



Sunday 16th October 2022

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

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.cam1.org.au/greensborough

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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

Parish School Principal

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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

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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

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.



The primary lesson from this week's texts is to place our trust in God.

Do we express our gratitude to God at all times?

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<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/scripture-reflections--pray-at-all-times-and-trust-in-the-lord>

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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

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES—Remaining Thanksgiving Envelopes will be available for collection in the Parish Office.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS:

This weekend **15/16th October** Variety stall with more toys, books and assorted goods after masses.

Tickets will be on sale after Masses for the Annual Combined Parishes Car Raffle—tickets only \$2.00 each.

Our next meeting will be on **Wed 19th October at 10am** in the Gathering Space. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.



COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE TO BUY FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES We welcome Reconciliation candidates and their families at our Masses this weekend as they are presented to our Parish Community in preparation for the receiving of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation later in the year. Our prayers and support are with you all.



ST MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: NEXT SUNDAY 23rd October 2022 - 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 hire 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 .

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED REMEMBERING ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL?

As a measure of your appreciation of the life of the Parish, in your life, it can be a way of leaving a legacy with St Mary's. There is no compulsion to do so, but you may feel this is a way of showing your appreciation to St Mary's. We understand that including a charity in your Will is a very personal decision and one be carefully considered. We appreciate that your family and loved ones should always come first, and believe it is important to talk with them about your intentions and why leaving a gift to St Mary's Greensborough is important to you. Philanthropy Australia is the national peak body for philanthropy and it defines a Bequest as the following:

"A gift made available upon the donor's death by provision in their Will. A Bequest can be a specific sum of money, an item or piece of property or a percentage of an Estate". If you would like to explore this more please consider taking a brochure from the Gathering Space and for further information please visit the Parish website.



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.

Baptisms: We pray for Jack, Mila and Hudson who will be baptised later this month.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of our PPC will be on Wednesday 19th October at 7.00pm

Email: stthomasppc@gmail.com

The new sets of thanksgiving envelopes are ready for collection at Masses from his weekend.



BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP

After such a long time we have decided to resume our chats commencing on Thursday 27th October at Phoenix & Co 1/285 Diamond Creek Road Plenty. We will be there from 1.30pm - 3.30pm, please come along when it suits you.

Would love to see you all as we had a great time last we were able to get together.

If you would like to join us email is best for me to confirm booking: stewmarg@bigpond.net.au or mobile

0408370685 or catch me at Mass. **RSVP: 19.10.22**

Marg.



Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday 5th October 2022, the meeting regarding the additional tabernacle was held. A good number of people attended the meeting to express their views and reflections.

Fr Steven facilitated the evening and we began with prayer. Next he continued by sharing a few ideas and then invited those present to share how they felt about the issue. After time was given for all to express their thoughts, it was decided to leave the tabernacle where it already was. During the sharing a number of proposals were suggested and accepted.

The changes which will be instigated are:

- ◆ *A tabernacle light will be installed in the church itself near the Adoration Chapel.*
- ◆ *Chairs will be moved from around the Adoration Chapel to give greater access and to draw attention to where our tabernacle is located.*

As you will see chairs have already be moved and we are in the process of organising an electrician to install the light.

Thank you for patience and your support.

God bless

Fr Martin

Rosters for Weekend 22nd & 23rd October

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: J. Bohan

Commentator: K. McMahon

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Bedford, L. Carty, D. Haesler

Set Up: J. De Carlo

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: M. Bates

Commentator: T. Williamson

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

Set Up: J. Kerr

St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:

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

Peg Wilcox, Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci, Andelko Korculanin

We pray for those who have died 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, Nedilja Paleka, Sofija Zilic

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.

Combined Catholic Parishes Car Raffle \$2 tickets or books available in the church and parish office.

Parish Fundraiser Craft Market: in Sacred Heart hall 10am – 2pm Sunday 23rd October.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME CRAFT STALLS DEAL WITH CASH ONLY.

We are seeking donations for a plant stall, a cake stall, and offers of help to run the bbq and serving refreshments. Please contact the Parish Office if you are available to go on a roster.



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th has been set aside as a **REMEMBRANCE MASS** FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR. You are invited to come and remember them, you will also have the opportunity to remember those you have loved and lost.

Frank on behalf of the funeral ministry.

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

Wednesday 2nd November 12pm Lunch at Bridges Restaurant Hurstbridge. Please contact Margaret Jose 9438 1540 for bookings.

Parish Pastoral Council: 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.

