



**Sunday 15th August 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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**Parish:** 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329  
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**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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**Website:** www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek  
**Secretary:** Pat Guatta

**Mass Times**

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am  
**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Friday:** 9.45am to 10.15am

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**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

**Parish School Principal**

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**ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22nd August**

**SACRED HEART 9.00am**

**Special Minister:** Aminda, Dharshani  
**Reader:** Y. O'Brien

**MASS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ST THOMAS VIGIL 6.00pm & 10.30am**

**Special Minister 6.00pm:** J. Bohan, W. Watson  
**Special Minister 10.30am:** M. Tipping, C. O'Brien, F. Landy  
**6.00pm:** **Reader:** T. Holland **Commentator:** K. Salm **Set Up:** K. Salm  
**10.30am:** **Reader:** M. Bates **Commentator:** T. Williamson **Set Up:** C. & B. Riordan  
**Counters:** **Cleaners:**

**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, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherin Leonard,  
Tony Ledda, Sarah Drummond, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper, Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis

**We pray for those who have died including John O'Connor 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 McMahan, 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 Mica, Anne Honeywell, Giusseppe Minutolo, Paul Silverwood, Jim Lysaght, Salvatore Scala, Margaret Hardwick, Ted Tremayne, Giselle Caliste, Nadia Mefflin, Alan Corcoran, Margaret Howse, Wayne Robinson, Alan McCarthy, Salvador Catalogna, Rose Masabni

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES:** If you wish to have someone added or removed from the sick or Anniversaries list for our newsletter could you please notify **Pat 9401 6361** or **Lisa 9434 7373**.

**PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS IN AUGUST:** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel. See [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va) for the associated video.

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**THE WAY PRAYER GROUP:** Due to the current lockdown, the regular monthly Charismatic Mass will be held on Zoom. You are most welcome to join us on Thursday, 19th August. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with praise and worship, followed by Mass at 8pm.

The Zoom link and password as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85621062547> Passcode: 258371

For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.



## RECORDED MASSES—HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

Every week since March last year, St Mary's parishioners Troy and Trevor have shared the recording and uploading of the Saturday evening Mass from one of our partnered parishes and Masses during lockdowns. We thank them for their faithful commitment to our communities. However, to continue to offer recorded Masses on a regular basis, help is urgently needed. Troy was married recently and will soon be moving from the parish, and Trevor has an ongoing commitment as projectionist at a Sunday Mass. An invitation is extended to St Mary's, St Thomas' and Sacred Heart parishioners to assist with this valued ministry.

Training will be provided. For more information, please contact **Marian 0409 591 527**.



## PLENARY COUNCIL

### Fan the Flame Prayer Initiative:

Together we continue to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the Australian church.

**'Listening to What the Spirit is Saying .....**

**FAN THE FLAME**

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

**'His mercy reaches from age to age'**

*Luke 1:39-56*

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind.

(Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 6)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)



## TRYBOOKING & QR CODES

**UNDER CURRENT RESTRICTIONS 28TH JULY 2021, MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.**

Electronic record keeping became mandatory for all venues and facilities, including our Places of Worship. Importantly, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, within a Place of Worship, must use an electronic record keeping system that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API).

- ***This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.***
- Density Quotient 1 person per 4 sqm applies
- Sacred Heart 60 people. St Thomas 75 people.
- Everyone entering the Church can scan the QR Code.
- In exceptional circumstances, due to age, disability etc., the Parish has the ability to manually record their attendance (and maintain records for a period of 28 days).
- ***Sacred Heart & St Thomas Parishes will continue to use the Trybooking system to enable parishioners to book in for Mass so we do not exceed our density quotient.***

## EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts,

The Presbytery collection/account (1<sup>st</sup> coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest.

The Church collection/account (2<sup>nd</sup> coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

## PARISH COFFEE and CHAT

Would you like to catch up for a coffee and chatter on Thursday 26th August 2.00pm at Phoenix and Co on Diamond Creek Rd Greensborough? some of us met today and thought it might be nice to make this a regular informal, social catch up each month.

If you wish to join us, please email me@ [stewmarg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:stewmarg@bigpond.net.au) or for those who don't have an email address, please ring me on 94343286 and leave a message on my answering machine with your name and phone number.

Please RSVP by the 12th August so I can book a table, or if you see me around just let me know you'd like come. (Bring loose money to pay and we'll put it together to help the Cafe).

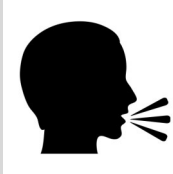


## COMMUNITY LIFE

**SACRED HEART INTERIM LEADERSHIP TEAM:** The other week at Mass Fr. Steven spoke about the importance of forming a Parish Pastoral Council. About how the Archbishop intends to form Mission Parishes, he also asked us to nominate someone or nominate yourself to be part of the PPC. The Interim team are asking you again to nominate a person you think will represent you and the rest of the Sacred Heart Community.

Remember we need to form a strong PPC one that represents you.

***YOUR VOICE, MY VOICE, OUR VOICE***



## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Please consider leaving an eternal legacy. By remembering ACN in your will you leave a lasting legacy of faith, hope and love. Your offering assists us to keep the light of faith shining brightly in a world which cries out for the peace that only Christ can offer.

Visit : [www.aidtochurch.org/legacies](http://www.aidtochurch.org/legacies)

## PANDEMIC ENQUIRY

On 1 June 2021, the Australian Young Christian Students (AYCS) launched its Pandemic Enquiry for secondary students in schools and parish youth groups throughout Australia. There are five-sessions, and it has been designed to engage as many students and young people as possible, whether they are in the YCS or not.

