

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th JULY, 2016

YEAR C

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 11th July

9.10am Mass  
Rosary to resume on  
**5th Sept.**

#### TUESDAY 12th July

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 13th July

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

#### THURSDAY 14th July

No Service

#### FRIDAY 15th July

10.00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 16th July

10am Reconciliation  
**6.00pm Vigil Mass**

#### SUNDAY 17th July

8.30am; 10.30am (Fr Phil  
Malone 50th Anniversary  
& Luncheon) & 5.00pm  
Mass

## Dear Parishioners,

### BEATITUDES FOR CARERS....

The Good Samaritan was someone who cared.

Blessed are those who care, they will let people know they are loved.

Blessed are those who are gentle, they will help people grow as the sun helps the buds to unfold.

Blessed are those who listen, they will lighten many a burden.

Blessed are those who know how to let go, they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.

Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said, do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting and supportive presence they will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable.

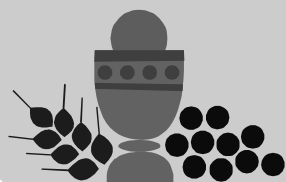
Blessed are those who recognize their own need to receive, they will be able to give all the better.

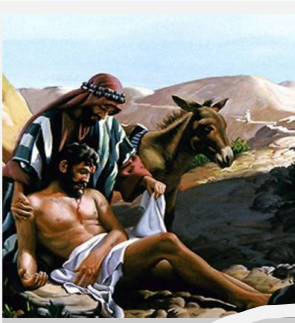
And blessed are those who give without hope of return, they will give people an experience of God.

Fr Terry msc

### *Thought of the Day.....*

*"If we could read the secret history of our enemies we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."*





## A Vocation

### View:

*Treating others with compassion is a mark of a follower of Jesus, whether known as The Good Samaritan, Mother, Priest, Sister, Deacon or Brother.*

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

**Sick:** Mietta Ulaan, Kevin Bowman, Elaine O'Hea, Chris Leach, 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 and Pauline Cutt.

**Recently Dec'd:**

### Anniversaries:

Gustav Catona, Gerardo Trinidad, Leonard Holland, D. Sam and John Ellerton.

### Funeral Notice:

# Liturgy - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### Entrance Antiphon: Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37.R.cf.v.33

**Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation.

### Gospel Acclamation: Jn 6:63,68

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?

### Communion Antiphon: Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, And the swallow a nest for her young; By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, For ever singing your praise.

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Baptism Candles, Gifts and Cards

New Compass @\$4 ea

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.**



We congratulate **Hugh Anderson** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend. *May the grace of God be with you and your family always.*

### 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. All Welcome to celebrate in the Mass.**

### 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](http://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.**

**ON THE 21ST JULY AT 7.30PM (THURS. NIGHT) THERE IS AN EVENING WITH MASSIMO FAGGIOLI ON "THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FRANCIS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION TODAY"**

Please see Noticeboard in Foyer for further details.

**CHANGE OF SATURDAY NIGHT MASS TIME 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**.

### 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

*"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"*

*This was Jesus' command at the end of the good Samaritan story. But did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbour, who may be someone you don't know, someone that looks different than you or someone you don't like, without expecting anything in return.*

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 4th August in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm  
All Welcome.



*WATCH THIS SPACE.....*

### BUS TRIP TO THE GRAMPIANS....

**Where:** 3 Days to the Grampians

**When:** Sept. 26, 27 & 28

**Cost:** Twin Share \$340

Single Supplement add \$90 extra



**SCRABBLE NIGHT**  
On 4th August in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.  
All welcome.



**Bookings:** By 31st July to Yvonne & Peter  
Ph: 9877 3360

Contact for Scrabble-Maureen 9884 4376

**Payment by 5th Sept. More details on Notice Board in Narthex.**

**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**



### BIBLE STUDY GROUP....

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on **Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery Meeting Room. All are welcome to join. **For further details please contact Quentin on (9877 5906) or any member of the BSG.**



**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. Among the 172 food hampers collected from our Primary School was an envelope containing \$2 and the note, "for the poor people". *Gary Harkin - President St Vincent de Paul Blackburn*

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 16TH & 17TH JULY, 2016 YEAR C**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alastair Pinto	Kim Anderson	Jacinta Gaffy Kathleen Devine Paul Muling	<b>SERVE IF YOU CAN</b>	Alan & Dymrna Lodge
8.30am	Phil Collins	Sr. Marg Burchell	Dorothy Murray Sr Marg Burchell	<b>SERVE IF YOU CAN</b>	Ray Johnson
10.30am	John Mahony	Geraldine Holland	Anne Marmion, Margaret O'Loughlin Patricia Northrop	<b>SERVE IF YOU CAN</b>	Margaret O'Loughlin
5.00pm	Angela Pillai	Jenny Simmons	Josie De Fina	<b>SERVE IF YOU CAN</b>	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader: Jenny**

**Piety Stall: Team 1**

**Money Counters: Team 1**

**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 School 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](mailto:glory.foresthill@helloworld.com.au)

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

