

St Bridget's Parish Greythorn - Parish Directory:

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Parish Priest:

Fr John Salvano

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Fr Toan Nguyen

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Priest in Residence:

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Mario Landini

Note: The Parish Office is closed during Stage 4 restrictions.

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Parish Pastoral Council:

President: Ric Canale

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Refugee Action Group:

Chair: Robert Stewart

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St Vincent De Paul Society

President: Anne Hartley

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Parish School:

Principal: Robyn Thomson

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Prayer Request: We pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love. We remember our deceased family and friends; and Patrick King and Daphne Nicholls recently deceased and John Conheady, Sybil Levick, Lorraine Mascini and Frank Sandy whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord.

Mass Changes: Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) stage 4 restrictions, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. Mass online will be broadcast each week from one of our affiliated churches in our pastoral cluster of St Bridget, St Bede, St Anne or St Joachim. On-Line Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au or www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au and follow the prompts, or for this weekend Mass is from St Anne's, use the following link to participate: https://youtu.be/yx_8G9HNqeM

Responsorial Psalm being used today is:

Response: If today hear his voice, harden not your heart.

1. Come, sing with joy to God, shout to our Saviour, our Rock. Enter God's presence filled with praise, enter with shouting and song.
2. God cradles the depths of the earth, holds fast mountain peaks. God shapes the ocean and owns it, formed the earth by hand.
3. Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our maker. This is our God, our shepherd; we are the flock led with care.



Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- Our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us unconditionally and support us through life.
- Our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life.
- And God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

Feast Days this week:

- ✓ Tuesday September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ✓ Saturday September 12 – Holy Name of Mary

Priests Retirement Fund: Father's Day is the traditional day when a special collection is held to support our retired priests who served spiritually us in the past. The Foundation's mission is to provide care to the retired clergy within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, due to either age or sickness. This includes, the provision of suitable accommodation and health care and medical out of pocket costs.

This year, the collection is held on line, to donate go to <https://www.cam1.org.au/foundation/Donate>

There are various ways that you can make a donation:

- by mail to P O Box 615, East Melbourne, Vic 8002 – download a form from the above web site,
- by email to foundation@cam.org.au – on line donation facility is available,
- by phone using Credit Card 03 9926 2472.

Articles of interest this week:

- Letter from our parish priest Fr John highlighting a few issues involving the parish.
- Media Statement On behalf of the Catholic Bishops in Victoria, on the release of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board Report of Operation January – June 2020*. Download a copy of the media statement from www.melbournecatholic.org.au – download button is at the bottom of the page. A compelling statement worth reading.
- Article by Fr Kevin McGovern on *Catholics and COVID-19 Vaccine Development*. Catholic ethics and the problem of an ethically compromised COVID-19 vaccine - read the full article at: <https://vox.divinity.edu.au/opinion/catholic-ethics-and-the-problem-of-an-ethically-compromised-covid-19-vaccine/>. An informative article offering an insight into vaccine development.

Webinar- Meditation and Aging: WCCM Australia, Victoria is holding a Community Day on Zoom on Saturday September 19th from 10 am – 3pm.

Topic: Meditation and Aging. Presenter: Susie Hii

For registration please contact chrmedvic@gmail.com to register. On registration, you will be given the zoom link. We suggest a donation of \$10. Payment may be made by:

- ✓ directly to our bank account at APMC Victoria. BSB: 013128 Account #256186646.

A shared lunch on Zoom is optional. You may wish to chat with others while you are having lunch. It is suggested that you prepare lunch before we begin our day. At lunch we will breakout into rooms of 6-8 people. You will also require pen and paper for the reflections associated with the presentations.

Stay Connected: Tune in with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by connecting to:

- ❖ Friday night Prayer and Chat – 5pm each Friday via zoom – connection details are sent on Thursday;
- ❖ Meditation Group – 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.
- ❖ Scripture Reflection – 11.00am each Sunday (whilst in lockdown) via zoom – contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.