



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH OCTOBER, 2016

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 31st October

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 1st November**ALL SAINTS DAY**

10am Mass

WEDNESDAY 2nd Nov.**ALL SOULS DAY**

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

THURSDAY 3rd Nov.

No Service

FRIDAY 4th November

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 5th Nov.

10am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 6th Nov.

8.30am, 10.30am &
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

CHANGE OF HEART

It is only with the heart that we can repent rightly. Repentance must involve a change of heart, anything less won't produce a new being. It will be like decapitating weeds while leaving their roots intact.

But if we change our hearts, then we will change our lives too.

After his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus' heart bursts into life like a desert landscape after a rainfall.

Fear cannot produce a conversion of heart; only an encounter with love can.

Zacchaeus' conversion was a conversion to goodness.

All of us stand in daily need of such a conversion.

We need to move from a closed heart to an open heart, from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh.

Blessings,

Fr. Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
All the wonders you seek are
within yourself.*





A Vocation View:

Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

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, Pauline Cutt, Koula Tsepelidis, Norma Parker, Martin Broad, Maree Fox, Jane Aley & Kath Pope

Recently Dec'd:
Eva Hurley

Anniversaries:
Gladys Bowman (Fr. Terry's mum), Edward Canterbury, Christine Whale-Canterbury, Mary Elizabeth Lennon, Ellen Jane Bailey.

Special Intentions:

Funeral Notice:

Liturgy - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Entrance Antiphon: cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14 R cfv1
I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: St Paul 1:11-2:2

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Communion Antiphon: cf Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of Life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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.

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.

PIETY STALL RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winner of ticket number:

ORANGE D72

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)

TALK BY FR. DONAL MCIIRAITH SSC—AUTHOR OF EVERYONE'S APOCALYPSE

Held at St Clare's, Box Hill North, 9.00am-5.00pm on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November to 'make this puzzling part of the Scriptures more accessible to people as requested by Vatican II (Dei verbum 5).

Further details: Rose 0411 650 339 or email:schoolofevangelisation@gmail.com
Bookings close 6th November or when capacity is reached.
(See our Noticeboard for more information)

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

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant!
Open your heart, how is God calling you?

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

FIRST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

The next First Friday Mass and Luncheon will be on **Friday, 4th November with Mass at 12noon** in the Church followed by a light luncheon in the Hall.

As part of the Melbourne Cup celebrations, please bring along a Hat to wear.

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



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.



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 weekend Masses in the month of November.

BRING THEM HERE

Detained children (on Nauru) are punished for decisions their parents made.

Where is the Justice & Compassion?

Rally on 5th November: See Notice Board in Church.

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

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS REQUIRED FOR OLSH THAMARRUR CATHOLIC COLLEGE, WADEYE, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Please see flyer on Noticeboard for more information.



LAST CHANCE!! ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL *Mango Drive.....*

Back by popular demand!!

Get your orders in last day— **30th October**.

Pay by EFT (preferred) or Cash (envelopes in Narthex, and return through collections at Mass).

BR. JAMES MAHER msc - CD "HIDDEN WITHIN THE WORLD"
Br James' album is called "Hidden within the World. And is available at the **Piety Stall cost is \$25 each**.

If you would like to hear some of his songs they are sung by the choir at the 5pm Mass.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 5TH & 6TH NOVEMBER, 2016 YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Max Wittick	Chris Wittick	Jacinta Gaffy Jan Gaffy Gerald Gill	Amelia Finis Avalee Scafid	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Yvonne Crowe	Peter Crowe	Fidelda D'Souza Bride Schaefer Maureen Munro		Ray Johnson
10.30am	John Mahony	Veronica Hawkins	Patricia Northrop Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	Max Perera Isabella Spillane	Vicki Barnes
5.00pm	Rita White	Thomas White	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Harvey Hammerstein Alex McGrath Katya McGrath	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Janette

Piety Stall: Team 2 Money Counters: Team 3

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

Phone: 9412-3314 or

Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

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**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.....*

