



Sunday 2nd October 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.cam1.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

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am-10.00am & 5.45pm-6.15pm
before evening Mass

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Marisa Matthys **Ph:** 9433 4000 **or Email**
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Sacred Heart & St Peter's

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

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

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Parish School Principal

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan **Ph:** 9438 1590 **or Email**
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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**
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THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES

The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period. Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners should be encouraged to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers are asked to wear face coverings for the distribution of communion.



Our relationship with God is to be one of total and unconditional love and service.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C,
2nd October 2022.**

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflections--the-apostles-said-to-the-lord---increase-our-faith>

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

Diamond Valley Deanery

www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

www.cam.org.au



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 AT ST MARY'S

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Francesca and Sharon will provide for our secretarial needs on Tuesdays 9am-5pm and Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm.

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.

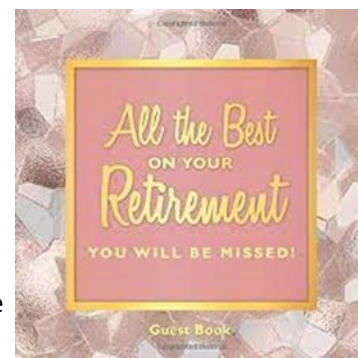
Thank you

FAREWELL TO JACINTA



This weekend we say farewell to Jacinta Bright our Pastoral Associate on her retirement. Jacinta has been part of the St. Mary's Community since 2005. Jacinta has always worked with kindness, love and passion with all the groups within the Parish and within the school. Always willing to help and start up new connections, her wonderful commitment and personality has made our community so much richer. We are grateful for her presence in our community.

We wish you all the very best for this next phase of your journey and you shall be dearly missed. Please join us at the 10.00m mass this Sunday, followed by refreshments in the Gathering Space.



LADIES AUXILIARY: Variety stall after masses **w/e 8th/9th October** –lots of toys and books for sale. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990. We are looking to have a car/boot sale or mini market on the weekend of **26th/27th November**. **HELP IS NEEDED.** If you feel you could help please phone Maureen 9435 5906 Judy 9435 4506.



ST MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SUNDAY 23 October 2022 - is scheduled for 11.15am at St Mary's Parish School Staffroom.

HIRING OF PARISH FACILITIES: Unfortunately due to a number of various circumstances, the James Kierce Centre and the Parish Hall are no longer available to hiring for social functions.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can. All Welcome.

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 .

SAINT FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Saint Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty. He established the Franciscan Order of friars and the women's Order of the Poor Ladies. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182. He grew up leading a privileged life as the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in Roman Catholic history. He and St. Catherine of Siena are the patron saints of Italy, and he is also the patron saint of ecology and of animals. His life and message were uncompromising and simple: greed causes suffering for both the victims and the perpetrators.



PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

It is with joy that I announce that an interview panel consisting of 2 members of St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council, the Religious Education Leader and the Human Resources Coordinator of the Archdiocese have appointed Sandra (Sandy) Starbuck as our new Pastoral Associate to take on the PA role after Jacinta Bright retires. Sandy is currently the PA of Christ the Light Parish of Doreen, Mernda, Kinglake and Whittlesea communities. I will provide further information regarding the date when she commences her work with us.

Fr. Steven Rigo (PP)

VETERANS OF THE ARMED SERVICES

Veterans of the armed services who are former members of the Young Christian Workers (YCW) movement in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are entitled to financial benefits under a patriotic fund established by the YCW in 1949.

