

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH JULY, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 25th July

9.10am Mass
Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 26th July

No Service

WEDNESDAY 27th July

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

THURSDAY 28th July

No Service

FRIDAY 29th July

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 30th July

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 31st July

8.30am; 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

I am more than happy to care for the front page of the Bulletin while Fr. Terry is taking his leave. Something different this week: The Our Father in Melanesian Pidgin. I was reminded to do this as I looked at the readings for the weekend. Fr. Sylvester will be interested in this too. Now Pidgin has to be read phonetically, therefore it's not too difficult. Hear it is:

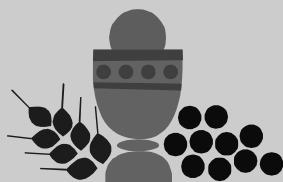
**Papa bilong mipela, yu stap long heven.
Mekim nem bilong you in kamap bikpela.
Mekim kingdom bilong yu I kam.
Strongim mipela long behainim laik bilong yu long graun,
olsem ol I bihainim long heven.**

**Givim mipela kaikai inap long tude.
Pogivim rong bilong mipela,
olsem mipela I pogivim ol arapela I mekim rong long mipela.
Sambai long mipela long taim bilong traim,
na rausim olgeta samting nogut long mipela. (Amen)**

It is just as well that God knows all languages and all expressions, so as he smiles at our efforts let's appreciate this offering from Papua New Guinea.

**Blessings,
Fr Frank msc**

*Thought of the Day.....
A winner is a dreamer
who never gives up.*





A Vocation View:

God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

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, Damien Marmion, Pauline Cutt, Koula Tsepelidis & Norma Parker

Recently Dec’d:
Tony Finis

Anniversaries:
Charles Kee, Letitia Liston, Joy Lewis, Joe & Marianna De Fina

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to this people.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3,6-8 Rv3

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation: Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 103:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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



SIXTEEN YOUTH CLUB – PJ’S & MOVIE NIGHT

To be held in the School Hall on **Friday 29th July from 6pm to 9pm** for Grade 1 and up. Dinner will be provided.

Contact Parish Office on 9878-0818 for all enquiries.

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 13th August**.

Enquiries: Maria Bardsley on 0403 354 584

All newcomers most welcome.

FORTHCOMING FEAST DAYS & LITURGIES ST. MARY OF THE CROSS

Monday August 8th—9.10am Mass Parish/School

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday August 15th—9.10am Parish/School & 7.00pm Mass

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 31ST-7TH AUGUST 2016

The theme for National Vocations Awareness Week this year is taken from the Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis—‘Stewards of Mercy’! In the Church you will see the poster provided for this week. Let us pray for more ‘Stewards of Mercy’ from our parish and local church.

CATHOLIC MISSION

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2016

Please note that this weekend—**23/24th July**—there will be a 3rd Collection at all masses after Communion. Envelopes available on the seats.

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

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

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 GRAMPPIANS....

Where: 3 Days to the Grampians

When: Sept. 26,27 & 28

Cost: Twin Share \$340

Single Supplement add \$90 extra



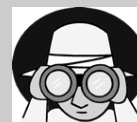
SCRABBLE NIGHT
On 4th August in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.
All welcome.



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

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

Contact for Scrabble-Maureen 9884 4376



FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

CATECHETIC FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES WELCOME MASS

Our Catechetic First Eucharist candidates and their families will be attending the mass on **Sunday 31st July at 5.00pm**.

At this mass, they will be introduced into our parish so come and meet them, make them feel welcome and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

BR JAME'S CD LAUNCH "HIDDEN WITHIN THE WORLD: SONGS OF HOPE, LOSS AND TRANSFORMATION"

To celebrate the completion of Br James' CD, a launch will be held on **Friday evening 2nd September 2016 at 7.30pm** at **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick, Sydney**.

SAVE THE DATE!!

HOMELESSNESS WEEK AUGUST 1—7 2016

"Homelessness Counts" is the theme for Homelessness Week 2016.

Through this Homelessness Australia is encouraging all to recognise that those experiencing homelessness are a valuable part of our society and must be supported!

Homelessness Week is also over the week before the Census night (August 9) and it is important those experiencing homelessness are adequately represented in Census data.

This data is important as it outlines the severity of the issue across Australia, and also is important in demonstrating the need for adequate funding to deal with homelessness and associated affordable housing issues.

Also, please think of the many SVdeP volunteers manning the soup-vans these cold winter nights.

"MARY THE REFUGEE"

Walking the Rosary in the Year of Mercy on **Sunday 14th August, at 3pm** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church 9 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham.

Please join together with the Church of Melbourne for this special Year of Mercy event. All are very welcome! See Flyer on Notice Board.

UPCOMING EVENT—MISSIONARY SISTERS OF SERVICE

***'Crossing the bar; beyond taboo & shame': 13 August**
FURTHER DETAILS ON NOTICEBOARD IN FOYER

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 30TH & 31ST JULY, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anthony O'Hea	Peter Watson	Tony Keaney Jan Gaffy Chris Wittick	Joshua Gall Avalee Scafidi	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Maureen Munro	John Uren	Bride Schaefer Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe		Krish
10.30am	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Yvonne Reidy Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	Max Perera Rebecca Ryan	Ray Johnson
5.00pm	YEAR 5 CLASS MASS	YEAR 5 CLASS MASS	Josie De Fina	Alex McGrath Katya McGrath Alessandra Negro	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Janette

Piety Stall: Team 3

Money Counters: Team 3

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 coordina-
tor Julie O'Donnell on 0434 408 122 (During School
Terms)

**THE EDUCATION BOARD OF ST. THOMAS
THE APOSTLE SCHOOL INVITATION TO
"SAFE AND SMART KIDS IN A DIGITAL
WORLD"**

St. Thomas' School warmly welcomes anyone
from the parish who would like to attend the
open discussion on parenting in a digital
world.

*It's to be held on Tuesday 26th July,
7.30-9.15pm in the School/Parish Hall.
Supper will be provided.*

****For further details please check
Noticeboard in Narthex.**

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Is celebrating the Feast Day of its Patron
St. Mary of The Cross MacKillop and invites all
to share in this celebration with a Mass at
**St. Clare's Parish Centre, 1 Killara St, Box Hill
North 3129 commencing 11am on St. Mary's
Feast Day, Monday 8th August 2016.**
*After Mass light refreshments in Community
Centre. RSVP & further info. - Peter Dempsey,
Nunawading Branch—9878-6829*

FOR SALE: A brand new walking frame
(\$80). Ph: 9878 2252 for enquiries.

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

