



Sunday 4th October 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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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 Bisticic, Bernice Burke, Linda Bisticic, Joan Moran, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland, Catherine Leonard, Ted Sheenan, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, Elaine Chapman, Jim Goodge, John Prendergast

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

Felicia Ongarello, Salvatore Caputo, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Ken Nettleton, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Fraser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan, Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green, Dainne Galea, Grace Money, Doris Toohey



2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The 2021 Columban Art Calendar is now available for purchase.

As our Churches are still closed if you would like to purchase a Calendar you can contact Lisa **9434 7373** greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au or Pat **9401 6361** diamondcreek@cam.org.au to reserve your Calendar.

We only have limited stock at \$10.00 each.

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY: WONDERS OF CREATION

Fr Steven with Sacred Heart parishioner, John O'Connor, offer you the first of a proposed series of *pleasant* short talks exploring the universe, its origin, galaxies, stars, planets, life; and us with our Big Brain and mind, able to work out our awesome cosmic pedigree, all from a Christian perspective. We use great visuals, with frequent pauses for questions and discussion, and think you would find the sessions fun and fascinating; also, especially helpful for parents, grandparents and teachers from all walks of life, wanting to explain to our young, how the Two Books: Scripture and Nature, complement rather than contradict each other. Guaranteed to *keep our neurons firing!* Do you realise that it was a Belgian Catholic priest who first conceived of the Big Bang theory?

At this point, because we want to offer this session at the most suitable time for people, we are asking for an indication of which day and time would suit the majority of people. Please contact Sr Margaret Sapsford on

Margaret.sapsford@cam.org.au or Jacinta Bright on Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au to express your interest and your preference for day and timing. We are thinking of one of these three options Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday. In your reply, would you please indicate in order of preference – 1, 2 or 3 and whether a morning, afternoon or evening would suit best on any of those days.

John was educated at St Mary's, Thornbury; Parade College, East Melbourne; Melbourne and La Trobe Universities (BSc, Dip Ed, M App Sc, PhD, Melb. Univ.) He then worked as a geologist/geophysicist with Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources (now Geoscience Australia); EPA reports and consultancies; Environmental Science, Physics, Maths, Years 11/12 teaching, Parade College; 27 years academic staff, PIT/ RMIT University; he is now a science communicator, e.g. Astronomy, Physics, Cosmology courses for Council of Adult Education, and currently for ASAV (Astronomical Society of Victoria, Diurnals), and U3A (University of the Third Age).



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.



Our morning teas have already been very successful with 25 parishioners from our Partnered Parishes attending the first week and another seven joined in the second week.

The physical distancing does not keep us from making connections with others and enjoying a good conversation.

It is not too late to join, Jacinta would love to hear from you.

Contact Jacinta at: jacinta.bright@cam.org.au

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.

SACRED HEART & ST THOMAS PARISH OFFICE.

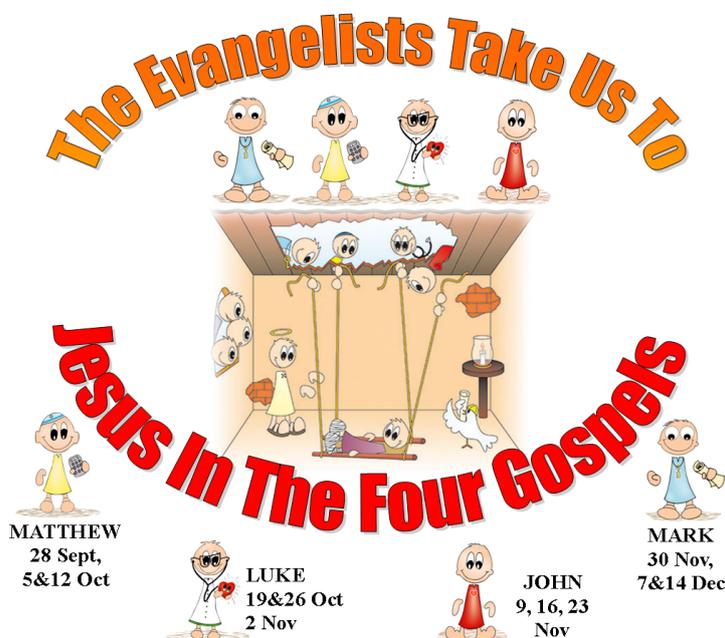
With the introduction of Stage 4 restrictions Pat and I will be working from home.

