



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9TH APRIL, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 10th APRIL

9.10am Mass

7.30pm **Tenebrae
Service**

TUESDAY 11th APRIL

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 13th APRIL

7.30pm **Mass of the**

Lord's Supper followed by
**Adoration at the Altar of
Repose**

FRIDAY 14th APRIL

10.00am **Stations of the
Cross**

3.00pm **The Passion of
the Lord**

SATURDAY 15th APRIL

10.00am Reconciliation

6.00pm **Easter Vigil
Mass**

SUNDAY 16th APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm No Mass



Dear Parishioners,

SURRENDER IN ANGUISH

"I was just home from hospital with my new baby daughter. Our two-year-old son Joe had a cold and was having trouble breathing. My husband took him to our family doctor and he was put on antibiotics. We thought the medication would fix the problem, but suddenly he became very ill. My husband took him to hospital. He was critically ill with pneumonia.

We took turns being with the baby and with Joe. Holding him while he struggled to breathe, I was desperately afraid that we would lose our precious boy. Then I had to return home every three hours to feed the baby. Exhausted I picked up the phone and called my friend Sr. Marie-Ann. I asked her and her community to pray for our desperately sick child. She was most kind and said that they would pray, but advised me that I would have to surrender him to our God.

In great anguish I surrendered my most precious child to God – my heart was heavy with grief. However, in the prayer of surrender a deep peace came over me even though I thought that surrendering him to God meant losing him.

My Dad came and picked me up and took me back to the hospital. Joe was much better, sitting up and asking for food and his teddy bear! Prayer and professional expertise had brought an amazing recovery." (Sue)

Fr Terry msc

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



A Vocation

View:

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Jill Pope, Margot Pettingill, Fr. Mark McGuinness msc, John Collins, Stan Brown, Patricia Rutzou, Rod Holland, Rosa Maria Santos, Patricia Duffy, Mietta Ulaan, Elaine O'Hea, Chris Leach, Dao Le, Patricia Carey, Denise Wraight, Peter Babulo, Moira Healy, Tony Hill, Koula Tsepelidis, Norma Parker, Martin Broad, Maree Fox & Mary Healy.

Recently Dec'd:

Anniversaries:

Yvonne Chen

Funeral Notice:

LITURGY - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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Entrance Antiphon: cf. Jn 12:1,12:12;Ps23:9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord narration.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Easter Cards available

Baptism Candles and gifts

LAST ISSUES OF COMPASS @ \$4ea
Regret this is the last issue after 50years!!

Melbourne Catholic Magazine
@ \$4.00ea— APRIL 2017 Edition

New Editions of Annals Magazines @ \$2ea

Br. James New CD's available
\$25.00ea

Friends of Same East Timor
Ground Coffee @ \$7.50ea

YOUTH NEWS

SIXTEENTH YOUTH CLUB –

The next meeting will be advised. It is held in the Church Narthex.
All welcome!

Enquiries: Navaz on 0401 650 635
or Andrew on 0404 881 775



STARFISH PROJECT – Will be on Saturday 22nd April starts at 10am.
All newcomers most welcome.
Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584

CATECHETICS CLASSES: Enrolments will be accepted until the end of Term 1, 2017. Any families interested in enrolling their child in the Sacramental Programs can enquire at the Parish Office on Ph 9878 0818.

Classes held Tuesdays 4.00pm-5.00pm.

TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF PRAYER, SONG, SCRIPTURE & CANDLES

Begin your Holy Week preparation this year by joining us in an hour of reflection, which will be run by the St. Thomas' Youth Group on **Monday, 10th April at 7.30pm in the Church.**

Enquiries: Caren Garlick on ph: 9878 0818

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL—YEAR5/6 CAMP

From **Wednesday 19th April till Friday 21 April**, our Year 5 and 6 students will go on camp to Camp Rumbug in Foster, with some of the teaching staff. It is a very exciting time for the students and a vital step in learning more about themselves, their peers and the environment. The School Camp is a compulsory part of our Curriculum, but for a few families, the cost of \$420 is difficult to bear in these current difficult economic times. In years gone by, the St. Thomas Parish Community has been very generous in sponsoring, in part or in full, a child's Camp fee. If there is anyone in the Parish who may be able to support some of our families who cannot manage the Camp costs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make contact with either the School or Parish Office. Thank you.