The Pandemic Enquiry explores "How the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected me, my country and our world; why it should concern me; and what I might be able to do about its consequences".

Fr Michael O'Connell (Parish Priest of St Martin of Tours Parish) is a part of the YCS as the Diocesan Chaplain and has been supporting the Pandemic Enquiry.

We invite you to join with Fr. Michael, Sr. Maria (Pastoral Associate) and a few young people, who will be meeting for the first session on Sunday 15th August at 7pm via zoom.

If you interested please register to [Maria.Bui@cam.org.au](mailto:Maria.Bui@cam.org.au), and then the enquiry material and zoom link will be sent to you.

## INVITATION TO DAY RETREAT ON THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

All parishioners and friends are invited to the St Francis of Assisi Parish Retreat to be held on Saturday, 21st August, at Loyola College. The Retreat will be presented by the Sapienta Team on the Year of St Joseph.

'Come apart for a day to spend with the Lord'

\* Time 9.00am-4.30pm \* Cost: \$10 \* Lunch - bring your own lunch \* Tea & Coffee provided

\*Booking Essential – RSVP: Tuesday, 17th August.

Bookings: Contact: 9407 6700 [Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au](mailto:Ruth.Lees@cam.org.au)

## DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! Due to Covid restrictions the information session date has been moved into September. No longer on Saturday 14th August, the Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 4 September, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For further information contact Deacon Kevin Pattison: [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.a](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.a)

### **For more information:**

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)





## LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Dear Parishioner,

In mid-2020 I formed an Establishment Committee for the Safeguarding of Children and Young People of our Partnered Parishes of Sacred Heart, Diamond Creek, St. Mary's, Greensborough and St. Thomas the Apostle, Greensborough North. This Committee's work centred on developing policies and practices in order for us to be compliant with both Government and Archdiocese of Melbourne requirements around protecting children and young people.

The Establishment Committee, which has done a monumental task, has been coordinated by Helen Anderson, whom I seconded immediately after her retirement from her principalship at St. Mary's, and has consisted of Jacinta Bright and Sr. Margaret Sapsford, Parish Pastoral Associates, Leon Kempen (St Mary's), Chris Aicher (St. Thomas the Apostle), Wendy and Ray McEvoy (Sacred Heart). I have also been an active member over the past year. I also wrote two letters to you on behalf of the Establishment Committee in September and November to communicate to you the progress of their work. This Establishment Committee has now completed its task of developing policies and practices for our parishes which are all available to be viewed on the Parish Websites.

Now a Committee for the Safeguarding of Children and Young People with representatives from each of the three Parishes, has been formed to implement, monitor and review these policies and practices, and to develop a culture among all of us that actively provides for the safety of children and young people. This Safeguarding Committee currently consists of Moira Willits, Jim Kelly-Viney, Tim Hamilton (St. Mary's), Ray Belli, Ronan McIlroy (Sacred Heart), Tim Holland, Michael Bates (St. Thomas'). Sr. Margaret Sapsford, Jacinta Bright and I will continue to be members of the Committee. I thank all of them for their generosity. I would welcome more members onto this Committee so that the tasks required by its members might be distributed more widely. You will be hearing from the members of the Committee as they seek to assist you to ensure the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people in our parishes. Complying with and living out our commitment to protecting our young people will require new expectations of us all and this Committee will assist us to do so.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all the members of the Establishment Committee, now that it has completed its task, for their dedication and hard work, and especially to Helen Anderson for her committed leadership and professional guidance, ensuring that the work is completed.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Steven Rigo  
(Parish Priest)

## **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**15 August 2021**

### **First Reading Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10**

*I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10**

*(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)
2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

### **Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26**

*As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.  
Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Lk 1:39-56**

*The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly  
handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward all generations  
will call me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things for  
me.  
Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to age for  
those who fear him.  
He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.  
He has pulled down princes from their  
thrones and exalted the lowly.  
The hungry he has filled with good things,  
the rich sent empty away.  
He has come to the help of Israel his  
servant, mindful of his mercy  
– according to the promise he made to our  
ancestors –  
of his mercy to Abraham and to his  
descendants for ever.'  
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three  
months and then went back home.



### **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

On the surface, today's gospel passage has little to do with the feast of the Assumption. There is no scriptural account of the Assumption and so we draw on a different significant gospel passage that features Mary. However, the account of Mary rushing to her cousin and exuberantly proclaiming the Magnificat is an example of Mary's joyful 'Yes' to life and to God that tradition tells us was rewarded in her bodily assumption into heaven.

Immediately prior to this account, the angel Gabriel has announced to Mary that she is to give birth to the Christ-child. Her humble response to the angel and to God is, 'Let it be done to me according to your word' even though she knew the shame and rejection her pregnancy would cause in her village. Whilst her initial response is subdued and humble, it is a 'Yes' to God's will. Mary's next instinct is an emphatic 'Yes' to life. The angel tells Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, is also to bear a child. Elizabeth was an older woman and keenly felt the social and cultural shame of not being able to bear children. When Mary hears that Elizabeth is already pregnant she rushes to be with her. Where no life was thought possible, God has created life. Elizabeth would have been shamed and regarded as inadequate and of lesser standing because of her childlessness. In many ways, Elizabeth was deprived of her own life because she could not give birth. Mary's "Yes" to God and "Yes" to life is confirmed and amplified by God's granting fullness of life to Elizabeth.

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