





## Sunday 6th November 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

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

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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:** 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

**Parish School Principal** 

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

### Sacred Heart & St Peter's

25 Gipson Street, Diamond Creek 3089

Parish: 9401 6361

Email: <u>DiamondCreek@cam.org.au</u>

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* 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



Genuine martyrdom is always an affirmation, not a denial, of life. People of faith [hold] some values are so essential to human existence that they are, in fact, worth dying for.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 6th November 2022.

https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/32ndsunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c

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#### PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

## APPOINTMENT OF PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Our newly appointed Pastoral Associate, Sandy Starbuck, will commence work at St. Mary's on Tuesday 29th of November.

She will be employed for 3 days per week and after she commences, we will determine which days they will be.

I will ask her to write a brief biography of herself so that we might know some of her background. I'm sure you will all make her feel very welcome among us.

## **CARING FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE**

One of the very important issues that came out of the Plenary Council consultation process across Australia was the hurt and sorrow caused by child sexual and other abuse by members of Catholic clergy and other individuals associated with the Church. Parishioners in our three parishes were keen for action to be taken locally and across our country to stand with those affected, recognise the pain and grief experienced and work towards reparation and healing in the Church.

Mary Ellen Davis, consultant psychologist from Carelink, has been invited to speak to us about the impact of sexual and other abuse on survivors and how we may provide care and support to anyone who has experienced abuse. Carelink provides professional support and care for adults (and their families) who have experienced clerical abuse or abuse associated with the Church.

Please join us on *Wednesday 9 November at 7pm in St Mary's Gathering Space* for this important interactive presentation. Refreshments provided.

#### Please RSVP by Friday 4 November to:

- St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543 (Tuesday, Thursday or Friday) or email: greensborough@cam.org.au
- ♦ St Thomas Parish Office on 9434 7373 (Tuesday Friday) or email: <a href="mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au">greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au</a>
- ♦ Sacred Heart Parish Office on 94016361 (Tuesday-Friday) or email: diamondcreek@cam.org.au

#### JOIN US ON A JOURNERY THIS ADVENT

Join us on a contemplative journey this Advent from Nazareth and beyond. We are privileged to have the sessions led by Dr Susie Hii, MMBS, FRACP. Susie has been a member of Christian Life Community (a lay Ignatian community) and Christian Meditation Community for many years and is a trained Ignatian spiritual director currently completing a Master of Spirituality. She is also the author of *Happy, Healthy, Holy* and *Journey into the Second Half of Life*.

The 4 week journey on Zoom commences on Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm.

This week, we will be contemplating the Annunciation.

All are welcome.

For further details and to register, please contact:

Jo on 0411045572. Iris on 0411409968 Michelle on 0432316777



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: <a href="https://app.tickets.org.au/CSOE/Matthew">https://app.tickets.org.au/CSOE/Matthew</a>

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.



## PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

#### FLOOD APPEAL-SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 131812.
- \* Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase:
- \* Visit: <a href="https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022">https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022</a>
- Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods

Please keep those who have been impacted by the floods as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time in your prayers.

## HEAL WITH FOOD- Learn how to use food as medicine

A community health program "Heal with Food" is being run by charity Green Karma in Nillumbik.

Under this program, monthly Health Talks are organised that are covering top 10 chronic diseases affecting Australians. Health talks provide information on how to prevent, manage or reverse chronic diseases and reduce dependency on pills.

#### **NOVEMBER**

What - Diabetes - prevention and reversal

When: Saturday 12 November, 2022

Where: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Eltham, VIC 3095

Time: 11am - 1pm

Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diabetes-heal-with-food-tickets-438755438327

Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/1UtK75Cal

Hollie Waters, APD is an Accredited Practicing Dietitian and eating Disorder Clinician.

She holds a Master of Nutrition and Dieteticsy.

