



Sunday 13th 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

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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

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Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm at

St Peter's

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

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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

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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



There are hardly any statements in the New Testament more challenging and provocative than the Beatitudes.

This week, let our prayers centre around the choices we make as we try to find happiness.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, 13 February

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

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Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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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



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting discussed 3 Partnered Parishes PPC Formation Day at St Peter's 12th February. Sacred Heart School stage 2 refurbishments and 60th Anniversary celebrations later this year. Mercy Cottage cleaning and repairs near completion, and new tenant is ready to occupy. Introduction of a new program to reach out to Reconciliation and First Eucharist families. Inform parishioners of activities in the church that may directly affect them, including Plenary, Synod of Bishops, Mission Hubs. Information, magazine & publications, links to appropriate websites will be provided. Safeguarding Children & Young People follow up letter and meeting ensuring we are abiding with requirements.

Loyola College Flynn House Mass: Welcome to Loyola staff, students and their families celebrating Mass this weekend with the Sacred Heart community.

Lenten Program: Booklets now available. Please contact Parish Office for further information.

St Vincent de Paul Diamond Creek: Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday in Parish Centre.

Sacred Heart School: First Eucharist Commitment Mass 7.15pm and 9am next weekend.

Senior Moments: Wednesday 16th February 12pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre.
Wednesday 2nd March (Ash Wednesday) Fish and Chips 12pm in the Parish Centre.

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

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

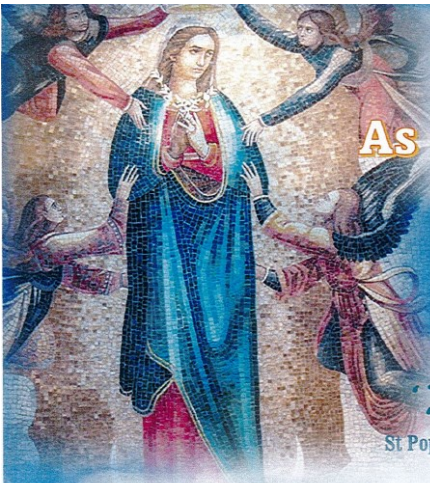
Mario Molinaro, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Tony Ledda, Margaret Holland

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 19th & 20th February

Saturday St Peter's 7.15pm: Reader: J. Robinson Eucharistic Minister: P. Keenan, Y. O'Brien

Sunday Sacred Heart 9.00am: Reader: M. Walsh Eucharistic Minister: P. Leonard, T. Sirianni



Welcoming Saint Pope John-Paul II
AS CO-PATRON OF OUR VICTORIAN MARIAN SHRINE
Sunday 20th February 2022
Starts 2.00 p.m.

'Totus Tuus - I'm Totally Yours'
St Pope JPII Motto—Testimony of his True Devotion to Mary

Inauguration and Blessing of the Monument

By Most Reverend Bishop Martin Ashe

Aux. Bishop of Archdiocese of Melbourne (Western Regions)
& other members of the Clergy

Come & Join the Clergy & the Faithful
in this historic celebration at
Ta Pinu Shrine (Aust)

All Nations Marian Centre

For more information: 15 Flanagans Drive, Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh) 3340

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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:

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 Zuccola

Rosters for Weekend 19th & 20th February

Saturday 6.00pm:

Reader: K. Salm

Commentator: T. Holland

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Salm, L. Leahy, J. Bohan

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am:

Reader: M. Kenny

Commentator: B. Iacobucci

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Riordan, C. Riordan, A. Kerr

Set Up: C. O'Brien

Counters: B. Tipping, J. De Carlo

Loyola College MacKillop House Mass: Welcome to Loyola staff, students and their families celebrating Mass this weekend with the St. Thomas the Apostle community.

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.

You are invited to join us in celebrating a Charismatic Mass (incl. Sacrament of Anointing) on Thursday 17th February at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Creek Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass. For further details, please contact Emilia 0418 120 902 or Rose 0411 650 339.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

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



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

COMBINED PARISHES' NEWS

MORNING TEA VIA ZOOM - Our Combined Parishes Morning Tea via Zoom will meet on **Friday, 25th February** from 10:30 am-12 Noon via Zoom. All welcome! Please join us for laughter, catching up with a cuppa 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.



The Retreat in Daily Life – can be a life changing experience. What is your image of God? Does this image engage you in an intimate and loving relationship with God, or does God seem distant or even irrelevant to your life? Do you feel grounded in your life, or confused and wonder if your faith and spirituality can make a difference? Do you desire to deepen your relationship with God? Or, are you perhaps just curious? The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are a life changing retreat and offer rich prayer material, different methods of discernment and the opportunity to discover the ways in which God is calling you at this particular time of your life. The retreat will run from the 8th of March until early October, with retreatants having material with which to pray, at home, each day and time to gather as a group for sharing each week and regular one to one time with a spiritual director. The venue for the information and enquiry afternoon which is on March 8th at 1.00pm, as well as the future group sessions, is the Gathering Space of the church. The Ignatian spiritual directors leading this retreat are Terry Fanning and Jacinta Bright. Cost – by donation. For enquiries prior to the introduction and enquiry afternoon, please contact Jacinta at the parish office, 9435 1543 or Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au

A reminder to our Combined Parishes Group, Team and Committee Leaders/Representative of a meeting to be held on Tuesday 22 February commencing at 7.00pm. in the Gathering Space of St Mary's Church Greensborough conducted by the Safeguarding Committee. This is an important meeting for you to attend as we will be discussing our responsibility as a Parish community for the care, safety and wellbeing of our children and young people. You are encouraged to bring another member of your group or another parishioner to this meeting. To assist with the organization for this meeting, could you please advise the Parish Office of your and your fellow parishioner's intentions to attend. Notification would be appreciated by Thursday 17 February.

The Eucharist, the source and summit of Christian Spirituality.

- ◆ What is the meaning of the words and actions of the Eucharist?
- ◆ What are the links between the Eucharist and everyday life?

The St Mary's Scripture Study Group invites you to an engaging and informative presentation on
Why the Mass is Still Relevant in the 21ST Century.



Our guest speaker, the renowned Rev. Dr Elio Capra will explore these questions and much more. Tuesday 1st March 2022 commencing 7.30pm at St Mary's church, Greensborough.

To register or for further information, please contact Michelle D'Souza on 0432 316 777 or Jo Giudice on 0411 045 572. There is no fee, but you can make a small voluntary contribution on the night itself, to help cover costs.

Rev. Dr Elio Capra is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology and Department of Pastoral and General Studies at Catholic Theological College and lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology at CTC

For Catering purposes, please respond by Saturday 26th February.

How realistic is 'blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh'? In the midst of life's troubles it is difficult to feel the hope that this promise offers. Jesus' life gives witness to this promise, however, and it is comforting to know that he, like us, sometimes wept and lost hope.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

13 February 2022

First Reading Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And

what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

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