



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14TH AUGUST, 2016

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 15th August
**Feast of the Assumption
of Mary**

9.10am Mass (incl.School)
7.00pm Mass

Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 16th August
10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 17th August
9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 18th August
No Service

FRIDAY 19th August
10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 20th August
10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass
(incl. First Eucharist
Communicants)

SUNDAY 21st August
8.30am Mass
10.30am (incl. First
Eucharist Communicants)
& 5.00pm Mass
(incl. First Eucharist
Communicants)



Dear Parishioners,

SILENCE AND PEACE

There are two kinds of silence.
There is the silence of the graveyard.
Here silence speaks of one thing – death.
This silence tends to frighten and repel.

Then there is the silence of spring evening, not a leaf stirs.
Not a sound is heard except the music of the birds.
Yet all things are awake, all things are growing.
This silence is mysterious and enchanting.

So there are two kinds of peace.
There is the peace of the swamp;
things look normal on the surface,
but its depths are full of rotten things.
Peace that is based on injustice is like that.
It is a false peace and Christ came to disrupt it.

But then there is true peace –
a peace in which all of God's children
have their basic rights respected,
and are able to live in freedom and dignity.
This is the peace Christ came to bring.
But peace like this doesn't happen – it has to be made.
Sometimes the makers of it will be branded as troublemakers.
But Christ had another name for them.
He called them 'children of God.'

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry*

*We congratulate Fr. Terry as he celebrates his 28th Anniversary of
Priestly Ordination on Saturday August 13th.*

*Thought of the Day.....
Real generosity is doing something nice
for someone who will never find out.*



A Vocation View:

Jesus wants his followers to light a fire on the earth. His followers, as His fire, are bright, blazing, consuming, enlightening and warm.

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:
Fr. Peter Robinson msc

Anniversaries:
Pierina Bottaro

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4,18 Rv14 *Lord, come to my aid!*

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**First Holy Communion
Cards, Rosaries, Bibles,
El Savador 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**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Monday August 15th—9.10am Parish/School
& 7.00pm Mass**



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.

FIRST EUCHARIST—Children from St. Thomas’ School and the Catechetical group will be celebrating their First Communion on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st August.

Please keep them in your prayers

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.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 2016—THANK YOU.

Fr. Terry received a letter of thanks from **Melbourne Catholic Archbishop’s Charitable Fund** for the support and generosity by our parish community for the above appeal held 15th May 2016. They acknowledged St. Thomas’ parish contribution of \$362.00.

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

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

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 GRAMPIANS...

Where: 3 Days to the Grampians

When: Sept. 26,27 & 28

Cost: Twin Share \$340
Single Supplement add \$90 extra



Bookings: Yvonne & Peter

Ph: 9877 3360

To those who have booked, please pay by 5th September.

If paying by cheque, make payable to "Superb Tours".

Information or a late booking please call Yvonne & Peter.

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 at this weekend's masses of 13-14 August 2016. White Envelopes will be available on the seats.

MESSAGE FROM ST. THOMAS' SCHOOL.....

At the recent PPC Meeting held on 3rd August, the school's principal—Angela Lacey—gave a report detailing that the share of funds received from the Parish & School Combined Car Raffle was used on resources in the classrooms including new crucifixes.

EMMAUS COLLEGE—OPEN DAY

"At Emmaus we work in partnership with your family to develop outstanding young men and women."

Dates:

INFORMATION SESSION—Monday 29 August at 7.00pm

OPEN MORNING—Friday 2 September from 9.00-10.30am

OPEN DAY—Thursday 20 October from 1.30-6.30pm

Enquiries: registrar@emmaus.vic.edu.au

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

ARCHIVE GROUP: OLD FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS

Do you recognise any children/persons from the old Communion photos which have been placed on the Noticeboard in the Foyer.

Please help us by naming the year and the child's name beside the space provided.

Thank you.

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APOSTLE PARISH**
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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 20TH & 21ST AUGUST, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	FIRST EUCHARIST MASS	FIRST EUCHARIST MASS	John Philp Jan Gaffy Tony Keaney	Amelia Finis Avalee Scafidi	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Phillip Collins	Therese Case	Faye Winter Fidelma D'Souza Maureen Munro		Ken Castanelli
10.30am	FIRST EUCHARIST MASS	FIRST EUCHARIST MASS	Yvonne Reidy Barry McLellan Jim Gucciardo	Max Perera	Vicki Barnes
5.00pm	FIRST EUCHARIST MASS	FIRST EUCHARIST MASS	Josie De Fina	James Canoneo Isabella Dyer Charlotte Dyer	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY **Piety Stall: Team 1 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 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**)

REUNION: STELLA MARIS SEAFARERS' CENTRE

Calling past members & volunteers of the above centre. Reminisce with friends and get an update on current Centre operations.

Held: Sunday 21st August, 2016 at 2.00pm.

RSVP a must. Please call 9629-7494

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 [ww.stthomastheapostle.org.au/](http://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.....