#### **DECEMBER**

What - Dementia and Food

When: Saturday 3 December, 2022

Where: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Eltham, VIC 3095

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Registration: https://events.humanitix.com/dementia-and-food

Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/29sxdL4QA

Peter Johnston APD is an accredited practicing dietitian with a Masters in Nutrition and Dietics and a PhD in Human Genetic.

What - Navigating Christmas with chronic illness

When: Sunday 11 December, 2022

Where: St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Eltham, VIC 3095

Time: 2pm - 4:30pm

Registration: https://events.humanitix.com/how-to-navigate-christmas-with-chronic-illness

Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/2tHXx0Aie

An interactive session by Nina Trinquet, APD. Healthy Baking demo & tastings, by Chef Julia Grueskin

# Green Karma

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

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



<u>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</u>—Tuesdays 9am-5pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to <u>greensborough@cam.org.au</u> by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

#### **LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS:**

As we are unable to have a Parish Fete this year we are planning a number of stalls in the Gathering space after weekend Masses.

**5th/6th.November** Sale of tickets Christmas Stocking.



12/13th November A cake stall will be held on this weekend in the gathering space after all Masses. Proceeds to the Liturgy

Group. Enquiries Judy 9435 4506.

**26th/27th.November** Variety stalls lots of bargains & sale of plants.

If you are available to help in any way please phone Maureen 9435 5906 or Lucy 9435 6990

94TH FESTIVAL OF FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2022 - After an absence of two years because of Covid, the Carols are back again at St Mary's on Sunday, 4 December at 7:30 pm! St Mary's will sing two songs and practices will take place on Tuesdays 8/15/22/29 November from 1:30-2:30pm in St Mary's Church. Everyone from our combined parishes are welcome to join us for this festive occasion. Please contact Megan Mitchem via email: <a href="maintenamed">mamitchem@gmail.com</a> if you would like to attend practices so that music can be arranged.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Wed 9th Nov: 12.00 Meeting and Bingo. BYO Lunch. Tea, Coffee, Juice & cake provided.





All welcome. For more information call Geraldine: 0438 148 896 or Angela 9444 6298

#### AFTER 2 YEARS - OUR REMEMBRANCE MASS IS RETURNING TO ST. MARY'S.

When? <u>7:30pm on Friday 25 November</u> - light refreshments afterwards. All are welcome, but particularly those whose loved ones have died this year or during the COVID period.



To assist in preparations please let us know if you are coming - Jackie Corcoran 0422 125 321.

**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. Enquires: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

CURRENT VACANT ROLES LISTED ON OUR MELBOURNE CATHOLIC WEBSITE. APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM SUITABLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PEOPLE FOR THE POSITIONS OF:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne—Parish Real Estate Coordinator; Internship Program - Expressions of Interest

<u>Catholic Development Fund</u>—Account Executive – Bunbury WA; Integration Engineer; Risk & Compliance Analyst

#### **Parish Positions**

Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator and Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program Coordinator - St Peter Apostles Parish, Hoppers Crossing;

Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator - St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe and St Joseph's Parish, Chelsea

Parish Secretary – St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park and St Joseph's Parish, Malvern.

Pastoral Worker – St Luke's, Lalor and St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe;

Administration Assistant - St Vincent de Paul & St Monica Parishes, Strathmore & Moonee Ponds;

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies">https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies</a>

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



<u>Baptisms</u>: we pray for Dulcie, Mila, Hunter and Lacey who will be welcomed into the Sacred Heart community in November.

Welcome to Cheryl, Charlie and Makailey from Sacred Heart and St Thomas who will be fully received into the Church this weekend.

This Sunday we welcome Haitham for the RCIA Rite of Welcome Mass.

Passionist Family Group: November 22nd is the 37th anniversary of our Passionist Family Group.

Over the 37 years we have had up to six groups at Sacred Heart, and although we currently have only one group, this group is very active, as we support and care for each other. We gather together each month for a meal or

other activity. Our next activity is a weekend away at St Leonard's on the 25th, 26th & 27th November.

If you would like to know more about the Passionist Family Group please contact Claire or Frank on 0438058619

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.

