



Sunday 8th, November 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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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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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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Greensborough Nth 3088

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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

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**

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WORSHIP & PRAYER

The celebration of Masses will resume in our 3 Parishes.

Tuesday-Friday 9.15am indoor for 10 Parishioners (20 Outdoor) in each of our 3 Churches

St Thomas 6.00pm Saturday

Sacred Heart 9.00am Sunday

St Thomas 10.30am Sunday

Outdoor for 20 Parishioners.

Bookings are essential for Weekend Mass via Trybooking:

Opening the Wednesday prior at 12.00pm and closing at 2.00pm Friday

St Thomas Mass will be celebrated outside under the Verandah on the St Thomas Village side.

The collection plate will not be passed around could you please leave your contributions in the baskets provided.

You can search Trybooking without the link: Sacred Heart Diamond Creek or St Thomas Greensborough Weekend Masses.

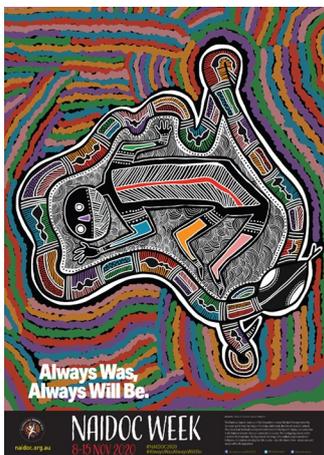
Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Martin Leonard, Bridie Burke, Rose Hegarty, Nicole Bistrivic, Bernice Burke, Linda Bistrivic, Joan Moran, Shirley Bourke, Annette Hyland, Catherine Leonard, Haylie Adams-Vivanxay, Giovanna Ng, Petronilla De Leo, Elaine Chapman, Jim Goodge, John Prendergast, Tony Ledda, Fr Owen Doyle, Lyn Corcoran

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

Jack Ridley, Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Rebekah Weston, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke, Nick Piccolo, Kathleen Hudson, Maura Coyle, Lena Brullo, Ray Tipping, Lawrence Meilak, Theresa Meilak, Marcel Bishara, Frank Mercieca, Thomas Iacobucci, Fr Kelvin Kenny, Christopher Kenny, Joan Campbell, Serge Teychency, Lena Finlayson, Grace Jones, Joan Chadzynska, Rocco Di Pierro, Haydn Chapman, Lena Anderson, Francis Mc Mennemin, Kevin Hartley

NAIDOC WEEK



This year's **NAIDOC Week** is being celebrated from **Sun, 8 Nov 2020 to Sun, 15 Nov 2020**. (It was postponed from the usual date in July due to COVID19)

The NAIDOC 2020 theme - Always Was, Always Will Be. - recognises and celebrates that **First Nations** people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the **ancient history** of this country – a **history** which dates back thousands of generations.

For a list of various digital events in Melbourne, Victoria, refer to the website:

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/naidoc-week-events>

THE OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Opening The Doors Foundation will be selling Christmas ornaments for the first time after a particularly turbulent year for families, schools and students, the Board of Trustees are trying this new approach to fundraising.

The ornaments depict festive gum nuts with a Merry Christmas message.

Each ornament is signed by Opening The Doors Foundation on the back as they are a gift 'from our family to yours'.

Opening The Doors Foundation has been supporting Aboriginal students for almost 20 years and has always been led by the diverse voices of the Aboriginal community. All proceeds go directly to supporting educational costs for Aboriginal students around Victoria

So please get behind the Trustees to spread the news as our Christmas ornaments will brighten any tree and make a perfect gift for loved ones. You can help through social media, Facebook, email networks, work colleagues, local parish members, family and friends.



There are also Christmas Packs available which contain 12 ornaments and cost \$360.

Christmas Packs are presented in charming carry box which allows people to take them to work, school or around the neighbourhood.

Your support enables Opening The Doors to continue to support Aboriginal students with uniforms, books and IT equipment.

Online Application: <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/product-page/christmas-ornament>

URL for Facebook: <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/product-page/christmas-ornament>

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.

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.

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST AT MASS

I have noticed that some parishioners who have come to the Masses this last weekend have not received the Eucharist, and only asked for blessings. I would like to reassure everyone that over the last several months, because of the extraordinary circumstances, the normal obligations of Sunday Mass and celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to receive communion do not apply. When we are permitted to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will offer opportunities to do so with individual and communal rites, but in the meantime, please make use of the opportunity to receive communion when you come to Mass.

Fr. Steven Rigo

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 -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's 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. This is a way we can reach out and stay connected at the moment.



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



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

We are very excited to let you know that the Safeguarding Risk Management Fundamentals e-learning videos are now available on the website.

Co-facilitated by the Professional Standards Unit and Catholic Church Insurance, the Safeguarding Risk Management Fundamentals e-Learning video modules are designed to increase your awareness of safeguarding risks within your parish and develop your understanding of how to conduct a risk assessment.

The content is presented over three 20 minute modules, providing a step-by-step demonstration of the risk management process to identify, analyse and address possible risks to provide safe physical and online environments for children and young people.

<https://cam.org.au/safeguarding-children-young-people-and-vulnerable-persons/safeguarding-risk-management-fundamentals/>

These modules are recommended for Safeguarding Committee members and any person responsible for overseeing, coordinating and delivering programs within a parish.

ONLINE SAFETY FOR GRANDPARENTS & CARERS.

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps.

Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>

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.



2021 Columban Art Calendar

First Reading Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding
fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will
quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those
who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as
they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet
them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,
about those who have died, to make sure
that you do not grieve about them, like the
other people who have no hope. We believe
that Jesus died and rose again, and that it
will be the same for those who have died in
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can
tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,

that any of us who are left alive until the
Lord's coming will not have any advantage
over those who have died. At the trumpet
of God, the voice of the archangel will call
out the command and the Lord himself will
come down from heaven; those who have
died in Christ will be the first to rise, and
then those of us who are still alive will be
taken up in the clouds, together with them,
to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts
as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

**you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish and five of them were sensible: the
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they
brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones
took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.
The bridegroom was late, and they all grew
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the
sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil:
our lamps are going out." But they replied,
"There may not be enough for us and for
you; you had better go to those who sell
it and buy some for yourselves." They had
gone of to buy it when the bridegroom
arrived. Those who were ready went in with
him to the wedding hall and the door was
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later.
"Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for
us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do
not know you." So stay awake, because you
do not know either the day or the hour.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a
bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the
question was: 'When would the
Bridegroom – the Anointed One of
God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus'
warning is to the attendants of the
bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be
prepared.' Some (the five foolish
attendants) did miss the moment:
the earthly ministry of Jesus of
Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the
Catholic Church which is the new
Bride of Christ. We are the
attendants to the Bride and the
imperative applies to us also: Be
alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for
the eruption, the intervention of
Our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Bridegroom, into *our* history, into
our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to
meet us in the modern movements
which demand to hold authority
accountable, or which press for
just recognition of women? We can
foolishly remain in the dark or we
can wisely try to throw light on
these questions. Only then we will
be able to discern whether indeed
it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be
ready when the Bridegroom
responds to the ancient prayer:
'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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