



Sunday 21st November 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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Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Francesca Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & **5.00pm**
(Unknown Vaccination Status)

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: By Appointment only please call the Parish Office

Parish School Principal

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: **6.00pm (Unknown Vaccination Status)**

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Parish School Principal

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St. Thomas the Apostle

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Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

Secretary: Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Wednesday: **9.15am (Unknown Vaccination Status)**

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

Weekday Masses has resumed in our 3 Parishes.

Sacred Heart: 9.15am Monday & Friday. St Mary's: 9.15am Tuesday-Friday. St Thomas: 9.15am Tuesday & Thursday.
6.00pm Mass on Saturday at Sacred Heart & 5.00 pm Mass on Sundays at St Mary's & 9.15am at St Thomas has been set aside for people of unknown vaccination status.

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



This week, we ask God for the grace to open our hearts and minds to the needs of those who do not yet know his voice.

*Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King
Year B, 21 November 2021*

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Our Partnered 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



Senior Moments

Wednesday 1st December 12pm Christmas Lunch at Bridges Restaurant Hurstbridge.

Thank you to parishioners for their patience while Diamond Creek is experiencing ongoing Internet issues which also affect the Parish Office phone.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

Parishioners offer their prayers and support for Riad and Tarek who are celebrating First Eucharist, and for Vanessa, Daniel, Riad and Tarek celebrating their Confirmation at 9am Mass this Sunday.

Our Somalian refugee family who occupied Sacred Heart Mercy Cottage since 2016 have recently moved. Flowers and a Thank You card were delivered to the Parish Office.

Dear Parish, Thank you for helping us for many years. We hope you are well. We would like to thank the community.

From Zahra and Nihal

Parish Pastoral Council met recently.

A PPC Commissioning Mass will be 9am Sunday 5th December followed by morning tea provided by members. Parishioners are invited to stay and meet your new members.

Brian Flynn has accepted the role of Facilities Manager to oversee maintenance, and organise Parish working bees.

Frank Ledda will be involved in Parish Funeral Ministry. The PPC encourage parishioners to consider joining this team.

Alison Pieper hopes to find ways to keep in contact with our Baptism families.

A video will be made to update parishioners about the proposed Melbourne Archdiocese Mission Hubs.

PPC Suggestion Box is at the back of Sacred Heart church.

Next meeting 9th December.

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, Maureen Roberts

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

Jack Ridley, Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Rebekah Weston, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke,

Kathleen Hudson, Derek Lyons, Lena Finlayson, Grace Jones, Lena Anderson, Haydn Chapman, John Prendergast

Roster for Weekend 28th November

Reader: T. Jenkins

Eucharist Minister: P. Keenan, R. Padget.

ALL THINGS NEW 2022 - IGNATIAN GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULT (18-30YRS)

The Society of Jesus (Australian Jesuits) invites you to its Ignatian Gathering for Young Adults (18-30 years), to take place in Melbourne on 17 – 21 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: majisaaustralia@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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council Establishment Team



Over the last couple of weeks, we have been informing you about our planning process for our Parish Pastoral Council, or PPC. We have discussed the role of the PPC, the importance of keeping people connected in our community, especially coming out of COVID restrictions, and also about developing and rebuilding relationships, be that with our families, and our schools, and also within our parish. These themes have been explored via us talking at weekend Masses, and last weekend a video presentation.

This week, we are focusing on leadership and opportunities to provide your valuable involvement and contribution through both the PPC, or through our various parish groups, such as Liturgy, Social Justice, Prayer, Finance, Sacramental Preparation and Funeral Ministry. We have prepared a Photo Presentation, supported by a voiceover, whereby you will meet members of our Establishment Team, our hopes for the future PPC, while re-emphasizing the need for fostering relationships throughout our faith community. We are still needing further support from all of you in our community to ensure this is a great success.

We are holding an Information evening in our church beginning at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 30 November, we are looking forward to meeting you there. Could you please contact the Parish Office via phone 94347373 or email greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au if you are able to attend.

