



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 5th September
9.10am Mass
Rosary to resume on
5th Sept.

TUESDAY 6th Sept.
10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 7th Sept.
9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 8th Sept.
No Service

FRIDAY 9th Sept.
10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 10th Sept.
10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 11th Sept.
8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

FATHER'S DAY

WHAT MAKES A DAD

"God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... Dad"

(Author Unknown)

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry msc*

Thought of the Day.....
It is a wise father that knows his own child.





A Vocation

View:

*Jesus says clearly,
“Anyone who does
not take up the cross
and follow me cannot
be my disciple.” You
and Jesus can carry
your cross together.
Then, you can follow!*

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:

Gerard Perera, Kevin & Dorothy Walsh, John Karadis, Pauline Delahunty

Anniversaries:

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118:137,124

You are just, O lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6,12-14,17 Rv1
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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.

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS—MELBOURNE ORDINATIONS

On **Saturday September 10th**, the Archbishop will ordain **Rev. Tao Pham** as a priest and **Marcus Goulding** and **Toan Nguyen** and **Anil Mascarenhas** as deacons for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Ordination Mass starts at **10.00am** at **St. Patrick’s Cathedral** and all are welcome. Please keep these men in your prayers, and pray that many others will follow them. Pray daily for vocations!

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

Fr. Tony Kerin, the parish priest of St. Francis Xavier Box Hill will be the next guest speaker at the Box Hill Chaplaincy. His topic **“END OF LIFE CHOICES”** at **BREAKFAST AT THE TUDOR, 1101 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill on Thursday 15th September from 7.00am to 8.45am. Cost: \$30 (Concession \$25)**
Reservations: Barrie Paul 9877 1971 or email: paulmeb@gmail.com
More details on flyer in the Foyer of the Church.

**STANDING IN SOLIDARITY
CIRCLE OF SILENCE—#BRING THEM HERE**

Standing in Solidarity is a National Day of Prayer & Action for Catholic Schools during *National Child Protection Week* (September 4-10) to project a united Catholic voice expressing solidarity for people seeking asylum in Australia. To launch this week of prayer and action a special launch was held on Friday September 2nd at Birrarung Marr where Catholic Schools participated in a Circle of Silence for 30 minutes to recognise the injustice faced by people seeking asylum. They also called upon the government to show compassion and #BRING THEM HERE.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33
When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His disciples.

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 6th October in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
All Welcome.
 Contact for Cards-Don & Pat 9878 4790.



WATCH THIS SPACE.....

SCRABBLE NIGHT

On 6th October in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.
All welcome.
 Contact for Scrabble- Maureen 9884 4376



ARCHIVE GROUP

A very big thank you to all parishioners for your response in assisting with the old First Communion Photos and also, for the contribution made to the recent addition to general archives.

Maureen Munro 9884-4376 and Maria Bardsley 8802-8699



BIBLE STUDY GROUP....

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on **Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery Meeting Room. Following the last meeting’s look at the Assumption, as well as looking at the readings for the following Sunday, we are going to have a look at the Immaculate Conception.

For further details please contact Quentin on (9877 5906) or any member of the BSG.

We congratulate **Jamie & Lucas Radford, Harrison Drain and Harvey Mitchell** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.



May the grace of God be with you and your family always.

ST. THOMAS’ SPRING FAIR—SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 2016

Is an event not to be missed, this is an opportunity for the community to come together to have fun and support a cause they are passionate about.

Once again the Fair includes delicious cuisine, live music, rides, activities, competitions and the very popular Cake Stall. We know many people look forward to the day to catch up with friends and see what a wonderful community we have.

The Fair will run from 12 noon to 6.00pm. Why not enjoy the activities and then have a bite to eat before heading to the 6.00pm Mass - a great day at St. Thomas’!

HELP REQUIRED.....

It is a tradition for our Devonshire Tea Stall and Cake Stall that we require parishioners to assist in providing Scones (12 dozens in total) and Cakes. Sign-Up Sheets will be placed in the Church Foyer in weeks leading up to the day.

Also this year, we are requesting for volunteers who are able to help out on a stall - a Sign-Up Sheet will be placed in the Church Foyer closer to the time.

Donation of items are appreciated from all—a list of what is needed is on display in the Church Foyer (**Note: No items to be left at the Parish Office or Church**), please help out!!

THIS IS A WHOLE SCHOOL AND PARISH EVENT AND YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

The Fete Committee

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 10TH & 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Max Wittick	Chris Wittick	Gudran Muling John Philp Jan Gaffy	Joshua Gall Avalee Scafidi	Lorriane Rodgers
8.30am	Marg Burchell	Therese Case	Faye Winter Maureen Munro Marg Burchell	Peter T	Pat & Eileen Daniher
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Jim Gucciardo John Jennings Anne Marmion	Max Perera Rebecca Ryan	Lynne Shaw
5.00pm	Peta Fulton		Josie De Fina	Joseph Negro Noah Paswinder Ari Rego	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Elinor

Piety Stall: Team 4 Money Counters: Team 2

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.....*

