



Sunday 25th May 2025

The Partnered Parishes of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's & St. Thomas the Apostle

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Mass Timetable

Saturday Vigil: St. Thomas - 6:00pm, St. Mary's - 6:30pm, St. Peter's - 7:15pm (**1st Saturday's Only**)

Sunday: St. Mary's - 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm, Sacred Heart - 9:00am, St. Thomas - 10:30am

Weekday: St. Mary's - 9:15am Tuesday to Friday. Sacred Heart - 9:15am Wednesday & Friday;. St Thomas - 9:15am Tuesday & Thursday.

Reconciliation

Sacred Heart - Friday 9:45am-10:15am

St. Thomas - Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am

St. Mary's - Saturday 5:45pm - 6:15pm

Parish Office Hours

Sacred Heart: Wed 11.00am - 3.00pm Fri 12:30pm - 2:30pm

St. Mary's: Tues 11:00am - 3:00pm Wed 8:00am - 12:00pm Thurs 9:00am - 4:00pm Fri 9:00am - 12:00pm

St. Thomas: Tues 8:00am - 11:30am Wed 12:30pm - 4:00pm Thurs 8:00am - 11:30am Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sandy Starbuck: Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am - 5.30pm & Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm

We Pray for all the those who are sick that they may be Healed & Comforted especially:

Rosie Bray, Chris Padget, Juliette Hughes Norwood, Danny Burke, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Martin Leonard, Catherine Leonard, Jan Duffel, Elaine Ledda, Paul Schellens, Bernie Murray, Pat Frisby, Nancy Gheno, Roshan Fernando

We pray for the recently deceased and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time 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, Domenica Picollo, Kath Mumford, Theodora Ellul, Maura McGauran, Stephen Ruzic, Marg Watson, Ray Money, Gaetano Palazzolo, Raymond Bowman, Margaret Cooper, Ronald Duncan, Bill Hill, Barry Rosewall, Ron Duncan, Sydney Hope, Geoff Hedger, Marie Walsh, Dr. Jose & Mrs. Catalina Arce, Fr. Tom Ashe, Jack O'Callaghan, Albert Minney, Fiona Robinson, Shiela Cowell, Flosis O'Rourke, Susan McCormack, Joe Amato, Glenys Bruce, Tegan Amber Kennet, Amor Teves-Péna, Peter Dalton, Harold Haarbarger, Vern Birthisel, Helen Hughes, Pauline Attard, Geoff Dalgliesh, Hubert Johnston, Bishop Eric Perkins, Agnes O'Regan, Mary Haward, Myrtle Bridges, Annabelle Dillon, Tony Ippoliti, William Rule, Maria Antonia Galati, Tess Ward, Bill Harding, Ernest Davis, Matthew Curran, Tess Wilson, Caroline Marston, Francis Abrahams, Bertie Van Hoff, Janet Stephenson, Leo Hart, Helene McIndoe, Hazel Pollock, Paul Norris, Mary Curry, Kevin Wilson, Bill Millington, Alice Carty, Paul Perombelon, Christine Danaher, Roy Forssman, Faye Vennelloweth, Sandy Interlandi, Seamus McGahon, Tom Barnsley (Snr)

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FAITH FORMATION

BAPTISMS: Please keep in your prayers the following children from our parishes who are being baptised this month:

- Felix, Xavier, Hazel, Kai, Isla, Charlie

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 17-24 May: Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis's letter on caring for creation. This year celebrates the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'. In this Year of Jubilee, our focus is debt, and the impact debt has on earth and each other.

Ten years ago, Pope Francis gave us Laudato Si' setting out a bold vision for our common home. We celebrate the legacy of Pope Francis's 10 years of inspiration and action. The next chapter of Laudato Si' begins with us!

In this year of anniversary celebration with the call of jubilee, RAISE HOPE by taking action. Visit www.caritas.org.au/debt



Safeguarding the most vulnerable members of our community requires a shared response – everyone has a part to play. Our parishes could not function without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Whether they are welcoming people upon arrival at mass, creating opportunities for children and young people to participate in their parish in youth ministry, preparing a scrumptious morning tea, or supporting the parish priest as a member of the parish Safeguarding Committee, each and every role is extremely valuable.

