



Sunday 7th May 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Martin Tanti & Fr Ananda Maddineni

Parish Pastoral Associates: Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

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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: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

Parish School Principal

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Diamond Creek 3089

Parish: 9401 6361

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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

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St. Thomas the Apostle

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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



Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 7 May 2023.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflections-5-easter-year-a>

Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the 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: Tuesdays 9am-5pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am-4pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to greensborough@cam.org.au by 2pm Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

CHURCH SECURITY Group members and parishioners are reminded to check that **ALL doors** of the church and gathering space **are securely locked** and **all lights are off** when you leave after evening Masses and meetings. Thank you.

FOR SALE: Medium size suitcase with 4 wheels, hardly used, as new-\$50. Please contact Office on 9435 1543 if interested.

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES We welcome Eucharist candidates and their families at our Masses this weekend as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Our prayers and support are with you all. May they always remember that they can turn to Jesus who is their true friend, and who will always lovingly care for them.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAMILY GROUPS Fr. Mick McGrath set up Family Groups 50 years ago in Sydney. After a few years it began to spread around Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Many Parishes will be celebrating 50 years of Family Groups on Sunday 7th May. Our Group has been running for 16 years here at St Mary's and our celebration will take place on **Sunday 28th May** followed by morning tea. We would like to invite all Parishioners to join us after this Mass to help celebrate this special occasion and to find out more about joining our social groups. Pauline Prendergast 0422 668 133

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

WINTER WARMERS SALE this weekend, 6th/7th May after Masses. Variety of goods for sale.

NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING will be on **Wed.17th. May at 10.15am** in the gathering space".

Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

Be informed, inspired and entertained

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

The Library has mounted two displays of books which may be borrowed:

- **Family matters.** Issues include parenting and family life – some with secular and some with a Catholic/Christian theme.
- **Islam and Christianity.** Books which aim to provide information and understanding on differences and similarities between the two faiths.

If the Library is not open please ask a priest or sacristan to open the room and you can record your loans on the form provided.

Please return in one month through the chute outside the Library.

Access to the catalogue is available at: cloud.collectorz.com/247780



HOLY ROSARY is recited every Thursday morning after 9.15am Mass.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The prayer shawl ministry meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enquiries: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

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

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

LAMP

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Do you want to know more about Depression, Anxiety and PTSD?

On Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm in the Gathering Space at St Mary's Greensborough, there will be an inspirational and informative talk on this topic by Lauren McDonough, a mental health advocate, suicide survivor, amputee and now a role model.



***** Alpha begins 23 May, St Mary's Parish – Register now *****



Ever wanted to pause and consider the big questions about **life, meaning and faith**?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly, welcoming space. Participants gain an insight into the basics of the Christian faith and discuss its impact on various aspects of our lives. All are invited.



We share a meal

We watch a video

We engage in discussion

Register using the above QR code or by clicking this link <https://tinyurl.com/y87kzhj3>

St Thomas the Apostle Parish

is hosting The **Alpha Parenting Children Course**
Starting Tuesday 9th May– 6th June 2023



Are you a parent, grandparent or care-giver of children aged 0-10 years?

Are you looking for practical support to strengthen your family relationships?

Over **five sessions**, the course will help you to:

- build strong foundations,**
- meet your children's needs and**
- teach healthy relationships.**

The course emphasises the role of the family, and acknowledges there is no instant recipe for bringing up children. However, some general principles apply to all families, and there is great value in discussions with others. The Parenting Children Course is based on Christian principles but designed for all people with or without a church background.

When: Tuesday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm Where: In your own home – Online via Zoom

Dates: May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & June 6th

Bookings essential by 7pm Sunday 7th May at

Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGZJF>

For more information contact: Emilia 0418 120902 or emilia.sacchetta@bigpond.com

The Partnered Parishes of:
Sacred Heart Diamond Creek, St. Mary's Greensborough &
St. Thomas the Apostle Greensborough North



27th April 2023

Dear Group leaders and volunteers,

Following on from our letter of 28 February 2023, where we outlined the requirement that all volunteers are to complete the Safeguarding Essential Training module, we write again to offer support to any of you who may not have yet completed this Essential Training. The Safeguarding Committee is offering two group sessions where participants will be able to complete their training supported by a facilitator.

After completing this group session, names will be recorded on the Archdiocesan data base as having completed the Essential Training, this information will then roll over to the Parish data base.

