



Sunday 24th 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

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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

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 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



Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, becomes a model of discipleship and faith. Homily notes for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 24th 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



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.

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.

SUMMARY OF AGENDA DISCUSSED AT SACRED HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER.

Election of Office Bearers was conducted with the following nominees accepting positions: Marg Farrell Chairperson. Frank Ledda Deputy Chairperson. Pat Guatta Secretary. Ann-Marie O'Hare Executive Committee. Fathers Steve, Tao and Dixon congratulated and thanked all members of our PPC.

PPC Guidelines approved by Fr Steven were accepted by members.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne proposed formation of Parish Mission Hubs was discussed.

We welcomed Sacred Heart School Principal Jim O'Sullivan to the meeting and are looking forward to future Parish interaction with our School which will include celebrating their 60th Anniversary in 2022.

PPC will provide regular information and feedback to parishioners.

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 with 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 including Carmel Thomas (Mother of Gabrielle Jenkins) 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

For further details and Zoom link, please email Rose roserendina@gmail.com or Emilia emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com

Advent begins Year C & the Gospel of Luke, to prepare come and

Meet Luke, his Gospel & his Jesus

3 Wednesday evenings 3, 10 & 17 Nov

7.30 - 9.30 pm via ZOOM

Book before 1 Nov at:

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

Overseas participant code: OVASEA

Further information: Sandra Bishop 9434 7553.

This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.



LOCKDOWN LIGHT—WEEK EIGHT

While we may be coming out of this time of lockdown, many aspects of life—including our parishes—will require a gradual re-opening over the coming weeks. Knowing that many of our parishioners will not be able to return to our parishes this coming week, and may be looking for continued spiritual nourishment, one last edition of Lockdown Light is provided for the coming week.

Podcasts for Christian living: Parenting teens

In this podcast, well known Catholic speaker Jason Evert discusses how to keep an open and ongoing dialogue with your children around topics related to love, dating and other serious issues as well as tips for internet and phone safety.

Listen here: www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving8

Getting to know your Bible: The Acts of the Apostles—The Church begins

Getting Started: In this interesting video introduction to the Book of Acts, The Bible Project provides an overview of Pentecost and the beginning of the early Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted8

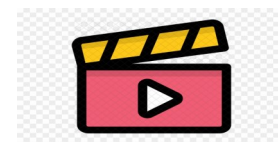
Going Deeper: In this video, Bishop Barron speaks about the spread of the Gospel during the early Church, challenging us to share in the same work as St Paul and the early Apostles in proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper8



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*



MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM

Our Combined Parishes Morning Tea via Zoom will once again take place on Friday, 29th October from 10:30 am-12 Noon. All welcome! We meet on the last Friday of each month. Please join us for laughter, catching up and giving a warm welcome to new members. If you are a first-timer please contact Jacinta.Bright@cam.org.au who will add you to the contact list and send out a Zoom notification.



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@siasl.org



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Catholic Theological College

2021 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 4th November at 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Professor Eleanor Bourke

Truth Telling & the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission

Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

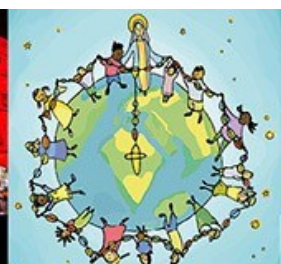
Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or
Phone 9412 3333

Venue: online

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 per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need.

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



1 Million
Children
praying
the Rosary
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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.



Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants. It must be perfectly obvious to Jesus what needs to be done, but he waits for Bartimaeus to put it into words. Through the desperation of his faith, this blind beggar relocates himself from edge to centre – from the position of social fringe dweller to the focus of the saving power of Jesus. Here again is kingdom logic at work: the first shall be last and last shall be first.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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First Reading Jer 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends
of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will
not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *(R.)*
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full
of song,
carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 5:1-6

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,*

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith.

In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

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