



**Sunday 10th October 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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**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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**THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES**

During this time of Lockdown we are unable to gather together to celebrate Mass. Our Churches will remain closed until the restrictions are lifted. Mass is recorded each weekend and uploaded onto our Websites for you to view.

St Mary's: [www.cam.1.org.au/greensborough](http://www.cam.1.org.au/greensborough) Sacred Heart: [www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek](http://www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek)

St Thomas: [www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth](http://www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth)

**Mass at Home: St Patrick's Cathedral:** On Channel 31, 44 on Digital TV, for Sunday Mass at 11.00am



*Let us pray for the wisdom to help us  
show our love of God through the good  
we do each day. 28th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year B, 10th October 2021*

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**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 SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



### **Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council: Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th October.**

Thank you to parishioners for your Thanksgiving contributions either by Credit Card, Direct Debit or Envelopes. New sets of envelopes and acknowledgements of donations (in Street order) will be available from the Parish Office in two weeks. Please contact the Parish if you are able to help with deliveries to your neighbours.

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

Bridie Burke, Bernice Burke, Miran Kasalo, Martin Leonard, Joan Moran, Catherine Leonard,  
Tony Ledda, Margaret Holland, Jacob Draper.

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

Felicia Ongarello, Salvatore Caputo, Fr Leo Pascoe, Colin Elliott, Emma Goodge, Ken Nettleton,  
Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Dianne Galea, Doris Toohey.

### **RECORDED MASSES—HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED.**

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.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



Please pray for Matilda, Chiara, Ariana, Lia and Solomon who are awaiting Baptism at St Thomas. We look forward to the restrictions easing and welcoming these families into the St Thomas Parish community.

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

Sarah Drummond, Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis, Miran Kasalo

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

Guido Pariocco, Mary Moran, Helen Paul, Shirley Fraser, Katherine Biskup, Marianna Sacchetta, Reg Carr, Francis Bohan,  
Bill Watson, Pat Pelly, Frank Green, Grace Money, Betty Hannah

## CELEBRATION OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

The first session of the Plenary Council assembly continues each day concluding with Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Coleridge in Brisbane on Sunday.

Daily Mass is celebrated in a different diocese each day. So far Perth, Bendigo, Adelaide and Sydney.

The 9.30 am Saturday Mass for the Plenary Council will be celebrated by our Archbishop from St Patrick's Cathedral.

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) is the site for Masses and a livestream of the morning session each day.

Recordings of events are available on demand on Plenary Council's YouTube channel or its website.

Following the conclusion of the first session meetings on Sunday, the work of the Council continues in the months ahead until the second session to be held in July 2023, hopefully in Sydney.



## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: That Catholic Shop is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk.

To browse our full range visit: [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com)



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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

### 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](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend bulletin.

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

**THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.** The Victorian Chapter is holding a Zoom meeting from 10.30am on Saturday 23rd October. It includes a talk and a workshop by Melbourne writer Leigh Hay. (for her bio. see [leighhay.com.au](http://leighhay.com.au)) Leigh will talk about her writing experience and share some of her know-how on producing engaging verse and prose. This may be of general interest to parishioners. If you would like to join please contact [warren\\_glover@wycliffe.org.au](mailto:warren_glover@wycliffe.org.au) who will send a link.

For further information contact Anne at [huntleyajas4@gmail.com](mailto:huntleyajas4@gmail.com)

## ALL THINGS NEW 2022 IGNATIAN GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30years)

The Society of Jesus (Australian Jesuits) invites you to its Ignatian Gathering for Young Adults (18-30 years), to take place in Melbourne on 17th – 21st January 2022, at Newman College. This gathering is a chance for young people to 'reset, reconnect and re-engage' through building friendships, sharing values, celebrating gratitude, offering service.

To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUNRC>

Cost: \$320 + Trybooking fee (\$8.50) -(includes all meals, individual rooms and all program activities).

For any questions, please contact us at: [maqisaustralia@sjasl.org](mailto:maqisaustralia@sjasl.org)



## PRAYER, WORSHIP & WELLBEING

**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 **Sacred Heart Pat: 9401 6361 St Mary's Sharon /Francesca:9435 1543**

**St Thomas Lisa 9434 7373**

**THE WAY PRAYER GROUP:** During lockdown The Way Prayer Group continues to meet on Thursday evenings via zoom with Rosary from 7.30pm-8.00pm. If you wish you would be most welcome to stay on for the evening's activity.

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

For any further enquiries, please email Rose: [roserendina@gmail.com](mailto:roserendina@gmail.com)

**THE WAY PRAYER GROUP:** The Way Prayer Group is hosting an 8-part video series 'Metanoia' on Zoom over 8 Thursday evenings, commencing Thursday, 7th October from 8-9.30pm. "Jesus invites each of us to an ever deeper and more profound conversion.

This continual need for conversion - 'metanoia' - should be for us a source of hope and encouragement that keeps us seeking the transformative grace of God's Holy Spirit."

For further details and Zoom link, please email Rose [roserendina@gmail.com](mailto:roserendina@gmail.com) or Emilia [emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com](mailto:emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com)

## 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 16th of October (to get started) until Saturday the 13th 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](mailto:jacinta.bright@cam.org.au) or 9435 1543

## LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK SIX

Lockdown Light—week six

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the

recommendations below.

### Podcasts for Christian living: The irreplaceable role of parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children.

Find out more here [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a)

### Getting to know your Bible: Understanding Mary in the Bible

Getting Started: Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6)

Going Deeper: How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth.

