



Sunday 16th February 2025

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

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo

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### ***Our Primary Schools***

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### ***Mass Timetable***

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	St. Thomas - 6:00pm, St. Mary's - 6:30pm, St. Peter's - 7:15pm ( <b>1st Saturday's Only</b> )
<b>Sunday:</b>	St. Mary's - 8:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm, Sacred Heart - 9:00am, St. Thomas - 10:30am
<b>Weekday:</b>	St. Mary's - 9:15am Tuesday to Friday. Sacred Heart - 9:15am Wednesday & Friday; St Thomas - 9:15am Tuesday & Thursday.

### ***Reconciliation***

<b>Sacred Heart</b> - Friday 9:45am-10:15am	<b>St. Thomas</b> - Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am	<b>St. Mary's</b> - Saturday 5:45pm - 6:15pm
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### ***Parish Office Hours***

<b>Sacred Heart:</b>	Tues 12:00pm - 3:00pm	Wed 9:45am to 1:30pm	Fri 12:30pm - 2:30pm
<b>St. Mary's:</b>	Tues 11:00am - 3:00pm	Wed 8:00am - 12:00pm	Thurs 9:00am - 4:00pm
<b>St. Thomas:</b>	Tues 8:00am - 11:30am	Wed 12:30pm - 4:00pm	Thurs 8:00am - 11:30am
<b>Sandy Starbuck:</b> 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;***  
***We are updating our sick list if you have permission to add someone can you please call or email the parish office.***

***We pray for the recently deceased including Anna Sowter and those whose Anniversaries occur at this time***  
***that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom;***

Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Judy Vincent, Mary Crothers, Ursula Morrissey, Joseph Mercieca, Fr Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginald Chircop, Sanico de Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin, Rosemary Schneider, Alfonso Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Vito Zuccula, Maria Strong, Pina Comito, Alice O'Neill, Frank Mobilia, Maria Desensi, Phyllis Henriques, Elinita Salvaticera, Andrew Colbeck, Josephine Coleman, Grace Dhakul, Slevestor Baretto, Leo Steger, Bill Smith, Cyril Cummins, Andrew Callinan, Livia Adrien, Keith Hitch, Arthur Cousins, May Milne, Carmen Taylor, Steven Rigo (Snr), Udo D'Lima, Frances Steger, Lynette Blume, Frank Woolcock, Sydney Pollard, Cyril Fernandes, Dulcie Anderson, Lourdes Garrovillas, Leigh Hewatt, Alex Friscic, Maryanne Lancefield, Lily Theresa, Norma Sinclair, Gisele Battour, Mary McNamara, William McAlister, Shane Walker, Adeline Armstrong, William Hains, Jack Oakley, Bert Hatherly, Maisie Schofield, Francis Baretto, Edna Baretto, Kathleen Callinan, Gretta Haynes, Max Emmins Sr. Kenny Powell, Leanne Lynch, Thomas Monagle, Lawrence Bunt, Vincenzo D'Amico, Salvatore Mellino, Mervyn Reid, Joseph Racz, Yoseph Cahyadi

## **WORSHIP, PRAYER & FAITH FORMATION**

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

- Ella, Henry, Sadie, Freya, Brianna, Riccardo, Alessandro, Christian, Matthew, Rocco, Finn, Layla, Jack, Daisy, Ruby, Ryder, Sage, Wren, Giselle, Micah and Charlotte.

**MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS ST MARY'S:** Monthly Memorial Mass is to be held at St. Mary's on the last Friday of each month at 9.15am. Followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space. All welcome.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025:** You are all welcome to join our local prayer service at the Diamond Creek Uniting Church in Wensley St, Diamond Creek, at 10:30am on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a small plate of food to share for Morning Tea.

**THE WAY PRAYER GROUP:** A Charismatic Mass with Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated on Thursday 20th February at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 251 Diamond Ck Rd, Nth Greensborough. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass and supper. All welcome. For further details, please contact Rose 0411 650 339 or Emilia 0418 120 902.

**SUNDAY MORNING CATECHETICS CLASS AT ST MARY'S:** Classes are commencing this Sunday the 9th of February for the children attending government schools from Year 3-secondary, who wish to complete their sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes are from 9.00am-9.45am.

Please call Geraldine for further information on 0438 148896.

**LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION AT SACRED HEART PARISH:** A small group will gather at Sacred Heart Church 7.00pm Mondays beginning March 3rd 2025. We will be giving special support to our RCIA Catechumen as she approaches Baptism this Easter. If you would like to come along please contact Mandy Robinson [mandytrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:mandytrobinson@gmail.com)

**SACRED HEART PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Your child is invited to the Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions on the 2ns & 4th Sunday of school term during the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart.

Our aim is to bring the Good News to the younger members of our community. This is for children from Prep to Grade 3. Volunteers (with WWCC) partake in a short lesson based on the readings of the day.

For more information contact: Jasna Bruce at [Brucejasna@gmail.com](mailto:Brucejasna@gmail.com)

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION SACRED HEART:** Sacramental Preparation for children in Grade Three and over, unable to attend a Catholic school, will begin in the Sacred Heart Church, at 25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek, on Monday February 10th February at 4.00pm. Enrolments are taken during this first class of the year. If an older child is not yet baptised, support is also available. For any more details contact Parish office: 9401 6361 or email: [diamondcreek@cam.org.au](mailto:diamondcreek@cam.org.au)

**CONSIDERING BAPTISM FOR AN OLDER CHILD (OVER EIGHT YEARS OLD)?** In February 2025 there will be a small group of families beginning preparation with their children. These sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons at 4.30pm, in the Sacred Heart church. For further information please contact any of the parish offices.

