

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JUNE, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 27th June

9.10am Mass
Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 28th June

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 29th June

9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 30th June

No Service

FRIDAY 1st July

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 2nd July

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 3rd July

8.30am; 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

What a wonderful celebration we experienced last Thursday night! The Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Monsignor Greg Bennet, confirmed 55 young candidates from the school and parish. It was a very special occasion, attended by family and friends from near and far.

The children were very well prepared for this step in their faith by both parents and teachers. As first educators, we thank you, parents, for developing an understanding of faith in your child, and for your support of the Confirmation program. We also thank the sponsors whose encouragement and support will have an influence on the lives of the young people as they continue to grow in their faith. Special thanks to the teachers who conducted the program—Monique Curtis, Emma May, Jo Sirca, Simone Kowalski, Sean Kavanagh and Liz Bailey—the Level 6 teachers who have taught the students at St Thomas' and Caren Garlick and Esme Vander Weethurzen who taught the children from the parish attending other schools.

Thank you also to Peta Fulton for her role as Religious Education Leader in overseeing the program and all the details. Special thanks to Monsignor Greg Bennet for his time with the candidates in the week before the sacrament, and prior to the celebration of the Mass, as well as his affirmation of the important responsibility of the sponsor, and the support of the parents and family over the years in guiding their child towards this sacrament.

Thank you also to Fr Terry and Fr Frank for their time, guidance and support of the students, parents and staff throughout the program.

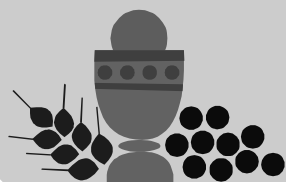
We also received wonderful support from many members of our Parish—thank you to the Musicians and Choir for their beautiful singing which added such a spiritual dimension to the celebration and to the Altar Servers and Powerpoint Operator. Thank you also to Annie Fazakerley in the School Office for her creativity in designing the certificates.

Thank you to all our other parishioners who assisted by beautifying the Church and preparing the Altar, those who attended, and those who have been praying for the candidates. I thank the staff for their support of the Level Six teachers through the program and their presence for the celebration of this special sacrament. I also thank all the students who created doves and flames, made cards and prayed for the candidates prior to their Confirmation.

Lastly, and most importantly, we offer our congratulations to all the young people who were confirmed. They showed a great maturity and readiness to take the next step in their sacramental lives, guided by and graced with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

May God continue to bless them always.

Angela Lacey (Principal)





A Vocation View:

Can you imagine Jesus, facing His fate in the Garden of Gethsemane, deciding, "No, I'll not go through with this?"

No, vocation means perseverance.

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, Tony Finis, Pauline Cutt

Recently Dec'd:

Fr. Brian Rosser msc
And Irene Wilkins

Anniversaries:

Ferninando Beltrami

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Kings 19:16,19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, o Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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



SIX2EIGHT YOUTH CLUB – Please join us for Six2Eight. It will be held in the Church Narthex on **Friday 15th July from 6pm to 8pm**. 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.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On Monday June 20th, World Refugee Day, Joan Morgan (Chair of Parish Council) and Ray Johnson (Chair of Parish Social Justice Group) hand delivered the signed copies of our Community's Letter asking for respect for the human dignity of people seeking Asylum and closing off-shore Detention Centres. It was well received by the four major political candidates in our area and further consideration was promised if they were elected.



FEAST OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE 2016

The Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle falls on Sunday July 3rd.

This year, the readings of the day for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time have precedence on this date. **A Parish/School Mass will be celebrated on**

Tuesday July 12th at 10.00am (during School Term) to remember our Patron Saint.

SHARING PARISH FACILITIES

As you are aware, we have a very active parish with different events being organised every day of the week. Because we share parish facilities, such as the car park, the hall, meeting rooms & the Church, it is important that people organising activities inform the Parish Office of timing and details of such events. Parish website (www.stthomastheapostle.org.au) has a comprehensive calendar. Please check this calendar first, make certain your proposed activity does not clash with another group's date, time or meeting place, then let the Parish Office (ph: 9878 0818) know your intentions. **Thank you for your kind assistance.**

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

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life". But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honour ourselves.

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.



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 is available in the School Grounds (due to School Holidays).

"Cruising Around" - Fay and John Uren will give an account on their time on the water.

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 \$6,800. 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

SCHOOL NEWS.....We congratulate Jason Micallef, the Deputy Principal at St Thomas' Primary School who has just been appointed Principal of St Mary's Primary School, Hastings, beginning in 2017.

We thank Jason for the significant contribution he has made at St Thomas' for the past three and a half years. We wish him well as he begins another stage in his career.

HOLY LAND TOUR IN LINE WITH FATIMA CENTENARY

2017. HelloWorld Forest Hill is proud to be a part of this Holy Centenary Celebrations. If a group of 15 is organised the 16th person can travel **FREE!!** More information on the Notice Board. Please contact Glory Britto on email: glory.foresthill@helloworld.com.au



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.

****For parishioners bringing a plate of food, a Catering Sheet is in the Narthex. Please record your food item for catering purposes.**

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.

THANKSGIVING STATEMENTS

Are now available in the Church Foyer. Please take your envelope.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 2ND & 3RD JULY, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.30pm	Philip Brooks	Kathleen Devine	Jacinta Gaffy Margaret Easton Tony Keane	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Yvonne Crowe	Peter Crowe	Dorothy Murray Faye Winter		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Verona Gridley Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN	Geoff & Pat Harrison
5.00pm	Susan Collins	Martina Tonti-Filippini		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 4
Money Counters: Team 6**

ST.VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Call Centre for assistance – 1800 305 330
New number—Free Call
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)**

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT PROCESS

There are changes to the Year 7 Enrolment process for 2019:

The enrolment process for 2019 Year Seven offers will begin in **Term 3 and Term 4 of Year Five in 2017.**

****Close of applications to colleges 25 August 2017**

****Offers posted 13 October 2017**

****Final date for families to accept offers 27 October 2017**

Please begin visiting secondary colleges now and follow up tours and Open Days as arranged by the secondary colleges. Secondary Colleges may open their enrolments at any time they choose, so it is best to contact those in which you are interested to ask when enrolments open. The dates listed above are when all colleges must close applications and offer places. It is advisable to be on time with all processes as there will definitely be other applications on the list which will begin to be offered should you miss the acceptance date.

Priority is given to the students enrolling who reside within a priority parish of the secondary college. It is your decision regarding how many colleges you lodge an application form (and pay an Enrolment Fee). However, you will only be offered one place at a secondary college, so it is best that you are clear about your **first preference** and enrol there. The registrars of the colleges meet to check the applications as their data can increase/decrease by applications lodged at more than one school.