

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 13TH NOVEMBER, 2016

### YEAR C

#### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

**MONDAY 14th November**

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

**TUESDAY 15th November**

10am Mass (incl. Classes  
1/2DO & 1/2MB)

**WEDNESDAY 16th Nov.**

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

**THURSDAY 17th Nov.**

No Service

**FRIDAY 18th November**

10.00am Mass

**SATURDAY 19th Nov.**

10am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

**SUNDAY 20th Nov.**

8.30am, 10.30am &  
5.00pm Youth Fest Mass

## Dear Parishioners,

International events often enough take up our attention and concern. This week with the USA elections is one such example. And at home we have many ongoing concerns. A particular one, is that of refugees and asylum seekers.

The readings this weekend seem to alert us to such events.

In one commentary I read this week it stated: 'Catastrophic happenings are not to be seen too quickly as signs that the world is ending. The Disciples of Christ must know that the persecutions they undergo for him marked the disturbances of a world which is disappearing. The times in which we find ourselves today are not to be lived in fear but perseverance in the faith.'

A fitting comment at this time.

*Blessings,  
Fr. Frank msc*



*Thought of the Day.....*

*Start where you are. Use what you have. Do  
what you can.*



## A Vocation View:

*You know that at the end of earth-time, everything will be stubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven.  
Listen to Jesus.*

### Please remember the following in your prayers...

**Sick:** Patricia Duffy, Mietta Ulaan, 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:**  
Elizabeth Oakes

**Anniversaries:**  
Ursula Bailey

**Special Intentions:**

**Funeral Notice:**

# Liturgy - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### Entrance Antiphon: Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:5-9. R cf v9

**The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

### Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

### Gospel Acclamation: Lk 21:28

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

### Communion Antiphon: Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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 NOTE: NO SIX2EIGHT YOUTH  
CLUB on FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER.**

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Come along to the **Youth Fest 2016  
(Sunday 20th November)**—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.**

**PLEASE NOTE.....**

Communal Prayer of Forgiveness is being held on  
Tuesday December 6th at 7.30pm.

### SAVE THE DATE! THE ST.PATRICK’S DAY DINNER DANCE HAS RETURNED.....

A little leprechaun has spoken of St. Thomas’ dances long, long ago that celebrated the birth of St. Patrick with huge festivities and a wee bit of malarkey.

As legend goes, good luck will come to all that attend the **St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance, held at the Box Hill Town Hall on Friday night, 17 March 2017.**

An occasion filled with merriment bigger than Ireland itself! A perfect welcome to our new families commencing at the school and an opportunity for families and students over 18 years of age who no longer attend the school to come together in celebration.

*More information and booking links to follow later.*

### A Prayer for Priests

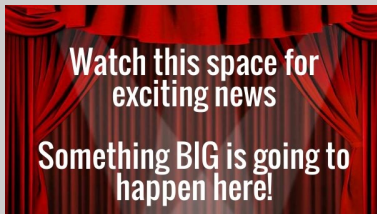
God, grant them the joys of their vocation, health of mind, body and spirit; a strong faith and a light heart to do the Lord's work in this world; and the love and support of their friends, family and parishioners. Holy Spirit, guide them and give them grace. Amen

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

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interactions others have with the Catholic faith.*

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



**CARDS NIGHT**  
On 8th December  
Location: Andrew & Jane  
14 Gordon Cres.

Time at 7.30pm. All Welcome.  
Contact for Cards-Don & Pat 9878 4790



**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.



### ST. THOMAS' FAIR 2016

Once again we were overwhelmed by the outstanding support on Fete Day by so many individuals, families, teachers, parishioners and visitors.

The weather wasn't the best, and not even that could stop our wonderful community of parents and parishioners from enjoying each other's company despite the rain, hail and tiny bit of sunshine!

This year we have raised \$24,000!! Such a fabulous total which goes towards the school, the parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The money raised this year has been earmarked to sails for our lovely middle playground and also to purchase four marquee/tents in house colours to be used on sporting days and other school events.

