



Sunday 25th April 2021

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

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
Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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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

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1st & 2nd May

SACRED HEART 9.00am

Special Minister: A. Schellens, R. Padget
Reader: J Hoyne

ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am

Special Minister 6.00pm: S. Bishop, C. Leahy, M. McKenzie
Special Minister 10.30am: F. Landy, A. Letzia, B. Riordan

6.00pm: Reader: S. McMahon **Commentator:** T. Holland **Set Up:** K. Salm
10.30am: Reader: F. Landy **Commentator:** M. Kenny **Set Up:** C. O'Brien
Counters: R. McEvoy, C. Leahy, L. Leahy **Cleaners:** B. Guldon, G. Kilkenny (15th May)

Mass will still be recorded and uploaded onto our Websites

*******NO MASSES AT ST PETER'S UNTIL DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS ARE REMOVED*******

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

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Elaine Chapman, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Wimal Piyumsiri, Margaret Holland,

We pray for those who have died including Rachele Gebert, Kathleen Jordan (Sue McMahon's mother) and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of April that they enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom

Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Mary Cho Nguyen,
Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Betuna, Margaret Mc Carthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta,
Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Rod Nettleton, Jane Coyle

PARTNERED PARISHES UMBRELLA PASTORAL COUNCIL

HISTORY LINE

Late in 2019 a session was held at Sacred Heart Parish, and one at St. Thomas' Parish that led us to explore our backgrounds and the characteristics of our parishes. Arising out of the Plenary Listening and Discernment Sessions, there has been an expressed desire by several parishioners to form Parish Pastoral Councils. The next step towards forming Pastoral Councils, is to undergo a process called The History Line in which we clarify our parishes' strengths and vulnerabilities, by reflecting on particular points in our parishes' histories. These sessions will be facilitated by Jacinta Bright,

We have settled on two dates:

- ◆ **The Sacred Heart Parishioners will meet on Tuesday the 27th of April, in the parish office, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.**
- ◆ **St Thomas parishioners will meet on Tuesday 4th of May, in the parish meeting room, from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.**

It would be important to have at these sessions older parishioners who have a knowledge of the history of the parish as well as those who have come in more recent years. Out of this there may be some who would want to go further and become members of newly formed Parish Pastoral Councils.

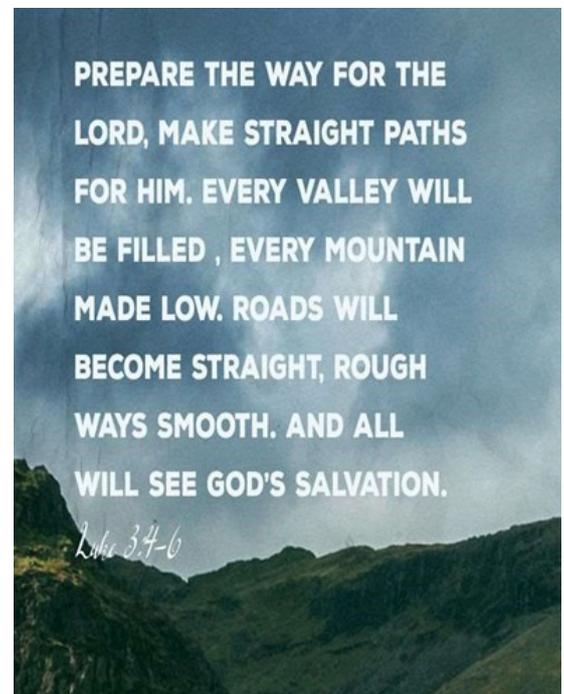
With thanks, Fr Steven

Invitation

All Welcome

You are invited to join with new, old and prospective parishioners to the Sacred Heart & St Thomas History Line event.
Let us share who we are, what we have been through and where we are going and build community.

Tuesday 27th April
7.00pm-9.00pm
Sacred Heart Parish Centre
25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek
Supper provided
RSVP: Sr Margaret Sapsford
Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au
Phone: 94016361.
Tuesday 4th May
7.00pm-9.00pm
St Thomas Church
Supper provided
RSVP: Lisa 9434 7373
greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au



Past....Present....Future....

