



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7TH AUGUST, 2016

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 8th August
9.10am **St Mary of the
Cross Mass** (incl. School)

Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 9th August
10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 10th August
9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 11th August
No Service

FRIDAY 12th August
10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 13th August
10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 14th August
8.30am; 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Something different this week. It dovetails in with our coming First Holy Communion that will take place in a couple of weeks' time. I hope you like this poem. It was written by a terminally ill young girl in an American Hospital a while ago.

SLOW DANCE

Have you ever
watched kids on a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain
Slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a
butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading
night?
You better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Do you run through each day
on the fly?
When you ask How are you?
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done
do you lie in your bed
with the next hundred chores
running through your head?
You'd better slow down
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Ever told your child, leave this world
due to cancer.

Or we'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch,
let a good friendship die
coz you never had time
To call and say, "Hi"

You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get
somewhere you miss half the fun of
getting there.
When you worry and hurry through
your day,
It is like an unopened gift.....
Thrown away.

Life is not a race.
Do take it slower
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

Blessings, Fr. Frank msc



*Thought of the Day.....
Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.*



A Vocation View:

Where is your treasure? There is your heart! Have you considered that God's will is your treasure for you? Come, follow Him!

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: Antonio Tolentino, Mary Cummins

Anniversaries: Doreen Gleeson, John Cheung, Vicki-Bridget and Bernard Lowden and Joan Abrey

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1,12,18-20,22 Rv12
Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**First Holy Communion
Cards, Rosaries, Bibles,
El Salvador Crosses and other gifts**

New Compass @\$4 ea

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 12th August from 6pm to 8pm.**

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.

NOTE: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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



BIBLE STUDY GROUP....

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on **Thursday 11th August at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery Meeting Room. We are going to spend some of the time looking at the meaning of the Assumption. If this interests you, please come along. **For further details please contact Quentin on (9877 5906) or any member of the BSG.**

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.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 31ST-7TH AUGUST 2016

In this Jubilee year of Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us of the need of our world for mercy. Let us pray that we will reflect the merciful love of the Father by our words, actions and prayers. Let us also pray that more young people will take up the challenge to be 'Stewards of Mercy' in the vocations of priesthood and consecrated life.

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 encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

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

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

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



Bookings: By 31st July to

Yvonne & Peter Ph: 9877 3360

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

CARDS NIGHT

**On 8th September in the
Parish Hall at 7.30pm**

All Welcome.

Contact for Cards-Don & Pat 9878 4790.



SCRABBLE NIGHT

**On 8th September in
the Parish Hall at
7.30pm. All welcome.**

Contact for Scrabble-
Maureen 9884 4376



FILM NIGHT: "LOVE & FRIENDSHIP"

**by Jane Austin (as described in the
Apostle)**

GREAT REVIEWS!!

On Friday 26th August at Pinewood Theatre

Cost \$8.50 incl. light supper...approx. 6.30pm

****Remember to put the FILM MONEY on
the 1st collection plate** as I will only be able

to be in attendance after the 8.30am and
10.30am Masses on **SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST** to
take bookings and/or money OR by contacting
Dorothy Murray on 9893-3341 or
0499 901 047.



CATHOLIC CARE CHURCH APPEAL 2016

There will be a Leaving Collection held after
Communion on the weekend of 13-14 August 2016.
White Envelopes will be available on the seats.

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.

DARWIN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTRE DISGRACE

This issue, sadly, goes beyond one correctional centre and its
personnel. It goes beyond the government of the NT. It is a
wake-up call to recognise the critical importance of integrity,
accountability and the battle to maintain basic decency and
genuine justice in our dealing with our fellow human beings.
These can never be taken for granted.

We all bear some responsibility to ensure that **ALL** our
children are provided a safe and secure environment to grow
in. At the very least we can pray for them and their families
and we can let the government know we are not happy that
this behaviour is occurring in our country.

Social Justice Group

A VERY BIG THANK YOU.....

To the kind and generous person who left
the large bag of stamps recently in the bin.
I am very grateful to you. **Sr. Marg**

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 13TH & 14TH AUGUST, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Chris Raisin	Gudran Muling Paul Muling Margaret Easton	Joshua Gall Katie Muling	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Marg Burchell	Geraldine Holland	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Maureen Munro		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Alan Mead	Kimi Vunivesilevu	Margaret O'Loughlin John Jennings Anne Marmion	Liviniia Thompson Chanel Thompson	Krish
5.00pm	Susan Collins	Martina Tonti-Filippini	Josie De Fina	Benito Negro Isabella Suafoa Ari Rego	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Martina

Piety Stall: Team 5

Money Counters: Team 5

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)

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*

**KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE
URGENTLY WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. Seeking a couple to assist the Priest in the community of **Balgo** & a couple to manage the **Warmun Retreat Centre** over the wet season.

Further details: A. Rohr 0415 526 142

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

**WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR
PARISH?**

Then log onto the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish website www.stthomastheapostle.org.au/ We have a very informative website of Upcoming Church Calendar events, daily scripture readings either read to you or for you to read.

Very user friendly with **one touch access** to many interesting sites.

Give it a go!! And let us know what you think.

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