### **BISHOP TERRY CURTIN RETIES AS AUXILIARY BISHOP.**

On the 31st January 2025, Bishop Terence (Terry) Curtin retired as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, where he has served as Bishop for the Northern Region of the Archdiocese since 2014 and as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Mission. Over more than 50 years as a priest, Bishop Curtin has faithfully served the People of God in Melbourne in various capacities, including as a beloved parish priest, as an academic at Australian Catholic University and as Master of Catholic Theological College. He has also chaired the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and served as Conventual Chaplain *ad honorem* to the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of Malta.

Bishop Curtin's warmth, deep trust in God and willingness to meet people where they are have endeared him to many, including Melbourne's Italian community and the students he has taught and served throughout his years of ministry.

Reflecting on his retirement, Bishop Curtin recalled that when he was in the seminary, 'one of the priests once said to us, "Gentlemen, when your time comes, have the grace to go!" With the Vatican announcement last night, that time has now come.

'Although more than four years over the "official" retirement age, it has been a great joy and privilege to continue sharing these years with the people of Melbourne—and in particular the clergy and faithful of the Northern Region of the Archdiocese,' Bishop Curtin said.

'I offer my sincere thanks to all who have given their prayers and support throughout my ministry, and I wish to assure them of my own.'

[Bishop Terry Curtin retires as auxiliary bishop | Melbourne Catholic](#)



## NEWS & EVENTS

**EXTRAORDINARY SACRED HEART PPC MEETING:** Interested parishioners from Sacred Heart and St Peter's Communities are invited to come to a discussion on the future possibilities for St Peter's.

***The meeting will be held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in St Peter's Church.***

**JUBILEE 2025:** Jubilee 2025 is now properly underway, and local pilgrims hungry to know more about how to participate can find everything they need on a new '[2025 Jubilee—Pilgrims of Hope](#)' webpage on the Melbourne Catholic website.



Pope Francis proclaimed the Jubilee Year with the words of St Paul in his Letter to the Romans, *Spes Non Confundit*—‘Hope does not disappoint’. In the [papal bull](#) issued ahead of the Holy Year, he reminded us that hope lives in each of us, declaring that the Jubilee, however it's celebrated, is an opportunity to renew this hope.

“There is no shortage of Pilgrim Places in our Archdiocese to make our own local journeys of reconciliation and renewal.

‘Pilgrims of Hope’ is the Jubilee 2025 motto. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli says it is an opportunity for the faithful to make a metaphorical pilgrimage, with Jesus both the path to be travelled and the destination.

**BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP ST THOMAS:** You are invited to join us for our Parish lunch on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February in the Parish Meeting Room, starting at 12:30pm. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to bring some food for the lunch. For all others, it will be a donation of \$5. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and catching up on your news.

If you are able to join us this month, please contact Sue McMahon (0418173209) or [sueandkevinmcmahon@bigpond.com](mailto:sueandkevinmcmahon@bigpond.com) or Lilian Hobson on (0402823679) or [lilian.hobson@gmail.com](mailto:lilian.hobson@gmail.com)

**PRAYER SHAWL GROUP ST MARY'S:** "Our Prayer Shawl Group is 'back in action' in St Mary's Gathering Space on each Monday morning from 10am - 12pm.

We welcome anyone interested in knitting or crocheting, who would like to join us. We are a prayerful, warm, welcoming, joyful group of ladies, who dedicate this time, creating garments eg. Prayer Shawls/Rugs/Scarves for those in need of comfort & support during grief, sickness as well as for joyful occasions eg. those celebrating a newborn into the family.

We also support The Big Hug Group in our area, with garments for children aged from babies to 16 years.

If you are interested & would like to 'come & see' just pop-in to the Gathering Space on a Monday morning & you'll see us in action. Our ladies are happy to encourage anyone who would like to be shown how to begin learning how to knit or crotchet, & those who may like to resume this craft again. You'll experience the warmth, welcoming spirit of very special ladies, dedicated to the many needs in our parish family & beyond."

Contact: Maureen Leahy 0407 697517 or Anne Fleming 0409 234326.

**SENIOR MOMENTS SACRED HEART:** Wednesday 19th February, 12.00pm Parish Centre, lunch (BYO) and scrabble.

Wednesday 5th March, Diamond Creek Hotel , 12.00pm for lunch.

Wednesday 19th March, Parish Centre 12.00pm, lunch (BYO) and scrabble.



**LADIES AUXILARY ST MARY'S:** Keep the date free, Wednesday 19th March for our celebration of St. Patricks Day an event we have been enjoying for many years. More details to follow.

**LAMP GROUP ST MARY'S:** On behalf of the LAMP Group, you are invited to a talk given by **Sr Kerin Caldwell**, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm in the Gathering Space at St Mary's.

This talk will be a follow up to her successful talk to us last year on "Aging and Awakening God's Surprising Gifts". It will be of interest to all, regardless of whether or not you attended her first talk.

**Refreshments will be provided afterwards.**

## PARISH INFORMATION

Please send any bulletin contributions directly to [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) or [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) by 12 Noon 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](mailto:ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com)
- St. Mary's: [Greensborough.PPC@cam.org.au](mailto:Greensborough.PPC@cam.org.au)
- St. Thomas: email: [StThomasPPC@cam.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:alisonpieper52@gmail.com)

## Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year C

### FIRST READING

### Jeremiah 17.5-8

*Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals; blessed are those who trust in the Lord.*

Thus says the Lord:

"Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. This tree shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Psalm 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R. Ps 40.4)

*R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. **R.**
2. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. **R.**
3. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**

### SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.*

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Luke 6.23

**Alleluia Alleluia**

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

**Alleluia**

### GOSPEL

### Luke 5.1-11

*Peter, James and John left everything, and followed Jesus.*

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.