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



MATTHEW
28 Sept,
5&12 Oct

LUKE
19&26 Oct
2 Nov

JOHN
9, 16, 23
Nov

MARK
30 Nov,
7&14 Dec

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Via ZOOM

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<https://www.trybooking.com/BLOOC>



'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.

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.

SUBMISSIONS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN FOR THE EBOOK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE COULD WE PLEASE HAVE YOUR STORIES IN NO LATER THAN 30th NOVEMBER

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.

Personal information is collected, stored, used and disclosed by all Partner Parishes in conformity with Commonwealth & Victorian Legislation of 2001.

A copy of all Parishes Privacy Policy is available to any Parishioner at the Parish Office and on our Websites.

MESSAGE BOARD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St Peter's and St. Thomas', and St. Mary's Parishes, According to the tradition of our parishes, on the first weekend of the month we celebrate the Birthdays of all who were born during that month. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic crisis, we cannot gather physically in our churches to celebrate Birthday's for our sister(s) or brother(s) this month. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remember all the people who have a Birthday in October by sending you many blessings and best wishes.

My dear Birthday woman/man,

Today is the day you were brought into this world to be a blessing and inspiration to the people around you! You are a wonderful person! May you be given more birthdays to fulfill all of your dreams!

A wish for you on your birthday, whatever you ask may you receive, whatever you seek may you find, whatever you wish may it be fulfilled on your birthday and always.

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

My dear sister(s) and brother(s),

On your commemoration of the day God brought you into this world,

- ◆ may you know nothing but the choicest of God's divine blessings all your days on this earth.
- ◆ On your birthday, I pray that you will find happiness in every step that you take on your journey through life.
- ◆ May God bless you abundantly on your special day.
- ◆ May the Almighty God go on to add more years of happiness and good health to your life.
- ◆ May the Almighty God always be your deliverer and shield all days of your life.
- ◆ And may He always fill your heart with all the happiness in this entire universe.

Once again, I wish you a joyous and blessed Birthday!

Fr Tao Pham

Best Wishes

Congratulations to long time Sacred Heart parishioner Mary O'Dea who celebrates her 97th Birthday on 3rd October. Mary lived in Strathewen for 50 years, before moving to Diamond Creek in 2006. She has fond memories of The Chapel of the Irish Martyrs Arthurs Creek and the construction of St Peter's Hurstbridge. Happy Birthday Mary.



First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which
is so much greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

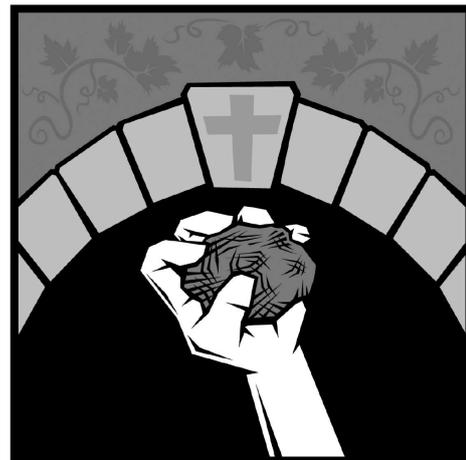
Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was
a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he
fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built
a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent
his servants to the tenants to collect his produce.
But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed
one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he
sent some more servants, this time a larger
number, and they dealt with them in the same
way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will
respect my son," he said. But when the tenants
saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him
out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring
those wretches to a wretched end and lease
the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver
the produce to him when the season arrives.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be
taken from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is
spoken of as the Vineyard of God.
We can say that now the Church is
the vineyard of God. God is the
Landlord, we are the tenants. It is
our job to faithfully tend it and
make sure it bears good fruit. If we
are unfaithful, then God will find
other people to carry on his plan,
other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the
Universal Church. With the decline
of the Eurocentric church, who has
God turned to as new tenants for
his vineyard? Look at the surging
numbers of Catholics in sub-
Sahara Africa, Nigeria, the
Philippines, Korea. The persecuted
Church in Vietnam and China is
surviving and growing despite the
severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the
vineyard of the Church in Australia
is not as fruitful as it could be. This
is a challenge for us. It is wonderful
to see the energetic work of the
new immigrants and refugees in
our parishes (including the Bishop
of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to
commit to taking up the privilege
and duty to work in the vineyard of
the Church.

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