

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 19TH JUNE, 2016

### YEAR C

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 20th June

9.10am Mass

Rosary to resume on  
**5th Sept.**

#### TUESDAY 21st June

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 22nd June

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement  
Village

#### THURSDAY 23rd June

No Service

#### FRIDAY 24th June

10.00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 25th June

10am Reconciliation

6.30pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 26th June

8.30am; 10.30am &

5.00pm Mass

## Dear Parishioners,

### FINDING FAITH.....

"My parents come from different religious traditions. I was baptised into the Catholic Church and I have never, till recently, taken time to think about what that really means.

There was a time not long ago when I drifted so far from God that I wasn't sure I believed in the whole religion thing. My Dad is a very strong Catholic. He is a person I greatly admire, but however as much as my Dad tried to help or explain, it didn't work. This caused me to have a break in relationship with my Dad. I felt as though there was no point in going to church because it was useless for me.

I started spending a lot of time by myself, out of home. During all my time alone, although I didn't realise it at the time, I was still asking God for help in various things. And out of everything I asked for, somehow God's help was reaching me. At the time I didn't think it was God, but when you sit in deep thought you know that there is someone or some force watching over us.

I might not be strong with my religion, but that doesn't make me weak with my faith. I believe God loves us and wants us to be good. I believe that as long as we follow this and be the best person we can be, we are fulfilling God's purpose for us.

So don't doubt faith, try and find it first." **(A Teenager)**

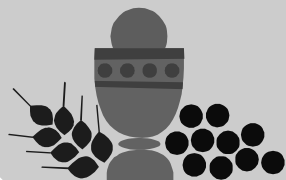
### CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Committee, it has been decided that we will change the Saturday 6.30pm Mass time to **6.00pm.**

With the onset of winter and its cold evenings we thought this new time slot would suit parishioners better.

***We will begin the Saturday 6.00pm Mass on the first weekend in July.***

*Fr Terry msc*





## A Vocation

### View:

*God forgives our sins  
through the  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation.  
Only priests can offer  
the sacrament.  
Pray for them and  
that more may join  
them.*

### Please remember the following in your prayers...

**Sick:** Mietta Ulaan, Kevin Bowman, Elaine O'Hea, Chris Leach, Anita Dyson, Dao Le, Patricia Carey, Kevin Patterson, Lidiya Arsovska, Leanne Lehmann, Patrick & Denise Wraight, Peter Babulo, Patricia Rutzou, Moira Healy, Maurice O'Hehir, Tony Hill, Jessie Pennetta, John Ormrod, Tony Finis

### Recently Dec'd:

Michael Phelan, Margaret Crossan (Neil's mother)

### Anniversaries:

Irene Heywood, Soledad Contreras

### Funeral Notice:

# Liturgy - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### Entrance Antiphon: cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### First Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6,8-9 Rv2

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

### Second Reading: Galatians 3:26-29

You who have been baptised have put on Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Luke 9:18-24

You are the Messiah sent by God. It is necessary for the Son of man to suffer much.

### Communion Antiphon: Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Baptism Candles, Gifts and Cards

Get Well Cards

Statues and Saints medallions

Sunday Missals @ \$29.95ea

Br. James New CD's available  
\$25.00ea

Friends of Same East Timor  
Ground Coffee @ \$7.50ea

Pocket sized hand carved  
New Zealand Crosses @ \$8.95ea

Melbourne Catholic Magazine  
@ \$4.00ea—Now Available

### THANKSGIVING STATEMENTS

Are now available in the Church Foyer.

Please take your envelope.



We warmly welcome the newly Baptised, to St Thomas' Community this weekend. Congratulations to **Elizabeth & Alexander Venus** May the grace of God be with you and your family always.



**SIXTEENTH YOUTH CLUB** – Please join us for Six2Eight. It will be held in the Church Narthex on **Friday 24th June from 6pm to 8pm. LAST ONE FOR THE TERM!!** Any newcomers most welcome.

**Enquiries: Navaz Rego on 0401 650 635 or Andrew Dyer on 0404 881 775**

**STARFISH PROJECT** – Meets at the Retirement Village, next meeting is **Saturday 16th July.**

**Enquiries: Maria Bardsley on 0403 354 584**  
**All newcomers most welcome.**

**CONFIRMATION**—On **Thursday 16th June**, a combination of St. Thomas' School and Catechetical children celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. We wish them God's blessing in their faith journey.

### CHURCH FLOWERS ROSTER .....

New volunteers are needed, no experience is necessary but help is available if required.

Please contact Marie on 9877-3452 or 0412 101 848

### REFUGEE WEEK JUNE 19TH-JUNE 26TH

#### 'With Courage Let Us All Combine'

Taken from the second verse of the national anthem, the theme encourages Australians to improve our nation's welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home.

**Monday June 20th is World Refugee Day.**

### A Prayer for Priests

God, grant them the joys of their vocation, health of mind, body and spirit; a strong faith and a light heart to do the Lord's work in this world; and the love and support of their friends, family and parishioners. Holy Spirit, guide them and give them grace. Amen

Last month our parish Social Justice Group donated \$500 from their funds to the **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)** which is managed by Sr. Brigid Arthur and her fellow Brigidines.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*We are not very good at 'denying ourselves' in our society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to set our own 'personal wants' aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.*

Anyone wanting **Spiritual Direction** can enquire at the Parish Office on Ph.: 9878 0818.