Sacrament Celebrations

Congratulations to the children from Sacred Heart who are celebrating First Reconciliation and the children from St Thomas' school who are celebrating First Eucharist this week.

May God bless them and their families on their special day and continue to bless them as they continue on their faith journey.

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

Peg Wilcox, Dawn Ellis, Miran Kasalo, Trevor Corcoran

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

Nick Piccolo, 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, Joan Chadzynska, Rocco Di Pierro, Haydn Chapman, Francis Mc Mennemin

Rosters for Weekend 27th & 28th November

Saturday 6.00pm Mass

Reader: P. Carty **Commentator:** K. Salm **Special Ministers:** L. Carty, D. Haesler, M. Bedford

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am Mass

Reader: S. Millar **Commentator:** J. Kerr **Special Minister:** B. Riordan, C. Riordan, A. Kerr

Set Up: J. Kerr

Counters: B. Tipping, J. De Carlo **Cleaners:** B. Guldson, G. Kilkenny (November)

Thank you to all our volunteers for your continued support with the smooth running of our Parish.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

As you may be aware there is an Archdiocesan project that is proposed for the implementation of restructuring parishes in the Archdiocese. This project is called Take the Way of the Gospel.

A group has formed with representatives from each of our three parishes to plan the way forward including ways of consulting and discerning with our communities. The group has met this week.

A video presentation will be prepared and available during Advent and further information will follow in the new year.

For further information: <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/take-the-way-of-the-gospel>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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



MASSES AT ST MARY'S DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS –

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR STEVEN RIGO AND JACINTA BRIGHT

These are very difficult times for all of us as we keep continue to find ways to be Church; a Eucharistic community who embraces all, given the challenges with COVID. There are differing beliefs and opinions about what the Government should be doing and what the Church should be doing and what we as individuals should be doing. Sadly, differences can fracture families and communities. Here is our challenge – how do we live with the differences, respecting the dignity of each person by trying to understand and reach out to one another. Misinformation can exacerbate division – yet we are called to be reconciled and reconcilers. It is important that we have conversations that lead to understanding.

Just to clarify any confusion, St Mary's is not paddling its own boat in relation to the current restrictions. We are following State Government requirements, which are handed down to us from the Archdiocese – and these requirements are very specific. Other parishes have at times not adhered to the requirements, which has made it difficult for us. We have been accused of being too strict, or of not caring about our people, or of being discriminatory.

Quite apart from our following the regulations because we are asked to do so, it is our Christian mandate to protect the vulnerable. If that's not enough - places of worship can incur significant fines if found to be not complying with regulations, as you can see on this link: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/covidsafe-religion-and-ceremonies-guidance>

Victoria Police and Department of Health Authorised Officers regularly check places of worship for compliance with current restrictions.

We are doing all we can to hold our community as one, despite the tensions around us. Our Liturgy Team, together with a small band of volunteers, have made themselves available in order to carry out the task of sanitisers and Check In Marshals, roles that are required by the State Government. Two members in particular, have come to several Masses each weekend since COVID began, so that we can continue to comply, otherwise we wouldn't be able to have Mass. We don't have enough volunteers so they step up selflessly.

Please understand that although there may be dissatisfaction with some measures taken, there is a bigger picture here for parishes and organisations and we are doing our very best to comply – not only because we are required to do so, but because we are always to support the most vulnerable, including the many elderly and the immuno-compromised amongst us, and also those who choose to remain unvaccinated for whatever reason that is important to them. Let's be aware of how we might be people of reconciliation in a world in which surely needs that grace.

Fr Steven Rigo, Parish Priest & Jacinta Bright, Pastoral Associate

REMINDER - PLEASE BRING PROOF OF VACCINATION EACH TIME YOU COME TO MASS, AS WE ARE REQUIRED TO SIGHT IT AT EVERY GATHERING.

