

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH OCTOBER, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 10th October

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 11th October

10am Mass (incl. School
Classes 5/6EM & 5/6LB)

WEDNESDAY 12th Oct.

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

THURSDAY 13th October

No Service

FRIDAY 14th October

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 15th October

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 16th October

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

GRATITUDE

Thank you, Lord, that I can see;
so many are blind.

Thank you, Lord, that I can hear;
so many are deaf.

Thank you, Lord, that I can walk;
so many are crippled.

Thank you, Lord, that I have food;
so many are hungry.

Thank you, Lord, that I have shelter;
so many are homeless.

Thank you, Lord, for the touch of a friendly hand;
so many are lonely.

Thank you, Lord, for sharing your cross with me;
It helps me to grow and discover who I am.

Thank you, Lord, for all your blessings;
so many deserve them better than I do.

Help me always to be grateful.

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry msc*

Thought of the Day.....

*God's work done in God's way will never lack
God's supplies.*





A Vocation View:

If faith can move mountains, it can remove hardness of heart. Faith does move mountains, so faith does remove hardness of heart.

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:

Anniversaries:
Hiran Johnpillai

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading: Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4 R cf v2

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
Because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

Communion Antiphon: cf Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
But those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**Religious 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 21st 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 22nd 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

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

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!!

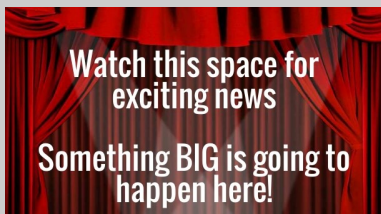
Thank you Fete committee

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Most of us live "easy" lives.
We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two.
Most of us take this all for granted.
Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.*

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



CARDS NIGHT
On 3rd November in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
All Welcome.

Contact for Cards-Don & Pat 9878 4790



SCRABBLE NIGHT
On 3rd November 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.**



WORLD COMMUNITY DAY on behalf of **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (VICTORIAN UNIT)**
An Ecumenical Service will be held at **St. Thomas' Church (57 Central Rd)** on **Friday 28th October** at **11.00am (followed by a light lunch).**

The theme of this service is **"SEEDS OF AFFINITY"**..... a group started in 2006 which works to challenge the stigma faced by women leaving prison by supporting women and their children during the difficult transition from prison. **Seeds of Affinity** raises funds for day-to-day expenses by producing a range of natural health and beauty products, as well as supporting development projects in Asia for women.

There will be a Collection during the service.

We congratulate **Cameron & Joshua Healy** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

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



EMMAUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY

A tour and information session will be held on **Thursday 20th October, 2016** from 1.30pm-6.30pm.
Please visit the school website: www.emmaus.vic.edu.au to register online.

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 this weekend up until 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 15TH & 16TH OCTOBER, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Barry McLellan	Kim Anderson	Jacinta Gaffy Gerald Gill Bride Schaefer	Joshau Gall Amelia Finis	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Phillip Collins	Marg Burchell	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Faye Winter	Kimi	Ken Castanelli
10.30am	Alan Mead	Kimi Vunivesilevu	Jim Gucciardo John Jennings Anne Marmion	Alan Mead Max Perera Isabella Spillane	Krish
5.00pm	Susan Collins	Patrick Crummy	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Susan Collins James Canoneo Noah Fernandes Alessandra Negro	

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

Piety Stall: Team 4 Money Counters: Team 7

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 coordina-
tor 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
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/
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.....*