<u>Hurstbridge Church Photos</u>: Our team organising the St Peter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December are requesting photos of Weddings, Baptisms, First Eucharist etc celebrations taken in the last ten years. Please forward any photos to Maree Frisby <u>mareeafrisby@gmail.com</u>

Senior Moments: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 12 pm Lunch and Games in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch 12pm in the Parish Centre.

<u>Parish Pastoral Council</u>: Next meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm in Parish Office. Suggestion box in back of church.

Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

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mamitchem@qmail.com if you would like to attend practices so that music can be arranged.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone who bought tickets in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle, and to those who purchased plants after Mass last Sunday. We still have some plants for sale this weekend.

**DIAMOND CREEK RSL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:** The remembrance service will be held on Friday the 11th November, 10.30am at the Memorial at Marngrook Oval.

<u>POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS:</u> "Let us pray together for children who are suffering - especially for those who are homeless, orphans, ands victims of war - may they be guaranteed access to education and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection." @PONTIFEX

## **Rosters**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9am Sacred Heart

**Reader**: B. Greaves **Commentator**: C. Fernando **Eucharistic Ministers**: M. Cusack, J. Bruce

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7.15pm St Peter's

Reader: R. Nicolaisen Commentator: M. Frisby 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 November that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Ros Thomas, Geraldine Nihill, Bev Camilleri, Kevin Doherty, Vincent Atkinson, James Burke, Lena Finlayson, Grace Jones,

Lena Anderson, Haydn Chapman, John Prendergast.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



**<u>Baptisms:</u>** We pray for Esme and Isla who will be baptised later this month.

<u>Square Tap Machine:</u> Now that our property has been connected to the NBN we are now able to process donations on the Square Tap Machine more efficiently.

<u>Parish Pastoral Council:</u> The next meeting of our PPC will be on Wednesday 16th November at 7.00pm

Email: stthomasppc@gmail.com

Welcome to Cheryl, Charlie and Makailey from Sacred Heart and St Thomas who will be fully received into the Church this weekend.

The new sets of thanksgiving envelopes commencing 6th November are now ready for collection.

Could parishioners please have a look and see if there is anyone that lives close to you and you could assist by dropping them in their letterbox.

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

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: S. McMahon Commentator: E. Sacchetta Eucharistic Ministers: T. Holland, M. McKenzie, K. Salm

Set Up: J. De Carlo Sunday 10.30am

**Reader:** R. Rendina **Commentator:** F. Landy **Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Riordan, M. Tipping, A. Kerr

Set Up: J. Kerr

At the conclusion of the 10.30am Mass this Sunday we will gather outside with Fr Steven for the blessing of the plaque for those who have been abused or betrayed by those representing the Church.

St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:

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Peg Wilcox, Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci, Andelko Korculanin, Robert Kasic

We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of November

that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Nick Piccolo, Maura Coyle, Lena Brullo, Ray Tipping, Lawrence Meilak, Theresa Meilak, Marcel Bishara, Frank Mercieca, Thomas Iacobucci, Fr Kelvin Kenny, Christopher Kenny, Joan Campbell, Serge Teychency, Joan Chadzynska, Rocco Di Pierro, Haydn Chapman, Francis Mc Mennemin, Carmel McCrorie, Michael Munforte

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<u>Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close</u> Like two-dimensional bureaucrats these Sadducees take a story about a woman and make a technicality out of it. They are pedants who put an absurd theoretical puzzle to Jesus in order to catch him out in logic – but what they really want is for him to sound like a law-breaker. Jesus sidesteps the issue by indicating that their premise is wide of the mark: the kingdom does not adhere to their system of legal minutiae.

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

6 November 2022

## First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

## **Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15**

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

- Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.
   Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
- I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps.
   I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
- 3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5.6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

# **Gospel** Lk 20:27-38 or shorter form Lk 20:27, 34-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: 'What do you feel when you're dancing?'

'I've got fire in my body.' And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became 'fully alive': bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit. The Sadducees' small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

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