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

The Partnered Parishes of Sacred Heart Diamond Creek, St. Thomas the Apostle Greensborough North and St. Mary's Greensborough, hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as fundamental to our Parish life. Our commitment to their safety and that of all people is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. In living out this commitment, we adhere to Government and Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne requirements around providing for the safety of our children and young people.

Under the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, parish leadership is required to establish a Safeguarding Committee which provides advice to, and works with, the leadership of the parish, to ensure policies, processes and practices are in place to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Whilst highly important, the Safeguarding Committee is an advisory committee only. This means that committee members are not themselves subject to the legal obligations under the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 or the Child Safety Standards made under it by virtue of them being a member of the Committee – the legal obligation remains with the Parish Priest.

An Establishment Committee was formed in 2020. This Committee has developed policies, practices and procedures, based on the requirements and guidelines of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. These lay the foundation and resources for the ongoing work of the Safeguarding Committee. Current members of the Establishment Committee; Fr Steven Rigo, Jacinta Bright, Sr Margaret Sapsford will continue as members of the Safeguarding Committee.

Role of the Safeguarding Committee

- ◆ Promote child safety within the community and foster an understanding of its importance.
- ◆ Work collaboratively with parish leadership to promote the safety of children and young people.
- ◆ Implement, maintain and/or review child safety processes and procedures.
- ◆ Engage in and/or review risk management processes.
- ◆ Involve children and young people (and their families) in decision-making and planning to promote child safety.
- ◆ Ensure that reporting processes for concerns and/or allegations are well communicated across the parish, and act as a first point of contact in relation to child safety concerns, reports or allegations.
- ◆ Participate in and/or deliver child safety information and training.
- ◆ Monitor ongoing compliance with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework which encompasses the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards.

Procedures

- ◆ The Committee will have representation from each of the three parishes.
- ◆ The Committee will meet a minimum of four times per year.
- ◆ The Committee will report progress quarterly to the relevant governance body within the parishes.
- ◆ Documentation (e.g. meeting minutes, correspondence, risk assessments, communication) in relation to the Safeguarding Committee is to be kept by each parish and stored securely.
- ◆ The Parish Priest, working with the Safeguarding Committee, will summarise its compliance with the requirements of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework on an annual basis (self-assessment/audit process) and present it to the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM).

PLENARY COUNCIL DELEGATES

During Holy Week at the Chrism Mass, Archbishop Comensoli blessed and commissioned the 16 Plenary Council delegates for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It was the first time the delegates had been able to gather in the presence of the wider Melbourne community since churches reopened. The delegates will join others from around Australia for the first Plenary Council gathering in October. Please continue to pray for the work of the Council.



First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given
answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the
Lord;
I will thank you for you have given
answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has
lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge
him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the
children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not
yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

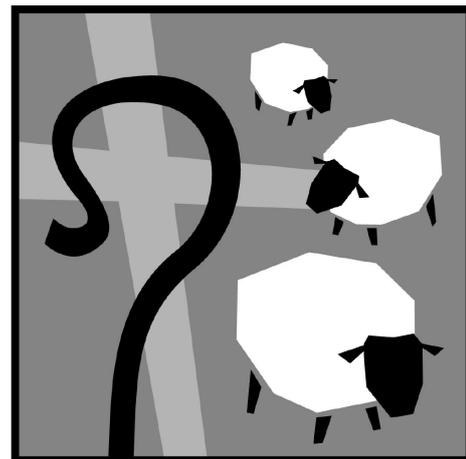
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down
his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the
shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters
the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been
given by my Father.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing. Some of this confusion and literal interpretation stems from the gospel writer's choice of metaphoric language. In the gospel, Jesus says, 'I am the good shepherd', not 'I am like the good shepherd'. The writer's use of metaphor, rather than simile, provides a much more compelling image but can result in a more literal interpretation.

The emphasis of the image is on the adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people – more like the scum of the earth! – so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds – cut-throats who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again.

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