The fund includes coverage of former YCW members who were in the armed services in the 1960s and early 1970s. If you are, or know of, a Veteran who was involved in the YCW, or you know of a Veteran who may have been involved in the YCW, please contact Brian Lawrence at: brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au

SAFEGUARDING COMPLIANCE

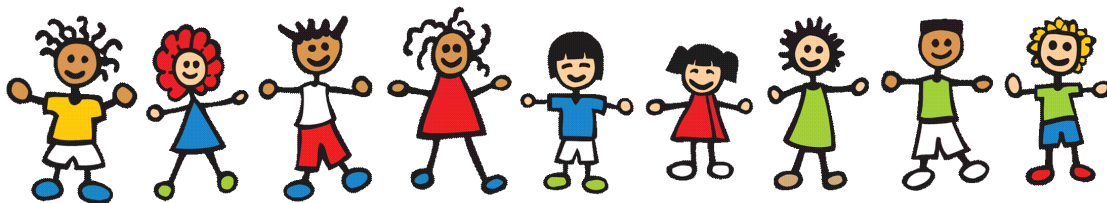
We know that much is asked of us these days to ensure that we are in the best possible position to ensure the safety of our child and young people. Your response to what has been asked so far, has been very gratefully received.

In the last couple of months you should have received a letter from the leader of any parish groups or ministries of which you are a member, asking you to ensure:

- That your Working with Children Check is up to date and that the Department of Justice has your parish recorded against your WWC Check
- That you have signed and submitted to the leader, a Partnered Parishes Code of Conduct
- That you have completed the induction module now available on the Archdiocese website

All group leaders have been asked to complete a Volunteers Requirements Check List by the end of September and submit these Check Lists to the Partnered Parishes Safeguarding Committee, through the various parish offices, by the end of September.

Please assist your group leaders by providing what is needed as soon as possible. Some of our ministries and groups are large and so the load on our group leaders, who are asked to collect this information, is significant. Your support is much appreciated.



JACINTA BRIGHT'S FARWELL

Following Jacinta Bright's sad news that she is retiring in October as our Pastoral Associate, it is appropriate that we farewell her with her family present so as to express our gratitude and well-wishes to her.

All parishioners from our Partnered Parishes are warmly welcome to farewell Jacinta at the **10.00 am Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday October 2nd.**

This will be followed by refreshments in the Gathering Space of the church. If you are coming, you might consider bringing a plate to share.

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



Baptisms: we pray for Olivia, Joshua, Fiorina and Elora who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in October.

Craft Market: We are seeking donations of pot plants and offers of help to run the bbq and serving of refreshments. Thank you.

Senior Moments: Wednesday 5th October 12pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 19th October 12 pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre.

Parish Pastoral Council: Next meeting Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm. Suggestion box in back of church.

Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

Diary dates:

Kid's Liturgy of the Word 2nd and 4th Sunday 9am Mass.

Craft Market in parish hall Sunday 23rd October 10am-2pm.

Baptism families Mass 7.15pm Saturday 19th or 9am Sunday 20th November.

Remembrance Mass 9am Sunday 27th November.

St Peter's Hurstbridge 50th Anniversary Saturday 3rd December 5 pm Mass.

Rosters

Sunday 9th October 9am Sacred Heart

Reader: B. Greaves **Commentator:** F. Ledda

Eucharistic Ministers: Dharshanie, Amindha

Saturday 15th October 7.15pm St Peter's

Reader: E. Gittins **Commentator:** B. Flynn

Eucharistic Ministers: volunteer

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

Mario Molinaro, Lina Molinaro, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Margaret Holland, Bridie Burke, Mary Rafferty, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Vi Hurley, Kevin Hurley

We pray for those who have died including Bishop Hilton Deakin 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, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley, Wade Robinson, Dianne Galea.

SEEKING STALL HOLDERS!

Sacred Heart Parish
DIAMOND CREEK
www.pst.org.au/diamondcreek

COMMUNITY EVENT
SACRED HEART PARISH CRAFT MARKET

Calling all Market Stall Holders!

Are you a Crafter, Grower, Maker?