The dates/times and venues are listed below:

- ◆ **St Marys' Gathering Space (in the church), 16 May, 5.30pm-6.30pm.**
- ◆ **Sacred Heart School Administration Building, 31 May, 1.30pm – 2.30pm.**
- ◆ **Please bring your WWCC Card**

A cuppa will be provided during the session.

Could you please notify the St Mary's (9435 1543) or Sacred Heart Parish (94016361) office of their attendance by Friday the 12th of May.

Thank you.

Partnered Parishes Safeguarding Group.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING MODULE LAUNCHED FOR CLERGY AND VOLUNTEERS

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-60 minute online training module for all clergy and volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Employees will soon be able to access the training module on Employment Hero. This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm.

This will be: an annual requirement for everyone/possible to complete individually online./At the completion of the training participants will receive a certificate of completion accessible via the training module dashboard./participants will receive email notification that the module has been completed successfully./***Training to be completed by s soon as possible.***

To access the online training go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

TREK MUSICALS PRESENT

TREK SHOWCASE

A RETROSPECTIVE JOURNEY
Featuring songs from our past shows



St Mary's Catholic Church - Sun 7th May 1:30 pm
Tickets \$20 \$15 Pen/Child
Bookings Phone: 9435 1543

Trek Musicals, established in 2016 by Graham Ford, is an organisation which presents its musicals using karaoke technology, enabling the group to perform in any location, at any time and without the need for an accompanist or orchestra.

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS PALMS AUSTRALIA

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.

Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: **RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.** www.palms.org.au

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL: The Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal, providing parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the educational costs of seminarians of the regional seminary, Corpus Christi College.

Donations to this Appeal through the Catholic Theological College Fund are tax deductible. <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

CARDINAL PELL LUNCHEON & LECTURE: Aid to the Church in Need is launching an annual George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May. The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal. For information and to register, please visit: www.trybooking.com/CGUDA

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



BAPTISMS: we pray for Edie, Charlie, Matilda and Neve who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community in May.

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO'S: There will be a photo presentation at 9am Mass on Sunday 14th May. If you submit a photo with grandchildren without their parents, the parents are required to sign a Permission Form which can be emailed. Please send photos to alisonpieper52@gmail.com

SENIOR MOMENTS Wednesday 17th May Lunch & Scrabble 12pm in Parish Centre.

Wednesday 7th June Lunch 12pm at Diamond Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant Diamond Creek.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Next PPC Meeting Thursday 11th May . Email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com

ROSTERS:

Week 9th May **Cleaning:** Margaret Dunn & Terry Gallagher

Sunday 14th May Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: Y. O'Brien **Commentator:** C. Fernando **Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Leonard, C. Bell

Saturday 20th May St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: Parent/J. Robinson **Commentator:** M. Frisby **Eucharistic Ministers:** H. Edmonds

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

Philip Leonard, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Peter Mejak, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard.

Recently Deceased:

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



BAPTISMS: Please pray for Sonny, Lucy Anne, Tessa and Lucy who are being baptised later this month.

PLAQUE FOR PRIESTS: At our PPC meeting in March it was agreed that we should remember Priests who have died in service while at St Thomas.

Donation for a plaque both for Fr Peter Fulton and Fr Tao Pham, if you would to donate you can drop the donation into the Parish office in a clearly marked envelope, or in the collections on the weekend.

Donations accepted up until the 31st May Envelopes are available in the church foyer.

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: A. Fernando **Commentator:** K. Salm **Eucharistic Ministers:** S. Bishop, C. Leahy, L. Leahy

Set Up: J. De Carlo

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: L. Hobson **Commentator:** S. Milar **Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Tipping, C. O'Brien, B. Riordan

Set Up: M. Bates

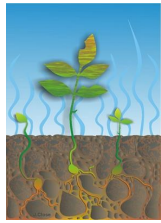
St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:

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

Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci, Anelko Korculanin, Estelle Smooker, Tina Butera, Lilian Hobson, Peter Kranjak

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 Piccolo, Kath Mumford, Theodora Ellul, Maura McGauran, Stephen Ruzic, Marg Watson, Ray Money, Gaetano Palazzolo, Raymond Bowman



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close When a seed grows it doesn't need to be taught how to grow: the new shoot 'knows' how to find the light and the roots 'know' where to go for moisture. This kind of knowing is somehow built into the genetic structure of the plant. Our relationship with God is like that too, it is part of the fabric of our being. Built into our human structure is the knowledge of God, but in the coming and going of life we lose the ability to access that knowledge easily.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

7 May 2023

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
the Lord;**

**no one comes to the Father, except
through me.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

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