First Eucharists will be celebrated on the weekends of **27/28 November and 4/5 December**. In relation to **5.00pm Mass**: If you are doubly vaccinated and usually go to 5.00pm Mass, please consider coming to a different Mass on these two weekends. Although there are now no limits at Masses for fully vaccinated people, the numbers at Masses for unknown vaccination status are restricted to 50. This request is made out of consideration for people of unknown vaccination status, as there is no other Mass available to them at St Mary's, until such time as all restrictions are lifted.

ST MARY'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP NEWS—ASYLUM SEEKERS. We are now able to again collect food & toiletries for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Any help is gratefully appreciated and some suggested goods are milk, tuna in oil, dried fruits, small packets of spices, peanut butter, biscuits, razors, detergent.

MASSES—Tuesdays to Fridays at 9.15am and Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and 5.00pm.

Bookings are essential for admission FOR WEEKEND MASSES ONLY. See Links below.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Space</u>	<u>Max #</u>	<u>Booking Link</u>
Saturday	20 Nov	6.30pm	Church	150	https://www.trybooking.com/BVHZQ
Sunday	21 Nov	8am	Church	150	https://www.trybooking.com/BVHZS
Sunday	21 Nov	10am	Church	150	https://www.trybooking.com/BVHZT
Sunday	21 Nov	5pm	Church	50	https://www.trybooking.com/BVHZV

Please note children over 12 months must have a ticket booked for weekends and will be included in the total count for both weekend and weekday masses.

PLEASE NOTE: It is essential that if you are booking via TryBooking, for more than one member in your family or for a friend for a mass, that each name **MUST** be booked for and entered separately.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S CONTINUED

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Contactless Payments- At St Mary's over the coming weeks we will be introducing terminals to allow electronic transfer of funds. Parishioners will be able to 'tap and go' for the Presbytery and Parish collections. This will enable those who want to have less reliance on cash to be able to keep supporting the Parish.

Thanksgiving Renewal Program 2022—St Mary's is due to run a stewardship campaign as it is three years since our last update. We are looking for parishioners to be involved in a short term project for the new campaign. Please contact Fr Steve or a member of the Finance Committee for more details. ***Paul Girolami Finance Committee***



STAY TUNED - Thank you to all who participated in last month's session – *The Whole Story of Mental Health*.

The feedback indicated that what Ros presented was very helpful and provided much fruit for reflection. A second session will be held in late February. Based on the feedback received, we have decided that this next session will delve deeper into this whole area of spirituality and mental ill health, perhaps with some exploration around listening skills. We will keep you posted. Also, keep an eye on our website www.cam1.org.au/greensborough We are updating our resources page with a number of helpful resources, to support people in every aspect of life, including mental ill health. We will also be uploading a great video of a talk hosted by the Uniting Church Vic/Tas, Mental health: *Does Religion/Spirituality support or hinder?* with John Swinton, Professor in Practical Theology, University of Aberdeen. This video is highly recommended. John Swinton is very easy to listen to and engaging.

Support Group for people experiencing anxiety during this COVID transition time Whilst, as a society, we navigate coming out of lockdown, anxiety seems heightened, for various reasons. Whether we are vaccinated or not, and for whatever reasons we make our choices, we are all human and we are all made in the dignity and likeness of God. At a time when there is a danger of judging, let us be a community of compassion. This is an invitation for anyone feeling anxious at the moment, to come along to a small support group in the parish. It isn't a therapy group. It's a support group. There will be some ground-rules, such as confidentiality and listening, but also no discussion about politics or conspiracy theories. Whilst some who are anxious hold certain beliefs about the vaccine, that others don't, this needs to be a space where we find compassion and care and support and respect – and perhaps a sense that we are not alone, and that all will be well. If you are interested, even just to find out more, please contact Jacinta at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or call the parish office on 9435 1543. I am thinking that we might gather as a group of a Wednesday morning at 9.15.

LOYOLA COLLEGE PRESENTS

COMMUNITY

CAROLS & FOOD TRUCK
NIGHT

FRI 26 NOV

5.30PM - 9PM | LOYOLA COLLEGE GROUNDS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
& MARKET STALLS | GOLD COIN ENTRY

COVID SAFE EVENT

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.