Plaque blessing: Sunday 30th October 9am Mass

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 23rd October 9am Sacred Heart

Reader: M. Farrell **Commentator:** F. Ledda

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Keenan, C. Garzia

Saturday 5th November 7.15pm St Peter's

Reader: Amindha **Commentator:** P. Leonard **Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteers

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

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 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 Godge, Patrick Finlayson, Maurie Roadley,

Wade Robinson, Dianne Galea,

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)

LAMP-Love and acceptance for Mental Peace.



In response to the Bishop's Social Justice theme "Mental Health," a theme re-echoed in our parish during the plenary discussions in 2018, coupled with our experience of Covid and lock downs a group was formed to develop approaches and responses to the needs of our parish community. This group is called LAMP – Love and Acceptance for Mental Peace. LAMP has been active since then, e.g., parish survey and education sessions.

As a result of Covid lockdowns there has been a sharp increase in mental health areas, particularly anxiety and depression. Many family members and friends have often found themselves in a carer role with little or no support.

In response LAMP would like to provide the opportunity for a mutual support group to meet over a 'cuppa' for the opportunity to share your experience, joys, and frustrations, of being a carer for a family member or friend.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Where: St Mary's Gathering Space

When: Wednesday 26th October

Time: 10:00 a.m. to no later than 12:00 p.m.

INVITATION TO THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

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Have you ever doubted the true presence of Jesus, Body, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist ???

HEAVEN

Does your heart bum with a desire to better understand the amazing mystery of the Eucharist ???

God's Salvation Plan in Old Testament

God's Salvation Plan in New Testament

IHS

EARTH

Do you need Equipment to defend the Real Presence of the Eucharist ???

3 Wednesdays, 26 Oct, 2 & 9 Nov
7.00-9.00pm

St Thomas the Apostle Church
251 Diamond Creek Road
Greensborough North

book before 5pm Mon 24 October AT: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDHSR>

A FREE Event Courtesy of the Catholic School of Evangelisation

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

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Advent begins Year A & the Gospel of Matthew, to prepare, meet

Matthew, his Gospel & his Jesus

3 Wednesday evenings:

23 & 30 Nov, 7 Dec. 7.30 - 9.30pm

On Zoom

book at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/CSOE/Matthew>

booking fee \$10

Overseas participants use code OVASEA

Further information: Sandra Bishop sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au

This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.



"PLENARY OUTCOMES - NIMMI CANDAPPA"

On 29th September, our Partnered Parishes Plenary Council Facilitators Group hosted a presentation from Plenary Council Member, Dr Nimmi Candappa.

Nimmi spoke about the Plenary Motions and Outcomes and her hopes for the future of the Church. Her reflections included her feeling **Grateful**, while experiencing a few **Bruises**, had a sense that the Council was **Spirited**, and was left with a strong feeling of **Hope**. Her sense of **Hope** results from the fact that dialogues have been opened and are continuing. For change to be made and be effective, it must be occurring within our parishes.

[While she felt the Holy Spirit worked to make the Plenary productive, a session to discuss key issues important to many laity, as well as more time to discuss opposing views with members, especially the Bishops, would have been helpful.](#)

Nimmi provided us with a wonderful experience, and it was heart-warming to see our three parishes enjoying such an uplifting experience together. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Nimmi for sharing her insights and outlook for our Church.

[A copy of Nimmi's reflection expanding on the bruising challenges and future hopes is available on request from any of your Plenary Council Facilitators Group.](#)

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing emergency aid to over 5000 families, in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan

WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE: A free public lecture will be held at the Knox Room, Thomas Carr Centre. 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, on Tuesday 25th October at 6.30pm. You can attend in person or via zoom. <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/83350628349?pwd=TzJYNnh4d21KdTVYSWhzaVoxdjJuZz09> Meeting ID: 833 5062 8349 Passcode: 879518 Vincent Long is a great orator and the topic speaks to the reality and vision of the Church now and going forward.

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.



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

The dramatic picture of the powerful judge and the powerless woman stands in strong contrast to the image that Jesus draws of God's compassion. God's justice is given as gift, not for the sake of expediency. How appropriate that Jesus should use a widow woman to symbolise a human cry for help.

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First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by

God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

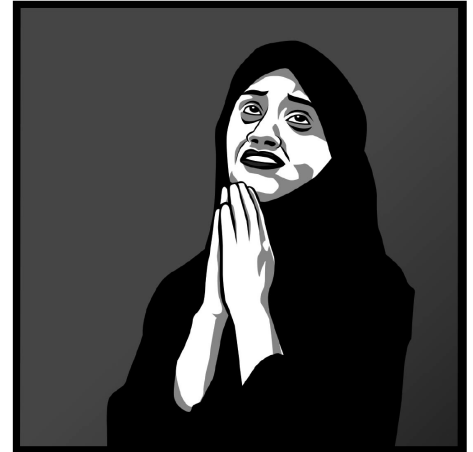
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

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