We're seeking stallholders to join the wonderful Sacred Heart community at our **INDOOR CRAFT MARKET!**

We're calling for home or handmade:

- * Crafts, Homewares
- * Children's Goods
- * Candles, Soaps
- * Flowers, Arrangements
- * Jams, Pickles, Preserves
- * Cleaning Products
- * Books
- * Plants

> \$35 per stall, trestle table supplied
> Maximum 20 stalls, no two stalls alike!

For information and to register, email: clairaledda@gmail.com

**FOOD & COFFEE
FREE Kid's activities
ENTERTAINMENT!**

DATE
Sunday 23 October 2022

TIME
10am-2pm

VENUE
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
25 Gipson Street
Diamond Creek

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS

*The Adoration Chapel now has a key safe located inside the chapel on the side wall .
Ministers of Communion have been given this code to collect the Sacred Hosts.*



UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TABERNACLE

We will meet on Wednesday 5th October at 7 pm. in the church.

I would like to use that meeting as an opportunity to genuinely listen to one another and arrive at a consensus together for the sake of our parish community, both now and into the future.

Everyone is welcome at this meeting.

All feedback to be submitted to Fr. Martin prior to Friday 30th September martin.tanti@cam.org.au

Summary of the St Thomas Parish Pastoral Council meeting 21st September:

With the new audio visual screens installed, there are now two further tasks to address:

- The white walls behind the screens need to be painted with a colour matching the paintwork in the area beneath the screens. To achieve these ends we are eager to find a painter within the parish.
- There needs some adjustment to the lights to overcome reflection on the screens. To achieve this we would need someone with access to a scissor lift or similar device.

If you have any suggestions for either or both of these issues please contact Lisa in the office.

- The St Thomas the Apostle statue, marble base and plaque has been completed, and marked with 2 ceremonies, one for the School 15th Sept., and one after Mass 25th Sept. The plaque Scripture "My Lord and my God" was identified as an aspiration during the "Concepts for Religious Art" program 20 years ago (copies available in the foyer).
- The poor response to the recent Thanksgiving Campaign has emphasised the reliance on income from the proposed Early Learning Centre, a meeting for which was held 18th Aug. Expect to see plans of the Centre displayed in the foyer of the Church soon.
- A survey is being prepared to gather data from School parents.
- Discussion took place regarding the placement of a "sorry" plaque. At the conclusion of the meeting the members explored possible locations, from the roundabout to the presbytery, with the emphasis that it is not to be in the School area.
- Regarding tabernacle placement, it is proposed that the responses emailed to Fr Martin will be available on the St Thomas website prior to Wednesday 5th Oct meeting.
- Security of the Blessed Sacrament has been enhanced with the tabernacle key now held in a key safe, the combination of which has been given to those taking Holy Communion to the sick.
- Next meeting Wednesday 19th October, 7.00pm in Parish House Meeting room. stthomasppc@gmail.com
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Rosters for Weekend 8th & 9th October

Saturday 6.00pm

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

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: J. Kerr **Commentator:** R. Rendina **Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Tipping, C. O'Brien, B. Riordan

Set Up: C. O'Brien

St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:

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Peg Wilcox, Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci, Anelko Korculanin,

We pray for those who have died including Bishop Hilton Deakin 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

