



Sunday 17th October 2021

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Dixon George

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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

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Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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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

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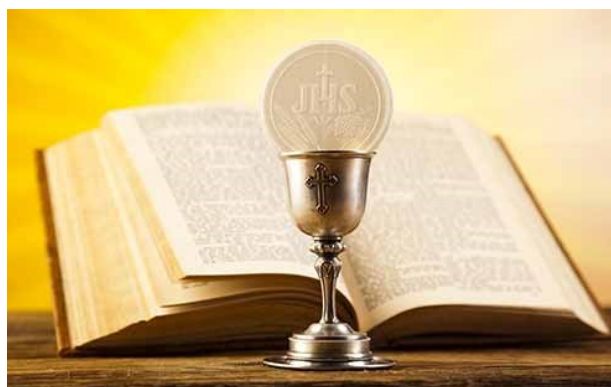
THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

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 Sacred Heart: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

St Thomas: 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



Are we comfortable in following Jesus in his role as Servant of all?

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B,
17th October 2021*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



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 the week starting 25th October. 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, Thomas Keenan

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.

Having recently celebrated my 90th birthday I was overwhelmed by the loving support and good wishes I received from my friends in the parish. In these times of isolating it warms the heart to still feel the presence of friends in our lives by the cards and flowers and phone calls. I am so grateful that parishioners are such an important part in my life, and I look forward to the time when we can all meet again and celebrate our faith together. **Thank you, Pat Frisby.**



Congratulations to Pam and Jim Leonard who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 16th October.



Best wishes from all your friends in the Parish community.

Following the success of our recent happy and friendly Zoom catch up with parishioners and friends, Frank Ledda has generously offered to host another gathering at 10am on Wednesday 27th October. Please feel welcome, encourage your friends, and email Frank frankjosephledda@gmail.com for an invitation.

Children's Week

The national celebration of Children's Week will be between 23-31 October where, as a community, we will recognise the talents, achievements and rights of children.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Children (Article 15) states, "Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others." www.melbournecatholic.org.au mentions Parent Resource: A Catholic Parent's Guide to Keep Their Kids Safe by Andrea Musulin as well as the website of e-Safety Commissioner for Child Safe resources for parents and grandparents.

SACRED HEART

The sessions offered by the Archdiocese, Leading Missionary Parishes-Signs of Hope, caught the interest of some Sacred Heart parishioners who are attending the fortnightly Zoom meetings.

With lockdown, the children of our communities are waiting to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation. Young parents are seeking to present their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please hold them in prayer.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS

New sets of thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection from the school foyer.

The new envelopes start on the weekend the 7th of November.

If you are able to assist and drop off envelopes to your neighbours please give me a call in the Office. Thank you everyone for your continued support for our Priests and Parish.

If you have any news about events milestone celebrations, events, happening within our Parish please send it in to keep other Parishioners informed.

Please pray for Matilda, Chiara, Ariana, Lia, Solomon and Cora 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





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 by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend bulletin.

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

COLLECTION OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The St Mary's Parish Office will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm on Friday 22nd and 29th of October, for people wishing to collect new sets of envelopes.

If you would be willing to collect and deliver envelopes for other parishioners in your area, we would be very grateful.



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) 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 who will send a link.

For further information contact Anne at huntleyajas4@gmail.com



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

THE WAY PRAYER GROUP: The Way Prayer Group is hosting an 8-part video series Metanoiaon 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 or Emilia 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 or 9435 1543

LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK SEVEN

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: Theology of the Body and Healing

In this podcast, Catholic therapists, Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss how we can glorify God in and through our bodies. Using St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they look at ways we can receive healing and peace. Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7

Getting to know your Bible: How do Scripture and Tradition work together?

Getting Started: Why do we believe in things like the Trinity, purgatory or even what books make up the Bible? They all form part of Sacred Tradition. In this 3-minute video, hear how Scripture and Tradition work together in the life of the Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted7

Going Deeper: Written for Catholic teachers, this short article 'Catholic Teaching on Sacred Scripture' explains the role and importance of both Sacred Scripture and Tradition in our understanding of the revelation of God.

View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper7



PRAYER, WORSHIP & WELLBEING

RECORDED MASSES—HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

- ★ Thank you to the 3 people who have offered to assist with videoing masses.
- ★ This means we can continue to provide this important connection with our parishioners every week.
- ★ The invitation is still open to members of our partnered parishes to join this small team.
- ★ For more information, please contact Marian 0409 591 527. *Thank you*



CELEBRATION OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

The first of two sessions of the Plenary Council assembly concluded last Sunday. In his final address, Archbishop Costelloe, appointed by Pope Francis as the president said,

“We have been accompanied by the prayers of our brothers and sisters in the community of faith who are looking to us with so much hope. It is these brothers and sisters to whom we will now return. We have carried their hopes and dreams into our plenary assembly.

“We will continue to walk with them as we share our experience of the Plenary Council with them and as we reflect with them on the ever present and pressing question: ‘What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?’”



Source: ACBC Media Blog

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: magisaustralia@sjasl.org



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten

Aid to the Church in Need Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need.

ACN AUSTRALIA To arrange your Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses

One Million Children Praying the Rosary 18th October

WHAT IS THIS PRAYER CAMPAIGN ABOUT?

The aim of this prayer initiative is first of all to show that the trusting prayer of children can fly like an arrow straight to the heart of God and consequently has great influence. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary when prayed by children for peace and unity within families, within their own nation and in the whole world!

We are inviting families, catechists, teachers to pray the rosary together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. We have prepared some material for you to spread the word and get inspired. This year we are also celebrating the Year of St Joseph, so what a special opportunity we have to join with millions of people all over the world, praying the Rosary through the intercession of Our Lady and St Joseph for peace and unity in the world!



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.

LECTIONARY ART AND REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE

JESUS DESCRIBES THE LOGIC OF GOD'S KINGDOM IN PARADOXICAL TERMS: 'WHOEVER WISHES TO BECOME GREAT AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT'. HOWEVER, THIS MODEL IS ALREADY AN INTEGRAL PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE AND CAN BE OBSERVED IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD – ESPECIALLY IN THE ROLE OF A MOTHER.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

17 October 2021

First Reading Is 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:35-45 (or shorter form Mk 10:42-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem – Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him.

Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example.

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