PREP 2018 - ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Prep 2018 are now open and will close end of April. If you have a Catholic child who you wish to enrol, please contact the School office on 98787 8268.

The Parish House has a very sturdy study **DESK** to GIVE AWAY. The wooden desk measures 1.5m in length by 0.85m in width and has no drawers underneath. If anyone is interested in this FREE desk they could contact the Parish Office on 9878 0818

A Huge Thank You to all who have donated used stamps for the Loreto Sisters' Minion outreach. They are most appreciated and last year another \$1,000 was sent to East Timor. (Sr. Marg Burchell)

URGENT...Female Parishioner looking for room to rent. Please contact Parish Office on 9878-0818 for more details.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Lord calls us to love god and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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

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

SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **4th May** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome. Contact Maureen on Ph 9884 4376



CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **4th May** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome. Contact Pat & Don on Ph: 9878 4790



WATCH

THIS SPACE



ST THOMAS PARISH ARCHIVES

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the collection so far! Further contributions are always welcome and can be left at the Parish office. Please clearly name and date items if possible. Cataloguing and storing the collection is ongoing and we would welcome new members to the team.

Contact: Maureen 9884 4376;

Maria 0403 354 584 & Hugh or Fay.

Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply an economic-act."

World Vision in its 2015 report, *Chocolate's Bitter Taste*, estimates that Australians spend up to \$3 billion on chocolate a year, with sales peaking at Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of these children, by buying only slavery-free chocolate.

Please buy and eat only slavery-free Easter eggs and chocolate this Easter. Look for one of these three symbols:



The **PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** invites you to check the Noticeboard in the Church Narthex. In solidarity with People Seeking Asylum we are keen to participate in the **Walk for Justice for Refugees on Palm Sunday April 9th**. There will be a Prayer Service/Circle of Silence at 1pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral departing at 1.30pm to join the Walk at the State Library of Victoria where the Walk will commence at 2pm. **We shall all MEET together on Sunday 9th in South Parade at Blackburn Railway Station at NOON and proceed BY TRAIN to Parliament Station.** This walk is proudly sponsored by Catholic Care, Melbourne Catholic Migrant & Refugee office, the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project and the Office for Justice and Peace among others. Please consider joining us on the day.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next Bible Study Group will be on **Thursday 20th April at 7.30pm** the Presbytery Meeting Room. We are going to be looking at the origin and meaning of the Creed.

For further details please contact Quentin on (9877 5906) or any member of the BSG.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 15TH & 16TH APRIL, YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Peter Newton	Peter Watson Helen Newton Corrie Van der Bosch Maureen Munro	Josie Defina Anne Marmion Marg Burchell	Noah Fernandes Joshua Gall Beth Gall	
8.30am	Philp Collins	Fidelma D'Souza	Marg Burchell		Maureen Munro
10.30am	Alan Mead	Verna Hawkins	Marg Burchell Bride Schaefer	Isabella Dyer Charlotte Dyer	Ray Johnson
5.00pm	NO MASS	NO MASS			

Children's Liturgy: Leader:

Piety Stall: Team 5

Money Counters: Team 5

ST.VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Call Centre for assistance – 1800 305 330
Free Call Weekdays 10am-3pm.

Vinnies Centre Ringwood Ph. 9870 9124,
Unit 1B/76-82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood.
For Furniture & Whitegoods pickup—
Eastern Emergency Relief will pickup for St Vincent
de Paul week days 9am-1pm . Ph. 9874 8433.



FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

Attention Parishioners: We now have a new DEFIB which is located in the Sacristy. A First Aid Kit is also in the Kitchen 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: Note change in Time.
Held on Tuesdays 4.00pm-5.00pm (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**)



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.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

STUDY TOUR-PILGRIMAGE: 'THE EXPERIENCE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE', 21 SEPT-21 OCT, 2017

Tour of Ireland, England, Germany & Italy – confirmed but still a few places.
Contact: Rev Dr Max Vodola or
Dr. Frances Baker rsm on 9412 3333

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS 2017

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to celebrate Mass on **Sunday 14th May (Mother's Day) at 11.00am.**

Register online:

www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or ph: 9287 5587. Registration closes Friday 5th May.