



Sunday 3rd October, 2021

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Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright and Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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MASSES—Unfortunately during this time of lockdown, we cannot have Mass as usual. The Government has listed churches as among the venues that must remain closed. You can find Fr Steven's Masses on our website at <https://www.cam1.org.au/greensborough> or Facebook page - St Mary's Catholic Parish Greensborough. We shall update you all as we are informed.

Updated COVID19 **GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES** as supplied by the Archdiocese can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>.

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

What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

NEW

CHANGES IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Unfortunately due to our current financial situation, the hours of employment for each of our staff members have been cut by 10. This means Francesca's hours have gone from 18 to 8 per week, Sharon from 12 to 2 per week and Jacinta from 30 to 20 per week.

CHANGES:

We regret not being able to offer you any further clarity regarding the future, however Francesca and Sharon will provide for our secretarial needs on Mondays 1pm -3pm and Thursdays and Fridays 10am-2pm and Jacinta's days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. All messages and emails we will be attended to as soon as we can.

FURTHER CHANGES:

As a consequence of our cut back of hours, we need to streamline our services. The Bulletin will be formatted as a combined Bulletin, with news from each of our partnered parishes. Our secretaries, Francesca, Sharon, Pat and Lisa are working together to produce a bulletin that will have a fresh new look for all. As we move forward we will continue to share the news common to all, still highlighting what is unique to each parish.

Please continue to send any bulletin contributions to Francesca and Sharon at greensborough@cam.org.au

We will keep you updated with any further changes. Thank you.

RECORDED MASSES When we can be together again to celebrate the Eucharist, our 2 videographers will not always be available due to other commitments. **To continue to offer weekly recorded Masses for parishioners not able to attend in person, help is urgently needed.** 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. Thank you.

NEW

SUMMARY OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, 7TH. SEPTEMBER 2021 - Our opening prayer was led by Bhu-shan and involved reflection upon St Joseph, since Father's Day had just passed. This provided an opportunity for not only an appreciation of the Fatherly traits demonstrated by St Joseph, but also his undying faith and trust in God regardless of the situation or circumstance. Following this, the representative from the School Advisory Council provided an update from their most recent meeting about the establishment of a community choir, as well as other news. We then had a discussion surrounding chapter 3 of Chris Lowney's book titled *Everyone Leads* led by Fr Steve. This chapter, in particular, provided insight on how we as Catholics are all role models and therefore, by extension leaders. Since we are all leaders, we also have a role in leading the church forward and also in decisions that effect this goal. This sparked a conversation surrounding how we can effect change and lead in the best possible direction as a community. Then, we focused our attention on the strategic plan which was led by Nick Scully. Upon everyone agreeing that the strategic plan document is ready for distribution to the parish community, we have now moved our attention to the best means of distribution which will be decided upon by sub-committee led by Nick. Finally, we looked at a letter by Rev David Cartwright which highlighted some of his concerns regarding the Diocesan Plan for restructuring Melbourne parishes into various mission as well as a set of slides from a presentation by the organisation Location IQ which looked at the different dynamics of communities across Melbourne. It also highlighted some goals for each region within Melbourne regarding the number of attendees at mass and number of contributors to the community amongst other things.

NEW

AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT: What kind of person do you want to be as we come out of COVID and move into the future? What are the priorities that have changed in you, that you want to notice and wonder about and continue to let change you?

St Mary's Parish offers men and women, older and younger people, an opportunity for a time of reflection that will take into account these important questions, considering the different dimensions of your life.

The Life's Journey Program uses the **image of a walk to describe our lives**. We imagine ourselves as walking with others for some days, sometimes tired, sometimes walking alone, sometimes able to see where we are going and sometimes lost. **The program invites us to ask where we are going in our lives, and how we can best get there.**

This is a four week program, inviting you to set aside some time each day for reflection, in a gentle and natural way. We will meet together every Saturday from 1.00 until 2.00 to touch base and see how everyone is finding their reflection. As a community we will find we have more in common than not, especially in our desires that have been informed by our experiences during this COVID time. Take this time for yourself to become more conscious of your deeper desires and to find a space within yourself and together, to nurture them.

Dates: Saturday the 9th of October (to get started) until Saturday the 6th of November (to bring the experience to a conclusion)

Facilitated by Fr Steve and Anne Fleming, with Jacinta Bright as support.

Enquiries and registration contact Jacinta Bright at jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or 9435 1543

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Follow the Plenary Council assembly online

With the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia being an event for the whole Church, parts of the first general assembly will be livestreamed each day. The home page of the Plenary Council website (<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>) will be the place to go to find the livestream each day.

Here are some highlights from the livestream schedule:

October 3: Opening Mass of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, 2pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.

October 4-9: Daily Mass broadcast at 9.30am AEDT and on demand afterwards.

October 4-6 and October 8-9: Plenary session livestream starts at 11am AEDT and runs until approximately 12.15pm AEDT.

October 7: Plenary session livestream starts at 12 noon AEDT and runs until approximately 12.45pm AEDT.

October 10: Closing Mass of the First General Assembly, 11am AEDT from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.



Also from Garratt Publishing - Plenary Tracker a daily zoom with exclusive news, insights, and panel discussions hosted by respected former ABC presenter Genevieve Jacobs AM.

Every night from Sunday October 3 to October 10 at 7.30 AEDT, Genevieve will speak with Plenary members and insiders summarising, highlighting, and discussing each day's events. Registering for *Plenary Tracker* is **FREE**. Simply fill in your details [here](#) to receive the one web link that allows you to join us each night.

By registering you will also receive daily emails with a video recording of the previous night's session, and a link to Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO's daily blog. John is a Plenary Council member.

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