th June

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: K. Salm

Commentator: J. Bohan

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Bohan, M/ McKenzie

Set Up: Volunteer

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: S. Millar

Commentator: M. Kenny

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kerr, C. O'Brien

Set Up: C. O'Brien

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Miran Kasalo, Peter Kernjak, John Geretschlager, Dominic Cambareri, Fr Terry Kean

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Pauline Georgiades, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker. Gordon Shannon, Saverio Posterino, Domenico Di Giandomenico, David Wong, John Iacobucci



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

9 June 2024

First Reading Gen 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied. 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, '

Because you have done this,
'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:
you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.
It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

*(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 4:13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may

be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 3:20-35

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

The first way to reject the real Jesus is to domesticate him, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', madly putting himself [and them] in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

Have you or I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild? If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the new family seated around him, really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way is to misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and to claim that he must be in league with the devil, 'He has an unclean spirit'.

If you do this publicly, as did these religious leaders, then you have deliberately put God's plan for the salvation of others at risk, and it is this which is unforgivable. This is real blasphemy.

We might pause for a moment, implore the grace of God, determine to really hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives, and so come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.

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