View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6)



## PRAYER, WORSHIP & WELLBEING

### Jacob's Blessings

Illuminate and  
Inspire Today

Reflecting on Marc Chagall's 12 windows, inspired by Genesis 49 account of Jacob blessing his 12 sons, will take us on a fascinating journey of discovery.

It provides an opportunity of learning from Jacob's descendants as their lives illuminate and inspire us on our faith journey.

The Participant Guide will enable your reflection.

Over 4 Tuesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm

12th, 19th, 26th October & 2nd November

Please book before Sunday 10th October.

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

Overseas participants use code: OVASEA

### LAMP FORMATION (Love and Mental Peace).

#### Have you ever wondered what is the Whole Story of Mental Ill Health?



This is an invitation to explore the hidden dimension of mental ill health, in particular, the spiritual dimension of mental ill health and the nature of spiritual care. Rather than splitting off the lived experience of the person with mental ill health, from the lived experience of the one who is well, our starting point is that life and longing for purpose and meaning is an experience shared by all.

Given our concern for the spirit of the person and how that will infuse the whole of life experience, we will consider the inherent dignity of the individual living with mental ill health and how they find meaning and purpose within this context.

Rather than move directly to solutions, we will consider our shared humanity. Should you take up this invitation, you will experience an exploration of a pastoral view, which we might all embrace, that is consistent with spiritual care and healthcare practice, and complementary to the current medical paradigm.

The foundation of pastoral/spiritual care is listening. In this initial session we will explore how particular listening skills enable reflection and action which has the potential to change us all.

Who is this for? Everyone! We are quite sure that everyone reading this will know of someone now or in the future, who has been touched by the lived experience of mental ill-health, particularly given the last 18 months of COVID.

When? 7.30pm until 9.00pm Thursday, 14 October 2021

Where? The Gathering Space of St Mary's Church, Greensborough

Or Zoom, if need be. Interested people will be emailed a Zoom link.

RSVP & Enquiries Email our parish office [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) or phone 9435 1543 by Monday, 11th October 2021



#### **SR ROSALIND CAIRNS, MSC -Ros is a member of St Mary's Parish**

Ros worked in mental health for 27 years initially as pastoral care worker and coordinator with experience in hospital and community settings and then in management. As Manager of Mental Health within the Healthcare Chaplaincy Council of Victoria, Inc. Ros's responsibilities involved leadership, consultation, and education in the strategic development of spirituality, chaplaincy, and pastoral care in Victorian Mental Healthcare Services.

Ros is semi-retired and maintains a particular interest in the relationship between spirituality and mental wellbeing and offers education and training in this area, in communities and at the University of Divinity. Her background is varied having worked in the areas of education, liturgy, counselling, and community development work in PNG.

#### **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.**

# Christian Faith and World Religions: Inter-religious Dialogue in Australia



## Semester 2 Intensive, 2022

Synchronous sessions online via Zoom over six Saturdays

23, 30 July; 6 August; 3 September; 8, 15 October: 10am–12pm, and 2-4pm

- This unit is designed for all who wish to contribute in a practical way to the multi-faith and multi-cultural society which Australia has become.
- It is designed specifically for teachers, for those in parishes, in hospitals, in welfare and so on. It will also be value to those who seek personal development in interfaith.
- The unit will also assist teachers in implementing the document *Welcoming Each Other* which has been approved and endorsed by Archbishop Peter Comensoli DD who asks that education in interfaith be implemented in both primary and secondary schools.

### Interested in finding out more?

Attend our online information session  
Wednesday 20 October: 7pm - 7.30pm  
Booking essential: [click here to register](#)

### CTC Open Days

Bringing to you your study options for 2022.  
For more see [ctc.edu.au/open-days](http://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

### You can enrol:

- as an audit student (no assessment/credit) fee: \$650
- at undergraduate level: fee: \$1,764
- at postgraduate level: fee: \$2,732

Fees may be paid through Fee-Help when units are part of a University of Divinity award.

### Units

- [CT2017C](#), [CT3017C](#), or [CT9017C](#)
- crosslisted as [DP2017C](#), [DP3017C](#), or [DP9017C](#)

### Lecturers

[Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche](#)  
Catholic Theological College

[Very Rev. Denis Stanley](#)  
Catholic Theological College,  
Rector of Corpus Christi College

[Dr Mary Reaburn NDS](#)  
Yarra Theological Union

One of the main characters in this story from Mark's gospel is known as 'a man of great wealth'. He is identified by his material status. Jesus challenges the man to leave his material baggage behind so that he can take up a new identity which is shaped by God's *basileia*, (reign) i.e., one that derives from gift rather than possession.

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**10 October 2021**

**First Reading Wis 7:7-11**

*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14**

*(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. *(R.)*
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. *(R.)*
3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. *(R.)*

**Second Reading Heb 4:12-13**

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 10:17-30**

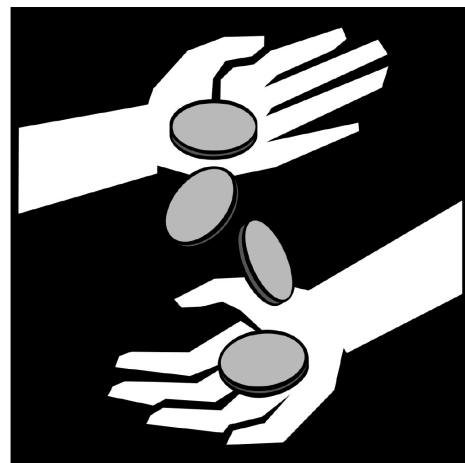
**or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)**

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

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