



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD OCTOBER, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 24th October

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 25th October

10am Mass
(incl. Classes 3/4GG &
3/4KN)

WEDNESDAY 26th Oct.

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

THURSDAY 27th October

No Service

FRIDAY 28th October

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 29th October

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 30th October

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

“LORD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER”

If the Pharisee had his way the Tax Collector would not have been allowed into the Temple at all.

Some people believe that sinners should never go to Church.

They cry ‘hypocrites’ at those who do, according to them only saints should be admitted to Church.

But that would result in a very small church, and would make as little sense as a repair shop that accepted only sound things, or a hospital that accepted only healthy people.

We go to Church not because we are worthy, but because we need to. We are brave enough to admit our sinfulness, but are willing to strive for something better.

We need the healing mercy of God, as well as the support of the community, if our efforts at self-improvement are to bear fruit.

‘Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.’

This is the most moving of all prayers, and one that God cannot fail to hear.

*Blessings,
Fr. Terry msc*

*Thought of the Day.....
Every day brings new choices.*





A Vocation View:

*If you exalt yourself,
what do you leave for
God to give you?
Rather, listen to God's
voice. Doing His will
is all you need to do.*

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, Moira Healy, Tony Hill, Damien Marmion, Pauline Cutt, Koula Tsepelidis, Norma Parker, Martin Broad, Maree Fox, Jane Aley

Recently Dec'd:
Julian Gardiner

Anniversaries:
Catherine Hawkins,
Charlotte Clarke

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19,23 Rv7 *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

Second Reading: Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

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 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Communion Antiphon: cf Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PIETY STALL

OPENING TIMES: BEFORE & AFTER MASS

Religious Cards and Gifts

Columban Calendar 2017
\$9 each

Majellan Christmas Cards
\$6 for pack of 10

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards also available

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 4th November from 6pm to 8pm.**

Come along to the Youth Fest 2016 – it's a celebration day for the parish youth and thank you to those involved in the parish Youth Ministries.

(Details on flyer insert)

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 19th November (changed from 12th Nov.)**

Enquiries: Maria Bardsley on 0403 354 584

All newcomers most welcome.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY - 1ST & 2ND NOVEMBER, 2016

The names of deceased relatives and friends can be added to the Book of Remembrance placed in the narthex of the Church. The book will be placed on the altar during week-end Masses in the month of November.

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 216 157. *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

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

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 with **11.30am Mass** followed by a catered 3 course lunch in the Hall and musical entertainment. Tickets on sale at \$26 p/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.



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)

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AT OLSH THAMARRUR CATHOLIC COLLEGE, WADEYE, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Please see flyer on Noticeboard for more information.

SHARING PARISH FACILITIES

As you are aware, we have a very active parish with different events being organised every day of the week. Because we share parish facilities, such as the car park, the hall, meeting rooms & the Church, it is important that people organising activities inform the Parish Office of timing and details of such events. Parish website (www.stthomastheapostle.org.au) has a comprehensive calendar. Please check this calendar first, make certain your proposed activity does not clash with another group's date, time or meeting place, then let the Parish Office (ph: 9878 0818) know your intentions.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

IT'S TIME: CLOSE THE CAMPS—BRING THEM HERE RALLY

Saturday 5th November, 2016 at 1.00pm

State Library, cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts, Melbourne

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APOSTLE PARISH
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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 29TH & 30TH OCTOBER, 2016 YEAR C

| Mass | Commentators | Lectors | Special Ministers | Altar Servers | Welcoming Committee |
|---------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6.00pm | Paul Muling | Peter Turuchai | Gudran Muling Paul Muling Jan Gaffy | Krish Joshua Gall Katie Muling | Michael & Maree Ransom |
| 8.30am | Bride Schaefer | Fidelda D'Souza | Dorothy Murray Fay Winter | Peter T | Anita Grady |
| 10.30am | Mary Crossan | Neil Crossan | Anne Marmion Barry McLellan Jim Gucciardo | Livinia Thompson Chanel Thompson Audrey Brodrick | Maree Prendergast |
| 5.00pm | Peta Fulton | Need Someone | Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton | Susan Collins Benito Negro Isabella Suafoa Ari Rego | |

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Martina

Piety Stall: Team 1 Money Counters: Team 2

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:

Held on Tuesdays 4.30pm-5.30pm (during the Sacramental Programs starting in 2017)

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.....*

