



Sunday 30th April 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

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: 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Marisa Matthys **Ph:** 9433 4000 **or Email**

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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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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, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven so that the humble flock may reach where the brave shepherd has gone before.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A),
30th April 2023.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflections-4-easter-year-a>

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

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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.

BOXES FOR FREE—Ten packing/removal boxes and two containers of packaging material eg bubble wrap etc. available for free. If interested please call the Parish Office on 94351543.

WINTER WARMERS SALE weekends 29th/30th April and 6th/7th May after Masses. Variety of goods for sale. Enquiries: Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990. Ladies Auxiliary



Be informed, inspired and entertained



Book of the week: Let us Dream: the Path to a Better World by Pope Francis

This is an uplifting and practical book with the Pope at his most personal and passionate, in the wake of the COVID pandemic. He explores ways to approach any crisis in our lives and the means by which we might make the world a safer, fairer and healthier place.

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.

Dear Parishioners, I share with you the news that I shall retire from my role of Parish Secretary of St. Mary's at the end of May. I have worked in the Parish Office for almost 14 years and it has been a very rewarding time. I have made many wonderful friends and memories. St. Mary's is a warm and welcoming community, which I am very proud to say I am a part of. Thank you all for the support and friendships over the years. I am looking to forward to this next chapter of my journey.

Best wishes to you all. Francesca.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment
Retail Shop Assistant - St Patrick's Cathedral Shop

Parish Positions

Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish, Maidstone and Braybrook
Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Torquay
Parish Secretary - St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South

Other Positions

Philanthropy Lead - Carmel Impact

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

*** 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>

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 Friday the 28th April.**

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

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.**

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.

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.

READERS & COMMENTATORS MEETING: : Thank you to those who attended the formation session for Readers and Commentators of St Peter's and Sacred Heart last Thursday evening. If you were unable to attend please contact me at Margaret.Sapsford@cam.org.au to arrange another formation opportunity.

Thank you.

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

50th ANNIVERSARY OF FAMILY GROUPS: Fr Steve will celebrate Mass at 9am Sunday 7th May and we would like to invite all parishioners to morning tea afterwards. If you know any former Family Group members we would love to see them.

SENIOR MOMENTS extend an invitation to join them on Wednesday 3rd May 12pm for Lunch at Bridges Restaurant Hurstbridge. Contact Margaret Jose for details.

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

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

ROSTERS:

Week 2nd May **Cleaning:** Marie Cusack & Wendy McEvoy

Saturday 6th May St Peter's 7.15pm

Reader: B. Flynn **Commentator:** E. Gittins **Eucharistic Ministers:** Dharshanie

Sunday 7th May Sacred Heart 9am

Reader: M. Walsh **Commentator:** F. Ledda **Eucharistic Ministers:** Y. O'Brien, C. Ledda

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

Philip Leonard, Calliope Enright, 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 April that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Frank Laffy, Gino Ongarello, Karen Ongarello, Frank Nihill, Grace Leonard, Freda Kennedy, Alan Ridsdale, Jane Coyle, Elaine Chapman.

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5x Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30 pm (AEST).

"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8)

Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams—our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$130. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

'Pondering Grief' (in-person event), Saturday 20 May 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$80 including 'Pondering Grief' book (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website.

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 30th of April. Envelopes are available in the church foyer.

At this month's PPC meeting we conducted our first Annual General Meeting. Reports were submitted by 10 parish groups along with the Parish Priest, Fr. Steve and Primary School Principal, David Delaney.

This was a great opportunity for the PPC to see the big picture overview of how the Parish is operating and functioning.

The PPC highlighted the following achievements for the past year.

- Prayer for Peace liturgies - school and parish
- New ICT, AV screens and new amplifier in the church along with TVs, and new heating/cooling
- Liturgies to bless the completed St Thomas the Apostle statue
- Improvements to the outside lighting in Aboriginal garden and the Thomas Village walkway
- Tabernacle security issues addressed - key safe installed
- Tabernacle prominence addressed. Changes to the chair arrangement, the additional Sanctuary light
- Survey for school parents
- Meetings regarding Early Learning Centre construction
- Partnered Parishes Plenary Council Facilitators Group, plaque and acknowledge of the harm and suffering caused
- Building new connections with St John of God Accord disability services.
- Further planting in the rose garden and annuals planted in the garden beside the church
- Hosting of the Alpha Parenting Children Course
- Plaques in memory of Fr Peter Fulton and Fr Tao Pham
- Community - engagement of faith with the parish community and the parish / school
- Seeking engagement from school parents
- How can the parish be more involved in the school?
- School and parish activities

As a PPC, we are looking at how we can better work with and support the parish groups and parish community as this PPC continues to take shape. We have an eagerness to better engage with the school and we are looking for areas of focus that came from a data gathering exercise in late 2022 with school parents.

Rosters for Weekend 6th & 7th May 2023

Saturday 6.00pm

Reader: T. Holland

Commentator: J. Bohan

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Bedford, L. Carty, K. Salm

Set Up: C. Leahy

Sunday 10.30am

Reader: J. Kerr

Commentator: M. Kenny

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Riordan, A. Kerr, R. Piccolo

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:

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 April that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:

Mary Cho Nguyen, Prisca Rosario, Osvaldo Porcaro, Lina Betuna, Margaret Mc Carthy, Dino Bianchin, Bill Schultz, Brian Brown, Alessandro Sacchetta, Reg Cummins, Pat Hart, Iris Hartley, Joy Joseph, Roy Kilkenny, Anastasis Rendina, Sylvester Ellul, Rod Nettleton, Kathleen Jordan, Maria de Bartolo, Elaine Chapman, Shirley Bourke, Maria del Popolo, Rosa Alvaro, Dragan Zilic, Kaye Dixon

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close. The gospel for this week is a variation on the Good Shepherd parable, but here Jesus aligns himself with the paddock gate instead of the shepherd. For gate read also the following: gateway, doorway, portal, threshold, exit, entrance and way in/out. All of these are transition spaces between in and out. They are the place or point of beginning. Jesus, then, is the place or point of beginning for the to'ing and fro'ing of our journey through life. He points to freedom and safety as the singular characteristics of his gate – the way to a life fully lived.



Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

30 April 2023

First Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be
safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.