



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 19th Sept.

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 20th Sept.

10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 21st Sept.

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

THURSDAY 22nd Sept.

No Service

FRIDAY 23rd Sept.

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 24th Sept.

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 25th Sept.**Social Justice Sunday**

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Tuesday 27th Sept

**Feast Day of St. Vincent
de Paul**

Dear Parishioners,

PRAYER FOR THE LOST LAMBS

"Lord Jesus we pray for all the sheep that are lost but our hearts go out especially to the lost lambs.

Have mercy on the human wolves who steal, exploit, and sometimes kill the lambs of the Father's flock; help them to see the horror of what they are doing.

Comfort the grieving parents who in many cases don't even have the consolation of a burial service.

In your merciful love grant that those lambs, though lost here, may be found hereafter.

Watch over those who are still straying here below.

Guide them along paths that are safe.

Send shepherds to look for them.

And open the eyes of society so that we may cease to regard property as more important than people.

Amen."

(Flor McCarthy S.D.B)

Blessings,

Fr. Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

God never asks if we can; He asks if we will.





Liturgy - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2,4-8 Rf vv. 1, 7
Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; He wants all people to be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

A Vocation

View:

Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others?

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:
Natividad Pato,
Yolanda O'Rose

Anniversaries:
Jack Harrison

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

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 7th October 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 8th October.**

Enquiries: Maria Bardsley on 0403 354 584

All newcomers most welcome.



PRAYER FOR YEAR OF MERCY

Merciful Father,

Your love and compassion is enduring. You call us to show this love and forgiveness to all whom we meet.

Through Jesus, our Saviour, you have shown how we are to do this by loving our neighbour and treating all with kindness and compassion.

We pray today that your abundant love be ever present in our lives. We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—BOOKS FOR THE SPRINGTIME FAIR (FETE)

Parishioners, we would be glad to accept paperbacks and other books for sale at our fair, **but please—NO computer, accountancy or school books.** We will accept books up to the day of the Fete and they could be left in the Church Narthex. If books need to be collected please ring either of the following phone numbers: 9802-6809 or 9878-5010.

Gary Harkin—President Blackburn Conference

“PARLIAMENT RIGHT TO DITCH CUTS TO BENEFITS FOR POOR AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES”.....

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has said that plans to place the burden of budget repair on those who can least afford it, were wrong morally and economically. Cutting payments to the most vulnerable families and individuals in our community when their payments are already inadequate to meet their living costs, was a very concerning initiative. “That is why we are speaking out against cutting welfare payments in order to repair the budget—not in order to push an ideological line, but to give a voice to the voiceless and make sure their circumstances are understood and considered,” said the Australian Catholic Bishop Conference. Parish Social Justice Group

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

ST THOMAS' SCHOOL/PARISH SPRINGTIME FAIR RAFFLE PLEASE COLLECT YOUR FETE RAFFLE BOOKS IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH TO SAVE ON POSTAGE!!

Thank you Fete committee

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.

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

THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY by Mr. John Canavan

John is an international speaker on the message of Divine Mercy. He will speak in our Parish Hall on **Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm** and will give his personal, humorous and inspiring witness on how the Mercy of God touched his heart as an R-rated comedian and a non-believer, and changed his life dramatically.

He will detail that now is the **"time for mercy"** and why Pope Francis has declared this year the **'Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy'**.

The talk will last one hour—put the date in your diary **NOW** and experience an evening where laughter and mercy meet. Please do come!

Contact: Wal Stevens 9802-6809

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 dozen 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 stalls - 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 24th & 25th SEPTEMBER, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alastair Pinto	Margaret Easton	Gudran Muling Paul Muling Jan Gaffy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Bride Schaefer	Dorothy Murray Bride Schaefer		Anita Grady
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Patricia Northrop Owen Shaw Lynne Shaw	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP	Peter Dempsey
5.00pm	Helen Newton	Peter Newton	Josie De Fina	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP	

Children's Liturgy: Leader:
NO LITURGY DUE TO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Piety Stall: Team 1 Money Counters: Team 4

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 CLAVER 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.....