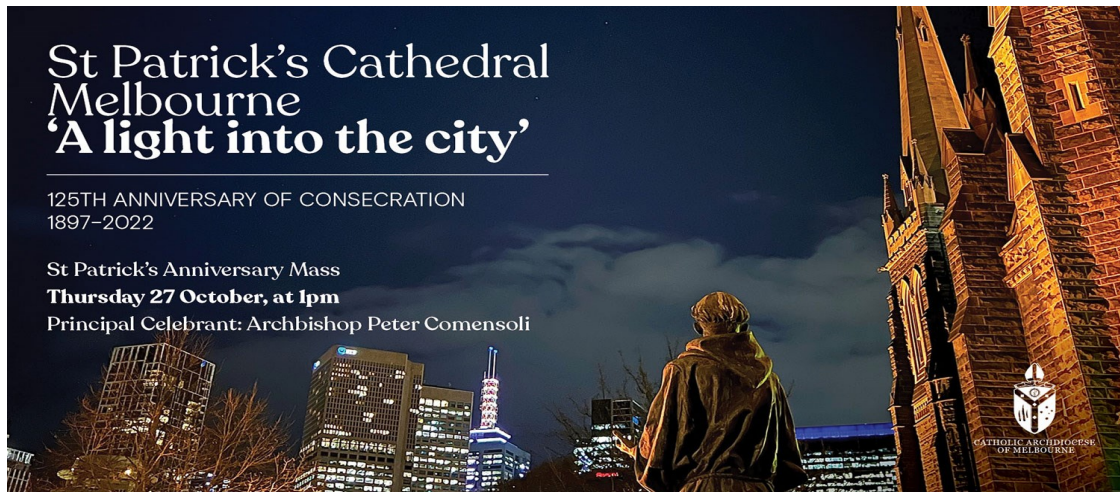
ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION – ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral.

Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's on **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm**. This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord, built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all.

Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum.



FEAST DAY AT ST FRANCIS: We are celebrating the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, our Parish Feast Day on Sunday 9th October, with Mass in the Church at 10.30 am, 12.00 pm Lunch in the School Courtyard, and 2.00 pm Blessing of the Animals.

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited .

HEART OF LIFE: 'Mindfulness & Meditation', via Zoom, Saturday 15 Oct 2022, 10am-2pm (AEST). When we are present to the 'now', centeredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart, for these few hours of prayer in the practice of mindfulness and meditation, to journey with others and within oneself. Led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$50.

Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: the **"2022 Knox Public Lecture"** on Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre. "50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?" Bookings and Info; ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture Enquiries: sarah.styling@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3333. Venue: Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre.

HEART OF LIFE: 'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series.

Book and pay via: www.heartoflife.melbourne Email: office@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: In October 2022 we are again presenting **Engaging Your Faith** online sessions. Please see the attached flyer for full details of the 12 sessions we are offering.

Of the 12 sessions the following may be of benefit to you, your staff, or one of your parishioners: Living *Laudato Si'*, The Church as a community of "Missionary Disciples", Leading Meditation and Prayer, Teaching the Faith to Beginners, God as Host and Guest.

Each session costs \$25. Book and pay directly through our [website](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

MARCH FOR BABIES 2022: Please keep this date free and come and show support for the unborn. Join us for the 2022 March on the 8th October at Treasury Gardens at 12.30pm and walking to Parliament House at 1.00pm.

Come and help us celebrate life, every life, great or small, born or unborn. Show your support and wear **Pink** or **Blue**.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: On **10 October 2022** (10-11:30am AEDT) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host the Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA, who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled **"Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?"** Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation.

For more information and to register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Jesus suggests that even with a modest faith we can do great things. He uses an uprooted mulberry tree planted in the ocean as a paradoxical example of what faith can achieve.

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2 October 2022

First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

The dynamic between the apostles and Jesus revealed in this week's Gospel is fascinating. Tellingly, rather than asking for Jesus to increase their faith, they tell him to. There are similarities here in wanting to have the best seats at feasts, to be seen as the most devout person in the temple, and so on. This Gospel passage is part of Luke's wider narrative arc which shows Jesus upending social conventions and questioning mindsets of self-aggrandisement.

Also important is what is at stake. The apostles rather naively see faith as some measurable thing which they can possess in greater or lesser amounts. Jesus turns this view of faith on its head by telling them that even with a smidgen of faith they could do great things. Faith is not meant to be accumulated; it is meant to spark action. That Jesus then goes on to speak of servants doing their duty further underlines his point that the apostles' desire for faith needs to be redirected to action.

With this in mind, we might well ask ourselves whether our faith is just about making us feel holier; or do we 'hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and do something about it?