



Sunday 8th May 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: 9.00am-10.00am & 5.45pm-6.15pm
before evening Mass

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Mass Times

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

St Peter's: 1st & 3rd Saturday 7.15pm

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

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



**Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, who brings life, love and protection to those within his flock.
Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C, 8 May 2022**

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflection--it-is-the-lord>

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

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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.

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Scripture Study: Would you like to join our weekly scripture group on Zoom?

We are commencing a 6 week study on **The Letters to the Hebrews**, starting from **Thursday 19th May 2022**.

This study reviews the history of Israel and points us to Jesus Christ who fulfils and surpasses all the hopes expressed in the Old Testament. This study reminds us of the great heroes of faith found in the Old Testament and urges us to imitate their faithful endurance. For more information and enrolling please contact Michelle on 0432316777 mtdsouza@optusnet.com.au

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

We all have questions about faith, life and meaning, and we all deserve a safe space to ask them. Alpha is that space.

Exciting news!! We are planning to bring **Alpha** to our Partnered Parishes community, in particular, the parents of children attending our three primary schools. In preparation for this, we are inviting expressions of interest for positions on the **Alpha Leadership Team**. The only 'qualifications' you need are your love for our Lord Jesus and a desire to bring people together to explore the big questions in life.

If you are interested, please email AlphaVic3088@gmail.com or call Trevor on 0435 823 002.

To learn more about Alpha, visit <https://www.alpha.org.au/try>



A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

This month can you provide transport to help priests and religious reach and nourish the faithful in Tanzania? Your offering will bridge the divide between priests and their people in Tanzania due to the harsh terrain and dangerous travel.

By providing a means of transport, the faithful will be able to participate in more frequent Masses and partake of the Sacraments, as well as providing a means of help to the people, including pregnant mothers, to reach medical facilities.

To make an offering to ACN's Project of the Month visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE AND CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: The Good shepherd Sunday appeal on this weekend, supports the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your tax deductible donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Copus Christi College seminarians.

You can donate via our website: <http://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-Sunday-appeal/>



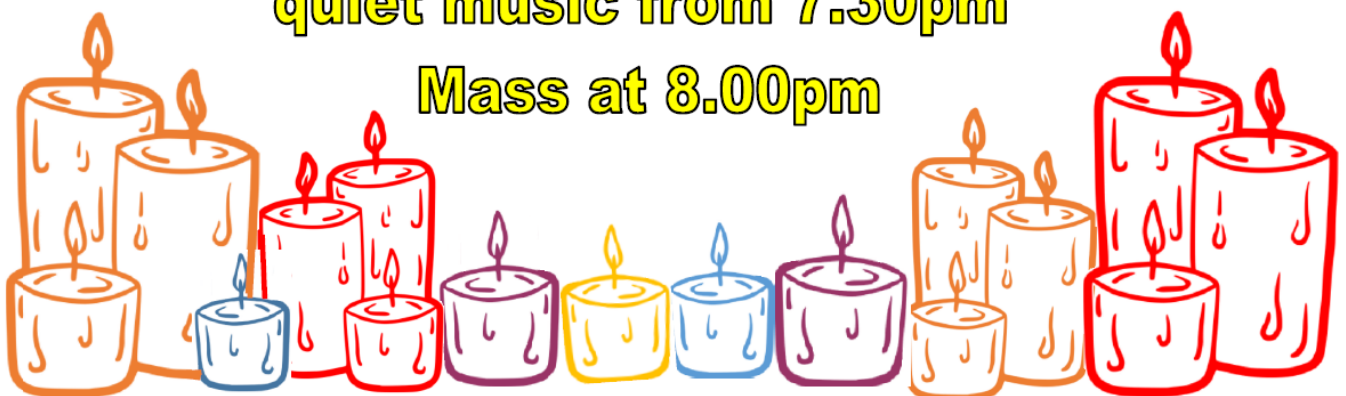
Invitation to Candlelight Mass

Come and pray for peace - Thursday 19 May

at St Thomas the Apostle Chapel,
Diamond Creek Road, North Greensborough

quiet music from 7.30pm

Mass at 8.00pm



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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



PLEASE NOTE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Francesca and Sharon will provide for our **secretarial needs on Tuesdays 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.

BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU: We would like to sincerely thank the people of St Mary's for their sympathy and comforting messages, conveyed to our family, in so many ways, upon the sudden passing of our dearly loved, 7 year old grand-daughter, Sienna Di Mento. Our hearts have been very touched by the love and support shown to us during this difficult time. Sue & Adrian Cosgriff and Families

ALTAR SERVERS Several children have responded on the *Time and Talent* form indicating they wish to be Altar Servers. Altar serving is an important ministry and is a way children can be a part of the Church in a practical and satisfying way. If your child has received first Eucharist and would like to become a server, please contact the office on 9435 1543 or speak to the priest after Mass. Training for new and returning servers will commence soon. Thank you.

We apologize that the library is not staffed at every Mass as we lack enough volunteers. However when it is open you are welcome to come in and self-borrow following the instructions on the desk.



St Mary's Parish Library

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact the Library at smp1g04@gmail.com. No literary or computer expertise is necessary.

Book of the Week: Candles in the Dark: Faith, Hope and Love in a Time of Pandemic by Rowan Williams. Written with warmth and compassion, this book will challenge you, nourish you and leave you with fresh resources for faith to guide you through a still uncertain future.

Laudato Si (Praise be to you) – on care for our common home.

From May 16 – 24, 2022 especially, the Pope calls us, in his important letter Laudato Si, to take action to bring the whole human family together.

In Project Compassion we saw the challenges that people around the world face, such as trying to make a living, creating a good life for their family, staying healthy, or sending their children to school.

Supporting people in need is something that we can continue to do close to home.

Many lonely people might need you to show a little kindness. Think about your neighbours and reach out to them.

Look around your neighbourhood and see what could be improved.

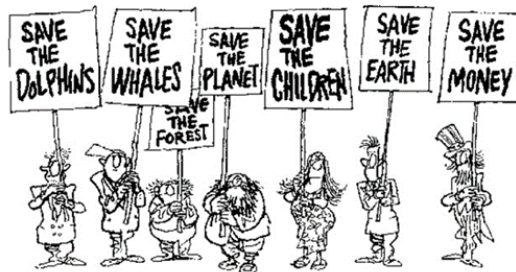
Could the Council fix some of the foot paths to make them safe, or enhance the local parks?

Could you help clean up our waterways to stop pollution of rivers and the ocean? Pick up plastic.

Could we remember to compost and recycle as much as we can?

God of the poor, You have always heard and responded to the cries of those in need, as all people are worthy of your love and care.

We commit to the call and challenge of this special week.



FACE MASKS AND HAND SANITISING Whilst not mandatory, the Chief Health Officer currently recommends masks to be worn indoors, and the Archdiocese reminds parishes that this is especially applicable to larger gatherings. In accordance with the Archdiocese guidelines, hand sanitiser will continue to be available in the Gathering Space and on the table at the back of the church. The only people required to sanitise are the clergy and the ministers who are distributing Communion.

BIG GOUP HUG The Big Group Hug is a local charity that supports disadvantaged families in the community and beyond. They provide donated goods to help parents care for children from newborn to 12 years of age. To keep all kids cosy and warm please donate **NEW** socks, jocks, singlets and pyjamas for boys and girls size 2-16. There is a donation box in the Gathering Space of the Church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S CONTINUED

ST MARY'S FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM is **urgently seeking new members** capable of preparing and/or running the audio-visual presentations at funerals. Please contact the parish office for more information on 9435 1543 or email greensborough@cam.org.au
Thank you

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! For many years a group of volunteers have catered after funerals at St Mary's. We would like to re-organise this group. If you would like to help and need details please contact Judy Newell 9435 4506.

St Mary's Prayer Shawl Group Meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enq: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

HELP WITH TRANSPORT TO MASS: A parishioner who is unable to get to Mass would greatly appreciate if anyone would be available to take them to 10.00am Mass on Sundays. If you are able to help could you please contact the Parish Office 94351543.

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22nd May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions.

Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF> The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

Parishes are also encouraged to mark this event during their Masses on the weekend of 21–22 May, focussing prayerfully on those who have died during this time of the COVID pandemic. Further resources, including prayers and liturgical inclusions for parishes can be found here: <https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/libraries/2022/emerging-out-of-covidtwo-special-masses-for-the-community/>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Teaching Meditation and prayer, online unit via zoom. Four Saturdays: 18th/25th June and 8th, 15th October. To enroll and for further information: Undergraduate: dean@ctc.edu.au Postgraduate: postgrad@ctc.edu.au

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



Baptisms: We pray for Celestine, Dante, Rosa, Cormack, Myles, Darbybelle, Willow, Charlie, Rueben, George and William who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in May.

Parish Pastoral Council: Meeting Thursday 12th May. Email address: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

Senior Moments: Wednesday 18th May 12pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 1st June 12pm Lunch Diamond Creek Chinese.

Saturday 21st May: Sacred Heart Hall is a **Voting Venue** so the School Parents Association will be selling bacon & egg rolls, sausages, and gratefully accept contributions for the **Bake Sale**. More details and a list of suggested slices, muffins, cakes etc available in the church.

Saturday Working Bee: Due to wet weather forecast the School/Parish Working Bee has been postponed.

Rosters for Weekend 21st & 15th May

St Peter's 7.15pm: Reader: J. Robinson **Commentator:** R. Nicolaisen **Eucharistic Ministers:** E. Gittins, P. Keenan

Sacred Heart 9.00am: Reader: J. Hoyne **Commentator:** F. Ledda **Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Ledda, C. Bell

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, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Bernadette Hobbs, Mervyn Bourke

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

Dorothy Pittle, Alan Bentley, Glenn Hurley, Michael Berriman, Helen McCrohan, Peter Beaumont, Frank Perversi, Noela Atkinson, Mary Camilleri, Henry Van Oosterom, Kevin Rogers, Eddie Schellens

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



Parental Supervision: With the return of families at our Masses and as our toilets are out of view, parental supervision of your children is required while using the facilities.

Baptisms: We welcome the children who are being Baptised later this month into our community.

Our prayers are with these children and their families: Carter, Oliver, Emilia and Jasmine.

Parish Pastoral Council: Our next meeting is Wednesday 18th May, 7.00pm

Email address: stthomasppc@gmail.com

Rosters for Weekend 14th & 15th May

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: D. Haesler **Commentator:** K. Salm **Eucharistic Ministers:** K. Salm, L. Leahy, M. McKenzie

Set Up: M. McKenzie

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: J. Kerr **Commentator:** R. Rendina **Eucharistic Ministers:** E. Sutherland, A. Letzia, R. Piccolo

Set Up: C. O'Brien

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 May that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Domenica Picollo, Kath Mumford, Theodora Ellul, Maura McGauran, Stephen Ruzic, Marg Watson, Ray Money, Gaetano Palazzolo

LECTIONARY ART REFLECTION BY JENNY CLOSE. When Jesus appears to the disciples, in the reading from John, he meets them where they are – in material reality. The experience of the divine is mediated through the familiar things of this world: Jesus shows them the marks of crucifixion on his body and he breathes the Holy Spirit into them. This is a sensual experience. Thomas, however, is being too concrete and at first he refuses to move beyond the sensual so Jesus allows him a visual and tactile experience, but a leap of intuitive faith is expected of Thomas in the end.



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

8 May 2022

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

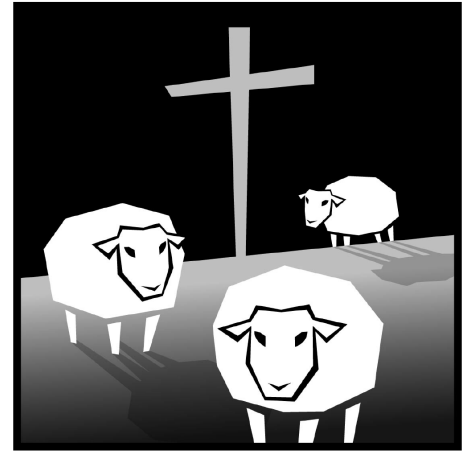
and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is

greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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