





#### Sunday 6th February 2022

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo Assistant Priests: Fr. Tao Pham & Fr. Martin Tanti

Parish Pastoral Associates: Jacinta Bright & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

#### **The Partnered Parishes of:**

#### St. Mary's

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543 Presbytery: 7036 9329 Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam.org.au/greensborough Secretaries: Francesca Olofsson & Sharon

Prosser

**Communication Officer:** Denise Chang Faux

Mass Times

*Tuesday to Friday:* Mass 9.15am *Saturday:* Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & **5.00pm** 

**Reconciliation Times** 

Saturday: By Appointment only please call the

Parish Office

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Marisa Matthys *Ph:* 9433 4000 *or Email principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au* 

#### **Sacred Heart**

25 Gipson Street, Diamond Creek 3089 *Parish*: 9401 6361

Email: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

Secretary: Pat Guatta

**Mass Times** 

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am
Saturday: 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm at

St Peter's Hurstbridge
Sunday: Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times** 

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

**Parish School Principal** 

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan *Ph*: 9438 1590 *or Email principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au* 

#### St. Thomas the Apostle

251 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough Nth 3088

Parish: 9434 7373

Email: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

Website:www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

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

Mr David Delaney *Ph:* 9434 4565 *or Email* 

principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

#### THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

Weekday Masses have resumed in our 3 Parishes.

Sacred Heart: 9.15am Wednesday & Friday. St Mary's: 9.15am Tuesday-Friday. St Thomas: 9.15am Tuesday & Thursday.

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

Mass for You at Home - Diocese of Wollongong: Sundays on Channel 10 at 6am, Foxtel Channel 173 at 10am, and online at

www.massforyou.com.au



It is when Jesus challenges Peter in his own expertise - catching fish - that Peter becomes aware of the presence and power of God.
This week let us pray for the grace to play our part in building the kingdom of God here on earth.
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, 6 February 2022

Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.



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#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Next meeting: Parish Office at 7.30pm Thursday 10th February. PPC Suggestion Box in back of Church.

Senior Moments: Wednesday 16th February Lunch. Details to follow.

Wednesday 2nd March (Ash Wednesday) Fish and Chips 12pm in the Parish Centre.

**Baptisms**: We pray for Joseph, Kiara, Sienna, Kai and their families, who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in February.

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

Mario Molinaro, Peter Mejak

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

Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Ursula Morrissey, Judy Vincent, Mary Crothers

#### **Roster for Weekend 13th February**

Sunday Sacred Heart 9.00am: Reader: T. Jenkins Eucharistic Minister: M. Jenkins, M. Cusack

<u>Sacramental Preparation</u> for children in Grade Three and over, unable to attend a Catholic school, will begin in the Sacred Heart Church, at 25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek, on **Monday February 14th 2022 at 4.00pm.** Enrolments are taken during this first class of the year. If an older child is not yet baptised, support is also available. For any more details contact Parish office: 9401 6361 or email: diamond creek@cam.org.au

<u>Synod of Bishops</u>: Consultation for the Synod of Bishops is being held at Sacred Heart Church, Diamond Creek on Saturdays 5th, 19th and 26th February at 10 am to 11.30 am. All are very welcome.



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



Please pray for Sam, Gus Eabha, Oliver, and Sofia who are being baptised in February We look forward to 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

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

Trevor Corcoran, Fr Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginald Chircop,, Sanico de Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin, Rosemary Schneider, Alfonso Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Vito Zuccula

#### Rosters for Weekend 12th & 13th February

Saturday 6.00pm.

Reader: J. Bohan Commentator: K. McMahon Eucharistic Ministers: C. Leahy, S. Bishop, M. McKenzie

Set Up: M. Mc Kenzie Sunday 10.30am.

Reader: T. Williamson Commentator: L. Hobson Eucharistic Ministers: R. Piccolo, E. Sutherland, A. Letzia

**Set Up:** C. & B. Riordan **Counters:** K. Irvine, S. King



### St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell, Victoria

With the assistance of the Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham and St Agnes, Highett

### Online forum for parishes - Implementing Laudato Si'

Tuesday 8 March 2022, 7.30 - 9.30pm

Online forum, entry free. Register via Trybooking at <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BVHTM">https://www.trybooking.com/BVHTM</a>

This Forum invites us to

- Consider models and resources available to parishes for implementing the Laudato Si' message of care for our common home
- Engage in Q&A around what initial steps can be taken to build a systematic response to this pressing call.



Genevieve Mougey Director, Office of Social Concerns, Archdiocese of Washington DC, USA

Jacqui Remond
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Kerry Stone Catholic Earthcare Parish Coordinator

As we begin a new year we ask for your support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith. Please visit: <a href="https://www.aidtochurch.org">www.aidtochurch.org</a>



#### PRAYER, WORSHIP & WELLBEING

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA** 

<u>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK WITHIN OUR PARISHES:</u> 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 MARY'S

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



WELCOME TO 2022! We hope you all had a safe and peaceful break, and are well rested for the year ahead. We are back to some normal routine returning to the Parish Office resuming some parish activities. Thanks to the continued work and support of the many groups and individuals in our Parish during this unusual time - we can truly celebrate the blessings of today and look forward to the future with hope.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS—Francesca and Sharon will provide for our secretarial needs on Mondays 9am-5pm and Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm and Jacinta's days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-5pm.

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 combined bulletin.

