



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28TH AUGUST, 2016

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 29th August

9.10am Mass
Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 30th August

10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 31st August

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

THURSDAY 1st Sept.

No Service

FRIDAY 2nd Sept.

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 3rd Sept.

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 4th Sept.

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

THE INNER EYE

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end.

They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. Days, weeks and months passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall.

She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.' There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

'Today is a gift that is why it is called The Present'.

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry*





A Vocation View:

Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

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 & Martin Broad

Recently Dec'd: Thomas Gallagher, Maria Du Chateau, Kevin & Dorothy Walsh

Anniversaries:

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice: Tuesday 30th August at 1.00pm— Maria Du Chateau

Liturgy - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7,10-11 R cf. v11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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 9th September 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.

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.

NEED A HAIRCUT? OR A QUICK TRIM?

Please call Esme on 0421 132 356

Competitive Prices for Ladies/Gents/Children.

Able to come to you.



ST.THOMAS' SCHOOL PRODUCES A VERY INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK ON ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL

WEBSITE PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VIEW.

EMAIL :www.stblackburn.catholic.edu.au/

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

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return—a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

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.



WATCH THIS SPACE.....

SCRABBLE NIGHT

On 8th September in

the Parish Hall at

7.30pm. All welcome.

Contact for Scrabble-
Maureen 9884 4376



FIRST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

The next First Friday Mass and Luncheon will be on **Friday, 2nd September with Mass at 12noon** in the Church followed by a light luncheon in the Hall.

Entertainment— Individuals at the luncheon wishing to share interesting/special time in their life (by giving a 5 minute talk).

Enquiries to: **Dympna 9877 3346, Wendy 9803 0451 & Evelyn 9877 5548**

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

HOUSE & OFFICE CLEANING

Reliable honest lady for cleaning; available Monday to Saturday, excellent references supplied.

Contact Frances on 9894-7893 -Refer to Church Noticeboard

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 3RD & 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Margaret Easton	Jacinta Gaffy Gerald Gill	Khoi Amelia Finis Katie Muling	Ray Johnson
8.30am	Philip Brooks	Fidelda D'Souza	Fidelda D'Souza Peter Crowe Yvonne Crowe	Kimi	Krish
10.30am	Rita Barnden	Geraldine Holland	Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus Verona Gridley	Livinia Thompson Chanel Thompson	Yvonne Reidy
5.00pm	Jenny Simmons		Josie De Fina	Susan Collins Alex McGrath Katya McGrath Alessandro Negro	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Janette

Piety Stall: Team 3 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)

IMPACT 2016 YOUTH RETREAT

"Join us for two days of praise, worship, music and inspiring talks and messages from gifted messengers of God."

The above event is to be held on **17th & 18th September, 2016** from **10.00am to 6.00pm** at **Salesian College (Bosco Campus) Bosco St, Chadstone. Contact: Nicola 0410 423 350 or Andrew 0405 346 207**

**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 **Balگو** & 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.....*

