

St Bridget's Parish Greythorn - Parish Directory:

48 Sweyn Street, Balwyn North 3104.

Parish Priest:

Fr John Salvano

Assistant Priest:

Fr Toan Nguyen

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Priest in Residence:

Fr Kevin Lenehan

Parish Secretary:

Mario Landini

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

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Sacramental Program:

Contact: Edgar D'Souza
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Child Safety Co-ordinator:

Anne Credlin

(Contact via Parish Office)

Parish Pastoral Council:

President: Ric Canale

Contact via parish office

Refugee Action Group:

Chair: Robert Stewart

Contact via Parish Office

St Vincent De Paul Society

President: Anne Hartley

Help Line 1800 305 330

Parish School:

Principal: Robyn Thomson

Contact : 9857 6394

**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by
appointment only.**

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 Olive Campbell. Ching Kwok, Patricia Wells and Norm Peters whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord.

Mass Changes: Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. Mass online will be broadcast each week from one of our affiliated churches 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.parihofstanneandstbede.org.au and follow the prompts, for this weekend Here is the link: https://youtu.be/GsbtMh_9Wko

Priests Retirement Fund: The appeal for the Priests Retirement Fund opened last weekend and is still accepting donations. The appeal is held to support our retired priests who served us in the past. Normally some funding is provided from the Sunday Presbytery Collection, however due to the restrictions little income has been received. To donate go to <https://www.cam1.org.au/foundation/Donate> or by phone on 03 9926 2472

Stay in touch Stay Connected: Tune in with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by connecting via zoom 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.

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 or further information please contact please contact chrmedvic@gmail.com. On registration, you will be given the zoom link. We suggest a donation of \$10. Payment details will be provided on registration.

Engaging Your Catholic Faith: Presented by Catholic Theological College, *Engaging Your Catholic Faith* is a series of 12 short sessions of 90 minutes, offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion. Delivered via Zoom, cost is \$20 per selected session, commencing on 14 September to 31 October. For further information and registration go to www.ctc.edu.au

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY - 13 SEPTEMBER.

St Bridget is committed to the wellbeing and safety of all children and vulnerable adults.

Under this year's theme of '**Putting children first**' all Australians are invited to look at how they can prioritise children in their lives and communities and to engage in National Child Protection Week – as individuals, and as part of families, organisations, communities and society.

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has been developing and implementing various Policies, Practices and Behavioural Guidelines to help parishes plan and deliver programs, activities and events involving children and young adults and meet their reporting obligations under the various Government Legislation. These guidelines seek to address situations that may place children and young people at any form of risk. The framework does not seek to restrict social interaction when we come together as parish community, but does seek to protect both the volunteer/parishioner and children and vulnerable adults.

At St Bridget's, promoting child and vulnerable adult safety in our parish community and fostering an understanding of the importance of child safety is our priority. St Bridget's has:

- *Implemented the Safeguarding Children and vulnerable People Policy (2020). A copy can be viewed on our parish website.*
- *Implemented a the Code of Conduct Safeguarding Children and vulnerable People, outlining conduct expected of employees, clergy, volunteers, contractors. Copy is displayed in the narthex*
- *Implemented a Parish Statement of Commitment – Copy is displayed in the narthex*
- *Established a Safeguarding Committee – (which meets monthly), to promote the importance of safety of children and vulnerable people, monitor compliance with policies, address concerns and ensure that a culture of child safety is embedded across our parish community.*

Our work in progress:

- *Complete a Parish Risk Assessment – now in progress*
- *Developing a set of guidelines/codes that children can read and understand – in progress*
- *Complete an Audit Self-Assessment of Compliance with the Child Safe Standards – a measure against 111 standards with reporting annually to the Archdiocese – now in progress.*
- *Code of Conduct Declaration Safeguarding Children and Young People – required to be completed by all volunteers engaged in the parish on an annual basis. This is a commitment by volunteers to uphold a duty of care, protection and support to all children and vulnerable adults. Documentation will be forwarded shortly to all parish volunteers for completion and return to the parish office.*
- *Developing training modules for all parish volunteers to undertake*

Working with Children Check (WWCC) and Police Checks (PC) for all Volunteers:

All volunteers and those in a ministry are required to maintain a current WWCC and in some cases a PC throughout their involvement in the parish.

Now is an ideal opportunity to check and renew your checks. Check the expiry date on your WWCC card. If you need to apply or renew a card, use the following link:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>

You are welcome to contact the parish office (when we open again) if you need assistance with the online application or renewal. Volunteer Checks are free. If you have a WWCC card and haven't provided details to the parish office please do so at greythorn@cam.org.au.

Police Checks are required for all volunteers handling money and anyone who may have a key to church property. PC's are only valid for three years. Check the date of your last check, and if expired please apply for a new one. Volunteer PC's are at a reduced rate, if you require reimbursement please forward your receipt to the Parish Office.

Feed back is welcome, please forward any comments to the Childsafe Committee via email to the Parish Office on greythorn@cam.org.au.