Many thanks to all of you who purchased a raffle ticket or came on the day to support or even that little prayer that you said to help us achieve an amazing result despite the weather!

We really appreciate it.

**The Fete Committee—Sarina Miano, Vincent Ciardulli, Shelley and Danny Campbell**

### PLAY PIANO NOW ! Ages 7-97

The revolutionary **Simply Music Piano** program offers a breakthrough in music education, and has students playing great-sounding contemporary, classical, gospel, blues and accompaniment pieces – immediately – from their very first lesson.

Contact **Bernardine Kee** ph: 98786449

Email: [bknp@yahoo.com](mailto:bknp@yahoo.com)

### THEOLOGICAL STUDY IN 2017: INFORMATION SESSION

Yarra Theological Union (Box Hill) is holding an information session for anyone interested in Theological study for 2017. It will be held on Tuesday 29th November—7.30pm at 98 Albion Road, Box Hill. Enrolments open in December. Fee Help and free parking available.

Email: [admin@ytu.edu.au](mailto:admin@ytu.edu.au)

### LADY FLATMATE WANTED

To share 2-Bedroom Unit in North Blackburn. Non-Smoker & No Pets Allowed. \$725 Monthly Rent. Available from 29th November

Contact: **Flora on 0435 416 883**

Email: [roses\\_8@live.com](mailto:roses_8@live.com)

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**Six2Eight: Navaz Rego**

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*Andrew Dyer - 0404 881 775*

**Starfish: Maria Bardsley**

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 19TH & 20TH NOVEMBER, 2016 YEAR C**

| Mass    | Commentators                | Lectors                     | Special Ministers                               | Altar Servers  | Welcoming Committee     |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 6.00pm  | Philip Brooks               | Chris Raisin                | Max Wittick<br>Chris Wittick<br>Margaret Easton | Amelia Finis<br>Katie Muling                           | Alan & Dympna<br>Lodge  |
| 8.30am  | Marg Burchell               | Geraldine Holland           | Faye Winter<br>Fidelma D'Souza<br>Maureen Munro | Livinia Thompson<br>Chanel Thompson<br>Audrey Brodrick | Pat & Eileen<br>Danaher |
| 10.30am | John Mahony                 | Veronica Hawkins            | Anne Marmion<br>Barry McLellan<br>Jim Gucciardo |  | Geoff & Pat<br>Harrison |
| 5.00pm  | <b>YOUTH FEST.<br/>MASS</b> | <b>YOUTH FEST.<br/>MASS</b> | Josie De Fina<br>Susan Collins<br>Peta Fulton   | Natalie Tan<br>Ashleigh Gear<br>Declan Bardsley        |                         |

**Children's Liturgy: Leader: Jeanette**

**Piety Stall: Team 4 Money Counters: Team 5**

**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)

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

**ORGAN RECITAL BY ANTHONY HALLIDAY**

Held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 from  
6.30pm-7.30pm.

Cost: \$20—no concession (at door)

Enquires: paul.taylor@cam.org.au

Telephone: (03)9926 5753

Bookings not required/children for free

**MUSLIM AND CATHOLIC MARYAM MEAL**

Catholics and Muslims in Melbourne are invited  
to come to know each other as friends as we  
honour and strengthen the relationship  
between the Australian Intercultural Society  
and the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Taking Mary the Mother of Jesus as our  
inspiration, the theme of the reflections for this  
evening will be "Overcoming Challenges faced  
by Women of Faith". Dinner will start at  
6.30pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre on  
the cnr. Victoria Parade and Hoddle St in East  
Melbourne on **Thursday 8th December.**

**Bookings close Tuesday 6th December.**

**Bookings:** Tickets \$50 each

**Contact:** David Schütz on (03)9926 5708

*Time for a cuppa and a chat  
after Mass.....*

