



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21ST AUGUST, 2016

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 22nd August

9.10am Mass
Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 23rd August

10am Mass (incl. Classes
1/2MB & 1/2DO)

WEDNESDAY 24th August

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

THURSDAY 25th August

No Service

FRIDAY 26th August

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 27th August

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 28th August

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

NOURISHMENT FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

"I have always believed in the Real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. I never thought to question whether that was true or not – it just was!

Once a month I bring the Eucharist to a long-term care facility. On this particular Sunday, I went to see Ted, one of the residents, last. As I entered the room, he greeted me but there was something different.

As we began the service, Ted's eyes never left my face. As I read the Gospel, I looked up and it was as if he could see into the depths of my being. As we held hands and said the Lord's Prayer, his eyes still on me, I felt a warmth go through me that I am unable to describe.

A little later as I elevated the host and began the words, 'This is the lamb of God,' it was as if he could see into my very heart. As he responded with, "Lord I am not worthy to receive you...," tears ran down my face, as I became aware of the privilege I had been granted. Beyond a doubt, I held the Body of Christ in my hands.

Ted died the very next day." (Margaret)

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry*

Thought of the Day.....

*Prayer may not change all things for you,
but it sure changes you for all things.*





A Vocation View:

*Whom the Lord loves,
He disciplines. The
best way to lead
others through the
narrow gate is to be
formed and
disciplined as a
leader. Then you
can go through the
narrow gate,
yourself.*

**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,
Moirra Healy, Tony Hill,
Damien Marmion, Pauline
Cutt, Koula Tsepelidis,
Norma Parker &
Martin Broad

Recently Dec'd:

Anniversaries:
Piri Catona

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116 R Mk 16:15

Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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 26th 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 10th September.**

**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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—BRIC A BRAC

Dear Parishioners, our Vinnies Centre at Ringwood is in need of **"Bric a Brac"** items to offer for sale. Such items could be jewellery, books, CDs, DVDs, vases, any kitchen items such as cutlery, crockery, bowls, pots and pans in good condition, but not electrical appliances.

These items could be left in the Church Narthex and we will deliver to the Ringwood Centre.

We thank you in anticipation of your help.

Gary Harkin—President Blackburn Conference

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

Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.

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...at 6.15pm.

****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.



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

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL—13TH & 14TH AUGUST.

We thank all parishioners for their generous giving last weekend for the above appeal. An amount of \$960 was collected.

AILEEN KELLY GRUNDY

Former parishioner and celebrated poet, Aileen Kelly (died 2011) was married to Prof. Paul Grundy (died 2012). They were well known for their active and enthusiastic participation in St Thomas' parish community and in the wider Catholic Church.

Academic, Joanne Lee Dow, is seeking people who were associated with Aileen Kelly's 'Thursday Mob' poetry group or were friends, neighbours, parishioners or writers and interested in her work. There is to be a book launch of Aileen's last book of poetry on **Wednesday 14th September, 2016 at 6.00pm at Melbourne University.**

Please contact Joanne on 9885-1203 or email jleedow@bigpond.net.au for further information.

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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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 27TH & 28TH AUGUST, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	John Mahony	Kathleen Devine	Margaret Easton Kathleen Devine Tony Keaney	Kieran Baxter Sophie Baxter	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Yvonne Crowe	Peter Crowe	Faye Winter Dorothy Murray	Peter T.	Maureen Munro
10.30am		Loreto Moore	Patricia Northrop Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	Isabelle Athey Isabella Spillane Krish	Verna Hawkins
5.00pm	Philip Collins	Patrick Crummy	Josie De Fina	Harry Evans Ashleigh Gear Harvey Hammerstein	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Monica

Piety Stall: Team 2 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 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.....*

