



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 2ND OCTOBER, 2016

### YEAR C

#### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

##### MONDAY 3rd October

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

##### TUESDAY 4th October

10am Mass (incl. School  
Classes 5/6CK & 5/6LS)

##### WEDNESDAY 5th Oct.

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

##### THURSDAY 6th October

No Service

##### FRIDAY 7th October

12Noon 1st Friday Mass  
& Luncheon

##### SATURDAY 8th October

10am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

##### SUNDAY 9th October

8.30am, 10.30am &  
5.00pm Mass (incl. School  
Classes 1/2RK & 1/2GJ)

## Dear Parishioners,

### SOCIAL JUSTICE IN AN AGEING SOCIETY

"Just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly. This represents a challenge to families and communities, since the Church does not want to conform to a mentality of impatience, and much less of indifference and contempt, towards old age.

We must reawaken the collective sense of gratitude of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elderly feel like a living part of the community.

Our elderly are men and women, fathers and mothers, who came before us on our own road, in our own house, in our daily battle for a worthy life.

Indeed, how I would like a Church that challenges the throw-away culture by the overflowing joy of a new embrace between young and old." **(Pope Francis)**

*Blessings,  
Fr. Terry msc*

*Thought of the Day.....  
God loves each of us as if there were  
only one of us.*





## A Vocation

### View:

*Oh, that today you  
would hear His voice!*

*Listening brings  
faith; faith brings  
hope. Hope brings  
trust; trust brings  
courage to follow the  
Lord.*

**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, Patrick & Denise Wraight, Peter Babulo, Patricia Rutzou, Moira Healy, Tony Hill, Damien Marmion, Pauline Cutt, Koula Tsepelidis, Norma Parker & Martin Broad

**Recently Dec'd:**  
Neil Vogt

**Anniversaries:**  
Noel Allen, Santa Cotela and Christopher Byrne.

**Special Intentions:**

**Funeral Notice:**

# Liturgy - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### Entrance Antiphon: cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2,6-9 R v.8

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

### Second Reading: Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation: 1 Pet 1:25

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith!

### Communion Antiphon: Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**Religious 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**



### 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**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT.....

If the main reason any government wants to encourage people to stay in employment longer is to reduce payment of pensions and benefits and **“preserve the economy, there is a risk that we value people only for their contribution to the economy and regard the elderly in purely utilitarian terms.”**

Pope Francis has warned of how individuals, families and communities suffer when money displaces the human person as the focus of the economy.

**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

*Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?*

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

### FIRST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

The next First Friday Mass and Luncheon will be on **Friday, 7th October with Mass at 12noon** in the Church followed by a light luncheon in the Hall. We will be entertained by talented Sam (Samantha) Lo on the Harp.

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



### CARDS NIGHT

**On 6th October in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm All Welcome.**

Contact for Cards-Don & Pat 9878 4790



### SCRABBLE NIGHT

**On 6th October in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

Contact for Scrabble-

Maureen 9884 4376



### NOW TAKING BOOKINGS... PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Will be held on Friday 2nd

December 11.30am Mass followed by a catered 3 course lunch in the Hall and musical entertainment. Tickets on sale at \$26 per Person. **Call Evelyn on 9877 5548 to book.**



**SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY**

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS THIS WEEKEND!!!

Remember to put your clocks forward **one hour** this Saturday night (1st Oct.) as daylight savings begins from

**Sunday 2nd October.**

### 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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**Starfish: Maria Bardsley**  
 0403 354 584



**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 8TH & 9TH OCTOBER, 2016 YEAR C**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anthony O'Hea	Peter Watson	Margaret Easton Kathleen Devine Tony Keaney	Avalee Scafidi Katie Mulinin	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	John Uren	Joan Morgan	Dorothy Murray Faye Winter	Khoi	Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Alan Mead	Owen Shaw	Patricia Northrop Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	Krish Livinia Thompson Chanel Thomspson Audrey Brodrick	Geoff & Pat Harrison
5.00pm	<b>SCHOOL MASS (1/2RK &amp; 1/2GJ)</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS (1/2RK &amp; 1/2GJ)</b>	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Harry Evans Ashleigh Gear Declan Bardsley	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 3 Money Counters: Team 6**

**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)

**THE OFFICE OF LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY of the CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE AND WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

**'The 5 Love Languages-the secret to love that lasts'- Enrichment Seminar (Married Couples)**

To be held on Sunday 16th October, 2016 from 9.00am-5.00pm at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. Cost: \$35 per couple

**Contacts:**  
**Info & booking: [www.trybooking.com/MDZU](http://www.trybooking.com/MDZU)**  
**Program: Maria & Andre Rasquinha M:0411 225 992**  
**Booking Enquiry: The Office of Life, Marriage & Family Ph: (03)9287 5587**

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2016**

\*Study options, Library & Building tour, Refreshments  
 \*Two programs: 4pm-6pm or 6pm-8pm  
 \*Bookings essential  
 RSVP: Jenny Delahunt by Friday 28th Oct.  
 Phone: 9412-3314 or  
 Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au  
 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, 3002

**WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH?**

**Then log onto the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish website [www.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.....*