WELCOME TO FR MARTIN TANTI who has been appointed Assistant Priest in our three Parishes. We are grateful for the wealth of experience Fr. Martin will bring to his ministry among us.

LADIES AUXILIARY Our first meeting for 2022 will be on Wednesday 16th February at 10am in the Gathering Space. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

SUNDAY CATECHIST CLASSES for primary school children attending Government Schools are now commencing at 9.00am in St Mary's School. Classes are for children from Grades 3 to 6, cover the Sacraments and are held during each term. We would like to have a class for Grades 1 and 2 but need a teacher. Would there be a Senior or University student who would like to help with the younger children - lesson plans and all support will be given. All enquiries, contact Geraldine after 6.00pm - 0438 148 896.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS I write on behalf of the Greensborough Conference of St. Vincent De Paul Society, to sincerely thank the St. Mary's and the St. Thomas Parish Communities for donating so generously to our recent Christmas Appeal. The sum of \$11,000 was raised, which given the Covid circumstances at that time, is an exceptional outcome.

It is so encouraging and reassuring to know that you our fellow parishioners share the same values as we do in wanting to care for others who live all around us but don't always have the means to access the basic needs we all take for granted. The funds raised will be used to cover these essentials to help our families have a good start to '22.

Your kindness has touched the lives of many, including the members of our Conference. Wishing your Parish communities all the very best for the year ahead. Maureen Lonsdale, President: Greensborough Conference – St Vincent De Paul Society.

Communion to the Sick will be resuming at St. Mary's— If you or someone you know cannot attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office on 9435 1543. The Communion Round roster for February to June 2022 is available at the back of the Church for our current Ministers to collect. Please contact the Parish Office if more copies are required.

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#### NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY:

MCLS Research is a joint venture started by church mission agencies in the early 1990s. Its aim is to research areas include 🖈 studying Australian spirituality, church health, effective and sustainable leadership, and the connections between church 🖈 and community. The most well-known five-yearly project is called the *National Church Life Survey*, which has had millions of 🜟 participants. Co-operating denominations, including Catholics, Anglicans and Protestants, are a network for sharing practical 🖈 resources to help churches and communities. NCLS Research has sought to balance its research projects with practical re-★ sources to help churches.

🛨 This year St. Mary's Parish has been selected as a participant for this year's research to focus on what has given us life in the past and present and what we can build on to develop our parish and how we can strengthen our connections with our lo-★ cal community.

You are asked to take home with you an "Attender Survey", (copies are at the end of the pews) complete the survey in the jacket by answering with only a tick or cross in the boxes and then return the completed survey and place it in the 2 boxes in the Gathering Space in the next week or two. There are also a small number of "Child Surveys" (on the table at the back of the church) for children between 8 and 14 years of age that you can take with you and assist your children in completing them. The Surveys are, of course, voluntary and anonymous.

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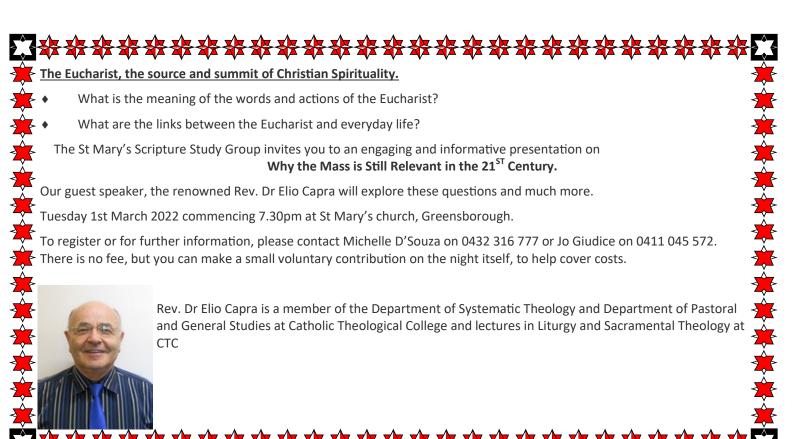
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You can complete the survey online: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au. They will have to be returned by Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

The first question you are asked on the survey that you must fill-in is the Local Church Code. The code assigned to St. Mary's is: TAM10001

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#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST MARY'S CONTINUED



PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY—SUN 13 FEB— 10 AM TO 2 PM Come and help us celebrate 150 years of educational opportunities.

- \* Speak with our Principal and meet our staff—Listen to the Principal's address at 10.00am, 10.45am, 11.45am, 12.45pm
- \* Watch the awesome Science Show
- \* Listen to our College bands
- \* Check out our sporting programs and facilities
- \* Enjoy our free BBQ and café
- \* Year 7 2024 Enrolments Now Open! \* Limited places available in other year levels Register online www.parade.vic.edu.au; p. 9468 3300; enrol@parade.vic.edu.au



#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: <u>somml@bigpond.com</u> Website: <u>www.mercyworks.org.au</u>

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

# LECTIONARY ART AND REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE Jesus has a delightful way of relating everyday life to theology through syn

Jesus has a delightful way of relating everyday life to theology through symbols. Here Jesus uses fishing to represent evangelism and his metaphor has power – it is transformative. The lives of Simon and his fishing partners are changed forever after this encounter.

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

6 February 2022

#### First Reading Is 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

- I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you.
   I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
- 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
- 3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
- 4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.'

#### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Lk 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything andfollowed him.



#### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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