

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD JULY, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 4th July

9.10am Mass

Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 5th July

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 6th July

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 7th July

No Service

FRIDAY 8th July

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 9th July

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 10th July

8.30am; 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY AND THE YEAR OF MERCY

“The Jubilee Year of Mercy is an opportunity to experience and importantly, encounter God’s Grace on many levels. By encountering God’s Mercy on an individual level we avail ourselves of the warmth and nourishment of God’s love.

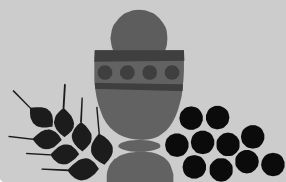
The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council believes that these blessings can be amplified and shared when we open our hearts to the concept of Mercy amongst our friends, loved ones, communities and most importantly, those of which we have previously found conflict.

The act of ‘black and white’ people praying together for mercy, forgiveness and justice is a powerful symbol of all that the Year of Mercy represents. By placing an emphasis on opening our hearts to God and seeking his everlasting forgiveness and strength to forgive, we allow ourselves to become unburdened by the weight that many of us have carried on our shoulders and in our hearts for generations.

May we be one in mind and heart with our Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander brothers and sisters?

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
The peace of God is not the absence of
fear. It, in fact, is His presence.*





A Vocation

View:

Jesus says: "The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the harvest-master to send workers to the harvest."

Pray for Vocations.

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, Tony Hill, Tony Finis, Damien Marmion

Recently Dec'd:
Joy Merritt

Anniversaries:
Michael Harrison,
Michele (Michael)
Inglese,
Incoronata Inglese

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Col 3:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Your peace will rest upon him.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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



SIXTEENTH 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.



We congratulate **Tania Louise Prior-Smith** who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation this weekend.

Also we congratulate **Harrison David Smith** and **Levi Ken Herbert** who will be Baptised into our

Parish Family this weekend.

May the grace of God be with you and your family always.

AN EVENING WITH MASSIMO FAGGIOLI ON "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FRANCIS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION TODAY" Please see Noticeboard in Foyer for further details.

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

As Catholics we are all called to serve in ministry. However, many of us are unsure how to use our talents and gifts to build God's Church. Talk to God and ask Him what He wants you to do. The next time one of your fellow parishioners asks you to help or join a committee, it may be the answer to your prayer.

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.

WATCH THIS SPACE.....

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



Contact for Scrabble-Maureen 9884 4376



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS—MISSIONARY SISTERS OF SERVICE

*Launch of *'The Silent Book'* by Bernadette Wallis mss, amazing story of Bernadette's deaf parents and the Irish-Australian sign language on 11th July from 6-7.30pm at Wheelers Hill Hotel & 14th July from 5.30-7pm at St Francis Pastoral Centre, City.

*Conference: **'Violence in the Name of Religion'**: 13-17 July

***'Crossing the bar; beyond taboo & shame'**: 13 August

FURTHER DETAILS ON NOTICEBOARD IN FOYER

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

EFFECTIVE FROM 2ND JULY—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.



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.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ANNUAL APPEAL

Conference members thank our Parishioners for the generous response to our annual appeal, which to date stands at \$7600. This total usually grows as donations continue to come in. Thanks also to the students and staff of our school for the gifts of food items at this time.

We sincerely thank Mary-Anne Measey and her dedicated team of parents and also our wonderful Year 6 Community Team for completing the sorting and repacking all the donated items for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Gary Harkin - President St Vincent de Paul Blackburn

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 9TH & 10TH JULY, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Chris Raisin	Gudran Muling Gerald Gill John Philp	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Joan Morgan	Fidelda D'Souza	Fidelda D'souza Bride Schaefer Maureen Munro		Ken Castanelli
10.30am	Rita Barnden	Khoi Nguyen	Barry McLellan Jim Gucciardo John Jennings	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN	Verna Hawkins
5.00pm	Marco Negro	Helen Newton	Josie De Fina	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF CAN	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 5
Money Counters: Team 7**

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. 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. **Please contact your school for further information.**

**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

*Time for a cuppa and a chat
after Mass.....*

