

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH OCTOBER, 2016

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MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 17th October

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 18th October

10am Mass
(Prep Class)

WEDNESDAY 19th Oct.

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

THURSDAY 20th October

No Service

FRIDAY 21st October

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 22nd October

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 23rd October

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

PRAYER

I am neither a man of letters nor of science,
but I humbly claim to be a man of prayer.

It is prayer that has saved my life.

Without it I would have lost my reason long ago.

If I did not lose my peace of soul,

in the midst of my many trials,

it is because of the peace

that came to me through prayer.

One can live several days without food,

but not without prayer.

Prayer is the key to each morning,

and the lock to each evening.

It is a sacred alliance between God and us.

Let everyone try this experience, and they will find

that daily prayer will add something new to their lives,

something which cannot be found elsewhere.

(Mahatma Gandhi)

NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL...

It is with great pleasure that I announce that a new Deputy Principal has been appointed for St Thomas the Apostle School. Her name is **Michelle Worcester**. At present she is a teacher at Holy Spirit Community School in North Ringwood. We look forward to welcoming her at the beginning of the school year in 2017.

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry msc*

Thought of the Day.....

*Start from a place of love and everything you do
will be a blessing and be blessed.*





A Vocation

View:

Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you His will. But, be ready to do it!

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 & Jane Aley

Recently Dec'd:
John Coleman

Anniversaries:
Margaret Carroll

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me,

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120. R cf v 2

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: Timothy 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

Gospel Acclamation: Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; It probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Communion Antiphon: cf Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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 12th November.**

Enquiries: Maria Bardsley on 0403 354 584

All newcomers most welcome.

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

ARCHIVES—OLD PHOTOS, CALENDARS & MEMORABILIA

Have you any St. Thomas' Parish/School Archival Materials such as the abovementioned? If so, please hand them into the Parish or School offices with as much information and detail especially dates and names. We are making provision for contributions in digital form as well. If you have an interest in our Parish history, we would welcome any new members to our group. Thanks for your support.

Archive Committee: Hugh McCaig; Fay Uren; Maureen Munro (9884 4376) & Maria Bardsley (8802 8699)

BILLETING (DEACONATE CELEBRATION)

On Saturday 26th November next three of our MSC students, Krish; Kimi and Peter will be ordained deacons here in the Parish. Many family members are expected to attend. We MSC are short of accommodation and need to have the option of offering a bed to these visitors. They could be family of our men or other MSC's from around Australia or even overseas, eg. PNG. If you can offer assistance in this area we will be most grateful. You may contact myself at the Parish Office on 9878-0818 or 0427 26 157. *Thanks in advance. Fr. Frank msc*

A Prayer for Priests

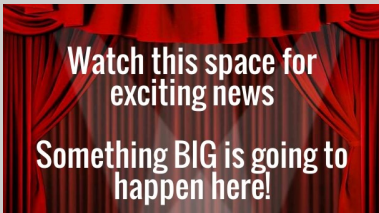
God, grant them the joys of their vocation, health of mind, body and spirit; a strong faith and a light heart to do the Lord's work in this world; and the love and support of their friends, family and parishioners. Holy Spirit, guide them and give them grace. Amen

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

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



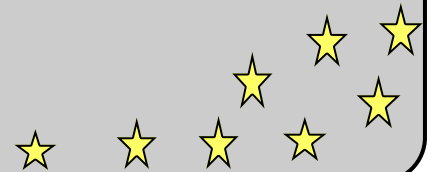
SCRABBLE NIGHT
On 3rd November in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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.



Don't FORGET! ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mango Drive.....

Back by popular demand!! Get your orders in by **30th October**. Use the enclosed order form. Pay by EFT (preferred) or Cash (envelopes in Narthex, and return through collections at Mass)

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 22ND & 23RD OCTOBER, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Chris Raisin	Margaret Easton Kathleen Devine Tony Keaney	Khoi Kieran Baxter Sophie Baxter	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Bride Schaefer	Fidelda D'souza Peter Crowe Yvonne Crowe		Ray Johnson
10.30am	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus Verona Gridley	Isabelle Athey Rebecca Ryan	Margaret O'Loughlin
5.00pm	Jenny Simmons	Angela Pillai	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Joseph Negro Noah Paswinder Isabella Brown	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Elinor

Piety Stall: Team 5 Money Counters: Team 1

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)

FORTHCOMING REUNIONS:

Emmaus College (Burwood & Vermont Sth):

*Class of 2006 (10 yrs) & Class of 1996 (20yrs)

Chavoin College (Burwood):

*Class of 1976 (40 yrs)

For reunion details & all other past student queries,
please email: alumni@emmaus.vic.edu.au
or phone: Michael Jones, Alumni Rep on (03)9758 7784

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.....*