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM

Our Combined Parishes Morning Tea via Zoom will meet for our last gathering for 2021 on Friday, 26th November from 10:30 am-12 Noon. All welcome! Please join us for laughter, catching up and giving a warm welcome to new members.

If you are a first-timer, please contact Jacinta: Jacinta.Bright@cam.org.au who will add you to the contact list and send out a Zoom notification.



CATCHING UP ON THE FIRST PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLY



Plenary Council 2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV21

After much preparation, the Australian Plenary Council ran from the 3rd-10th October 2021.

If you are wanting to catch up on what happened see <https://www.cam1.org.au/Portals/83/Plenary%20Council%20Session%20online%20summary%20final.pdf> our Parish website which has some suggested links to the Plenary Council website and other online commentaries.

Partnered Parishes Plenary Facilitators Group.

ACN AUSTRALIA

ACN continues to highlight the persecution of Christians through Red Wednesday which will take place on Wednesday 24 November. On this day Cathedrals throughout Australia and the world will hold Masses and prayer vigils and be lit in red to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. To learn more and get involved visit: www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday

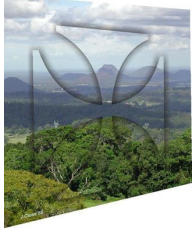
RED

WEDNESDAY

LIGHT RED • WEAR RED • PRAY RED



Wednesday 24 November 2021



LECTIONARY ART AND REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE

Jesus says that his kingdom is not from this world. The kingdom, however, can be detected in the fabric of the universe if one has eyes to see. Jesus was born to testify to the truth, to show the world how to read its experience for signs of kingdom reality.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

21 November 2021

First Reading Dn 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal
sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

*(R.) The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.*

1. The Lord is king, with majesty
enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be
moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be
trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings,
priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the
First-born from the dead, the Ruler
of the kings of the earth. He loves us
and has washed away our sins with
his blood, and made us a line of kings,
priests to serve his God and Father; to
him, then, be glory and power for ever
and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming
on the clouds; everyone will see him,

even those who pierced him, and all the
races of the earth will mourn over him.
This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha
and the Omega' says the Lord God, who
is, who was, and who is to come, the
Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our Father;*

*blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 18:33-37

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate
asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of
your own accord, or have others spoken
to you about me?' Pilate answered,
'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and
the chief priests who have handed you
over to me: what have you done?' Jesus
replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this
world; if my kingdom were of this world,
my men would have fought to prevent
my being surrendered to the Jews. But
my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you
are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you
who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am
a king. I was born for this, I came into
the world for this: to bear witness to
the truth; and all who are on the side of
truth listen to my voice.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week marks the end of the
liturgical year. Next week, with the first
week of Advent, we begin the new
liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the
Church concludes the liturgical year
with the celebration of Christ the King.
The conversation between Jesus and
Pilate displays a lot of word play on the
part of Jesus and quite a lot of
confusion on the part of Pilate. The
confusion stems from different
perceptions of what it means to be a
king. For Pilate, part of the most
powerful political and military rule in
the ancient world, the idea of a king
was a threat. Claiming kingship was
claiming authority and power that
would inevitably lead to challenging the
authority and power of Rome and, more
directly, its representative in Palestine
– Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a
completely different idea about
ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed
declare that he is a king and that is
what leads us to today's feast of Christ
the King. However, his intention is not
to claim a position of power and
authority. When we think back to Jesus'
teachings about the kingdom of God,
we recall that he declares the people of
highest status – the first – in the
kingdom to be the lowliest of this world.
It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the
children and the widows who will hold
the highest places in the kingdom of
God. In a kingdom like that, what does
it mean to declare oneself king? The
confusion about what it means to be a
king that is captured in this interaction
between Jesus and Pilate is the same
confusion that we saw among the
disciples as they came to terms with
exactly what it means to be the
Messiah.

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