## St. Thomas' Social Scene What's On.....

**SPOT: PAINTING AND SKETCHING.....**Will not take place during June & July.



**CARDS NIGHT**  
On 7th July in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm  
All Welcome.



Contact for Cards-Don & Pat 9878 4790.

**ANNUAL WINTER LUNCHEON**

**WHERE:** Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Rd, Heatherdale

**WHEN:** 19th June, 2016

**TIME:** 12Noon

**COST:** Approx. \$28 Adults; \$20 Seniors

**\*\*Pay at Door on the day.**

**CONTACT:** Yvonne & Peter on 9877-3360

**ALL WELCOME**



**FIRST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON**  
The next First Friday Mass and Luncheon to be held will be on **Friday, 1st July at 12noon** in the Hall. Parking available in the School Grounds (due to School Holidays)  
Enquiries to: **Dympna 9877 3346,**  
**Wendy 9803 0451 & Evelyn 9877 5548**

**SCRABBLE NIGHT**  
On 7th July in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.  
All welcome.



Contact for Scrabble-Maureen 9884 4376

### ST VINCENT De PAUL— ANNUAL APPEAL

Conference members thank our Parishioners for the generous response to our Annual Appeal, which to date stands at \$4,400. Thanks also to the students and staff of our school for the gifts of food items at this time. This total usually grows as donations continue to come in.

**Gary Harkin**

**President St Vincent de Paul Blackburn**

### URGENT!!!!....THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS: ENVELOPE NO #373

The gentleman who dropped off a T/G Cash amount a couple of weeks ago around the 18th May at the Presbytery, can you please contact the Parish Office ASAP.



**MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART**  
cordially invites all parishioners to the **MASS OF THANKSGIVING** to celebrate the **Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination of Fr. PHILIP MALONE msc.**

**Date:** 17th July 2016

**Time:** 10.30am

Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall.

All Welcome.

**BR. JAMES MAHER msc - CD**

**"HIDDEN WITHIN THE WORLD"**

Br James' album is called "Hidden within the World. And is available at the **Piety Stall cost is \$25 each.**

**If you would like to hear some of his songs they are sung by the choir at the 5pm Mass.**

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 25TH & 26TH JUNE, 2016 YEAR C**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.30pm	Alastair Pinto	Margaret Easton	Kathleen Devine Gerald Gill John Philp	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN</b>	Lyn & Barry Dillon
8.30am	Joan Morgan	Therese Case	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Bride Schaefer		Maureen Munro
10.30am	Loreto Moore	Veronica Hawkins	Anne Marmion Mary Crossan Neil Crossan	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN</b>	Loreto Moore
5.00pm	Bernadette Salamone	Sam Salamone	Josie Defina	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN</b>	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader:**  
**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM  
DUE TO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Piety Stall: Team 3  
Money Counters: Team 5**

**ST.VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:**

Call Centre for assistance – 1300 305 330  
Weekdays 10am-3pm.

Ringwood Centre Ph. 9870 9124,  
Unit 1B/76-82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood.  
(cnr Murray Pl.)  
Furniture & White goods pickup-1800 621 349



**FIRST AID EQUIPMENT**

**Attention Parishioners: A New First  
Aid Kit is now available in the Church  
Kitchen in the Broom Cupboard.**

First Aid items (blankets etc.) which are  
provided by the Church are stored in a large  
plastic tub in the crying room (right sliding  
cupboard.)

**CATECHETICS CLASSES:**

Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.30pm (during School Terms)

**FIRST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON:**

First Friday of the month starts at 12noon.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

Sundays at 10.30am Mass. **During School Terms only.**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AFTERNOON/  
EVENINGS:**

**Tuesdays at 7.30pm** in the Quiet Room of the  
Church. Contact Phil Collins on 0410 668 140  
or email at chrmed3130@gmail.com

**New comers most welcome.**

**Monday afternoons at 4pm** at the Retirement  
Village Centre. Contact Geni Hunt on 9802 2078 or  
email: geni.hunt9@gmail.com

**ST. THOMAS' PLAYGROUP:**

Every Wednesday morning during the term, from  
9.00am-11.00am. Please bring along a piece of fruit. If  
you have any queries, please call our coordinator Julie  
O'Donnell on 0434 408 122 (**During School Terms**)



**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL—  
YEAR 5/6 CAMP**

In August, our Year 5 & 6 students will go  
on Camp to Canberra with some teaching  
staff. It is a compulsory part of school  
curriculum, but for a few families, the cost  
of \$650 is difficult to bear in these current  
difficult economic times. The St Thomas  
Parish community has been very generous  
in sponsoring in part or full, a child's Camp  
fee. If anyone in the Parish would like to  
support some of our families who might  
find the Camp cost's a little high, it would  
be greatly appreciated. Please make  
contact with either the school or Parish  
Office. **Thank you.**

**ROOM TO LET.....**A room is available for  
rent for a single person in Nunawading area.  
Enquiries to the Presbytery Office on  
9878-0818

**CATHOLIC VOCATIONS**

**ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

On **Saturday June 25th at 10.00am** at  
**St. Patrick's Cathedral**, the Archbishop will  
ordain Revv. Geoff McIlroy and Darien Sticklen to  
the priesthood for service in Melbourne.  
All welcome to attend and pray for these men.  
Profiles of the new priests are in the June edition  
of 'Melbourne Catholic' and also on the  
Vocations Office Facebook Page:  
Vocations Melbourne.