This week we want to take the opportunity to say thank you, and let you know how much we value the precious time that you devote to our parishes. Through your work, our parishes continue to grow as enriching, welcoming and safe communities for all. The Safeguarding Unit is a resource for our volunteers, so please do not hesitate to reach out to your Regional Safeguarding Officer or make an enquiry via the Safeguarding Unit email address.

Together we will ensure a safe environment for all and foster a positive experience when engaging with our Church communities.

Rachel Averbukh

Director

Safeguarding Unit

SAFEGUARDING

If you need to contact the combined safeguarding committee please email:

diamondcreekgreensboroughsafeguarding@cam.org.au

SAFEGUARDING

If you hear something or see something that feels, **just not right**

MAKE A REPORT

Phone any of our Parishes or

Email: diamondcreekgreensboroughsafeguarding@cam.org.au

Concerns around immediate danger, call 000



NEWS & EVENTS

UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO BURGULARIES AT ST MARY'S THE CHURCH WILL BE LOCKED IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS.

THIS IS FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

LADIES AUXILARY, ST MARY'S: Wanted garden pots to continue with propagating plants for another Plant Sale. Any size (not seed pots) please leave near garden seat behind Parish House.

Enquiries Phil/Judy 9435 4506

SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART: Wednesday 4th June at 12.00pm, Diamond Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant

Wednesday 18th June at 12.00p, Lunch and Scrabble in the Parish Centre.

AGEING AND AWAKENING: GOD'S SURPRISING GIFTS, ST MARY'S:

Are you interested in living well in your 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Do you see aging as a call to a richer life? Ageing and Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts is the theme for a series of sessions conducted by Kerin Caldwell sgs, commencing on Friday August 8th, 2025. Sessions will be held fortnightly for 6 meetings, August 8th and 22nd, September 5th and 19th, October 3rd and 17th. Time 10:00 am – 12:30 pm (See flyer in the gathering space)

Kerin has previous conducted two sessions, and these were extremely well received, and we are delighted that Kerin is prepared to offer us these sessions. At Kerins request numbers are limited to 30.

For any further information please contact, Mary Jahne – 0412 813 512 or Ros Cairns - 0448943543

THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (NRW) 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. **Bridging Now to Next** urges us to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us. At a time when Australia faces uncertainty in its reconciliation journey, this theme calls on all Australians to step forward together. In the #NRW2025 theme artwork created by Kalkadoon woman **Bree Buttenshaw**, native plants – known for regenerating after fire and thriving through adversity – symbolise our collective strength and the possibilities of renewal. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together. (extract from <https://www.reconciliation.org.au>)

Events: <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Events-activities/Whats-on/Council-events/National-Reconciliation-Week-family-day-and-market>

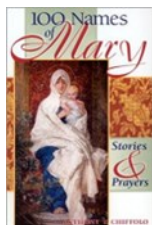
<https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Events-activities/Whats-on/Council-events/National-Sorry-Day-healing-ceremony>

<https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Community/Diversity-and-inclusion/Reconciliation#section-4>

<https://www.nrg.org.au/event/nillumbik-flag-raising-ceremony-reconciliation-week-2025/>



Be informed, inspired and entertained



Books of the Week:

May is traditionally the month of Mary. This month books and DVDs about Our Lady are being displayed at the Library. There are many more on the shelves at 232.91.

Books about apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes, Fatima, Garabandal, Medjugorje etc. may be found at 232.917.

cloud.collectorz.com/247780



PARISH INFORMATION

Please send any bulletin contributions directly to greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au or greensborough@cam.org.au by 12 Noon on Wednesday's to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CONTACT:

- Sacred Heart: Suggestion box in church or email: ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com
- St. Mary's: Greensborough.PPC@cam.org.au
- St. Thomas: email: StThomasPPC@cam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Please see Notice Boards in Gathering Spaces and on our websites.

SACRED HEART HALL HIRE: For all enquiries regarding cost and terms and conditions contact Alison Pieper on 0417571535 or Email: alisonpieper52@gmail.com

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

FIRST READING

Acts 15.1-2, 22-29

It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than what is essential.

Certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers,

“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.

Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter:

“The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth.

“For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials:

that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood and from what is strangled, and from fornication.

If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R.1a)

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **R.**
3. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21.10-14, 22-23

The angel showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal.

It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14.23

Alleluia Alleluia

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 14.23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

“You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”