



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 12th Sept.

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 13th Sept.

10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 14th Sept.

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

THURSDAY 15th Sept.

No Service

FRIDAY 16th Sept.

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 17th Sept.

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 18th Sept.

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY

A PRAYER FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES, SAFER CHILDREN

"Gracious God you said let the children come to me. The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you God to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe. Amen "

(National Committee for Professional Standards)

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry msc*

Thought of the Day.....

Take time to laugh for it is the music of the soul.





A Vocation

View:

We are like the lost sheep when we have not found our place in life. Are you part of the herd, lost from the herd, or a leader of the herd?

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Patricia Duffy, 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, Joseph Jenkins and Anthony Warwick Johnston

Anniversaries:

Ted & Antoinette Long, Cecilia Contreras, Natividad Pato, Ursula Clifford, William Lennon and Christopher Kernan

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: cf. Eccles 36:18

Give peace, O lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-13,17,19 R Lk 15:18 *I will rise and go to my father.*

Second Reading: Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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**



SIXTEENTH YOUTH CLUB –

Please join us for Sixteen. 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.

We congratulate **Levi Mitchell** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

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



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.

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.

**LOST PROPERTY LOCATED BY NOTICE BOARD.
PLEASE CHECK IF ANY ITEMS BELONG TO YOU.**

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

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our back on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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

BUS TRIP TO THE GRAMPAINS...

Where: 3 Days to the Grampians

When: Sept. 26,27 & 28

Thank you for your prompt payment.

Bus leaves **St. Thomas' Village** at **7.15am** and **Central Road** at **7.30pm**.

See you on the bus.

Information/Enquiries: Yvonne & Peter

Ph: 9877 3360/0400 082 694



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



CATHOLIC FOR RENEWAL INC.

Archbishop Denis Hart was required by canon law to offer his resignation as bishop on turning 75 in April this year, to enable the appointment of a new archbishop by Pope Francis in due course. *Catholics for Renewal* has established a simple on-line survey for the faithful to assist the Apostolic Nuncio in identifying the primary needs of the archdiocese and the personal qualities of the next archbishop. The survey may be accessed from 10 September 2016 at: catholicsforrenewal.org.au

ARCHIVE GROUP

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

Maureen Munro 9884-4376 and

Maria Bardsley 8802-8699

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 17TH & 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2016 YEAR C

| Mass | Commentators | Lectors | Special Ministers | Altar Servers | Welcoming Committee |
|---------|----------------|----------------|---|---------------|---------------------|
| 6.00pm | Barry McLellan | Khoi Nguyen | John Philp Margaret Easton Jacinta Gaffy | Krish | Alan & Dymrna Lodge |
| 8.30am | Maureen Munro | Philip Collins | Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Faye Winter | | Ken Castanelli |
| 10.30am | Anna Bailey | Quentin Bailey | Barry McLellan Yvonne Reidy Margaret O'Loughlin | Alan Mead | Marg. O'Loughlin |
| 5.00pm | Rita White | Thomas White | Josie De Fina | Susan Collins | |

Children's Liturgy: Leader:

Piety Stall: Team 5 Money Counters: Team 3

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

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLEVER ANNUAL MISSION FAIR

To be held on **Saturday 8 October** from **9.00am-3.00pm at 154 Cotham Rd, Kew.**

Proceeds will assist a project initiated by Sr. Amelia, Yendi, Ghana to enable women acquire various skills such as sewing, bread-making and soap-making.

The eventual aim is to help them to set up a co-operative and generate income.

Enquiries: ph: 9817-3715

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.....

