



Sunday 28th May 2023

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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

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**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am

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

**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

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**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

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**THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES**



*O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.*

**Pentecost Sunday 28th May 2023**

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-pentecost-year-a>

**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

### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27th May-3rd June 2023 *Be a Voice for Generations*

Keep up the momentum for change: the theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is *Be Aa Voice for Generations*.

The theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives—where we live, work and socialise.

For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, act today for a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The week is framed by the anniversaries of two significant milestones in our reconciliation journey. The successful 1967 Referendum (27th May) and the High Court Mabo decision (3rd June) [Learn more about National Reconciliation Week in Victoria.](#)

Nillumbik Reconciliation Group: <https://nrg.org.au/>

Link for Q & A session with Fr Frank Brennan & members of NATSICC (National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) on the Voice Referendum. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqvYHUpq96E>



#### 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:

- ◆ **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 Sacred Heart Parish (94016361) office of their attendance by Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May.

Thank you.

**Partnered Parishes Safeguarding Group.**

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



**BAPTISMS:** We pray for Edie, Charlie, Matilda, Neeve and Michael who will be welcomed into Sacred Heart community in May.

**SACRED HEART WORKING BEE:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 9am. Please bring gardening equipment.

**SACRED HEART KEYS:** We are updating the Parish Key Register. Please hand in keys you no longer use, or contact Pat to confirm your current key number. Thank you.

**SENIOR MOMENTS:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June Lunch 12pm at Diamond Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant Diamond Creek. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June Scrabble 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Email: [ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com)

### PRAYING TOGETHER AT MASS – Liturgy of the Word:

In the last few months many of you have read Pope Francis' talks on the Liturgy of the Word. We gather for Mass, he says, "***precisely to listen to what God has done and still intends to do for us...when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel***".

#### ***General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 29***

Further "when the Word of God is being read from the Bible – the First Reading, the Second Reading, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel – we must listen, open our heart because it is God himself who is speaking to us."

At a recent meeting of those who belong to the ministry of Readers we reflected on what Pope Francis' teaching asks of us who worship in St Peter's and Sacred Heart communities.

The answer, it was decided, was time to pause, thereby allowing the words of Scripture to touch our open, listening hearts. Beginning this week on Pentecost Sunday our readers will pause after both the First and Second readings for just a few seconds. I ask what is God saying to me?

The Responsorial Psalm is the prayer response of the community to the Word of God heard in the First Reading. It is this community of the baptised, together responding to God. Pope Francis mentioned the Responsorial Psalm is sung. On this Sunday of Pentecost, we will sing the Responsorial Psalm. On other occasions, it will be read prayerfully as at present.

***Sr Margaret Sapsford***

### ROSTERS:

**Week 30<sup>th</sup> May**                      **Cleaning:** B & P O'Regan

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Sacred Heart 9am

**Reader:** D. Botica                      **Commentator:** M. Farrell                      **Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Padget, A. Schellens

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June St Peter's 7.15pm

**Reader:** R. Nicolaisen                      **Commentator:** Aminda                      **Eucharistic Ministers:** E. Gittins

***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 MARY'S

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays 10am-3pm, Wednesdays 8am-12noon, Thursdays 10am-3pm and Fridays 10am-2pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) by 12noon 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.

**LITURGY NOTES – The Word of God.** At Mass we listen to the Word of God, reflect on its message, and respond in prayer. God's Word is active. It is both a word to be heard and a guide to the way we live. We are called to take the Word of God with us in our hearts when we leave the church and return to our everyday lives. As a reminder of this call, at the end of Mass, the book of scripture, open at the Gospel of the day, is placed on the front of the lectern facing the congregation. The Word of God leaves the church in the hearts of the people rather than in a closed book.



**COLLECTORS**, please wait until the *Reflection* image is off the screen before starting the 1<sup>st</sup> collection. Thank you.



**50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAMILY GROUPS** Fr. Peter 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 after 10am in the Gathering Space**. 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.



**FRIENDSHIP GROUP** Next gathering Wednesday 14th June. BYO Lunch with Afternoon tea provided. Usual Bingo to be played. For enquiries call Geraldine-0438 148 896 or Angela-9444 6298.

**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.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK *Be informed, inspired and entertained*

With the current interest in mental ill-health, these 4 little books by Fay Sampson may be useful.

**Prayers for Anxiety, Prayers for Dementia, Prayers for Depression** and **Prayers for OCD**. (242.4 SAM)

Each book includes items of information and advice accompanied by a suggested prayer, for the use of the sufferer and family and friends.

**'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](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)



St Mary's Parish Library



## ST MARY'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP NEWS

**National Reconciliation Week (NRW)** is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW are the same each year; **27 May to 3 June**. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful **1967 referendum**, and the **High Court Mabo decision**.

**27 May 1967** On this day, Australia's most successful **referendum** saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.

**3 June 1992** On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

**Reconciliation** must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme for this year is **Be a Voice for Generations**. You will have noticed that the Australian Football League is acknowledging our fine indigenous players with special jumpers and ceremonies at AFL games for 2 weeks.

As part of **Reconciliation Week** our regional library is having various events - see [ypri.vic.gov.au](http://ypri.vic.gov.au). On Thursday 1st June at 7.00pm, there will be a conversation with Aboriginal women about the Uluru Statement from the Heart, at the Watsonia Library. From the Uluru Statement came the document from which the Voice proposal emerged. The Australian Catholic Bishops are encouraging all Australians to educate themselves about The Voice.



## **ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:**

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal)

### **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](http://www.palms.org.au)

### **PASSION ON THE BIG SCREEN – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc’ (in-person event), Saturday 17 June 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)**

We often refer to Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But Colossians I proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality, The 20<sup>th</sup> century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc ~ author, lecturer, founding member of The Film Critics Association and priest. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 03 9890 1101.



**Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close** On Pentecost day the believers heard a powerful wind and saw tongues of fire. The phenomena filled the environment around the gathering. This was an incredibly sensual experience of God and one which moved the believers to action: their joy in the 'marvels of God' urged them to share the good news with others. It was this elemental experience of the Spirit which spurred them on.

## Pentecost Sunday, Year A

28 May 2023

### First Reading Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30**

*(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

- Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
- You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they  
came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are  
created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your  
faithful*

*and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Jn 20:19-23

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.  
'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'



### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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