



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION of the LORD

16TH APRIL, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 17th APRIL

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 18th APRIL

10.00am Mass
11.00am Funeral

WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL

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

THURSDAY 20th APRIL

No Service

FRIDAY 21st APRIL

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

QUOTATION FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Unfortunately, efforts have often been made to blur faith in the Resurrection of Jesus and doubts have crept in, even among believers. It is a little like that ‘rosewater’ faith as we say; it is not a strong faith.

However, it is the Resurrection itself that opens us to greater hope, for it opens our life and the life of the world to the eternal future of God, to full happiness, to the certainty that evil, sin and death may be overcome. And this leads to living daily situations with greater trust, to facing them with courage and determination. Christ’s resurrection illuminates these everyday situations with a new light. The Resurrection of Christ is our strength!”

*May the Risen Lord shower many blessings upon you all this Easter?
Alleluia Alleluia!*

Fr Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death, but that we are to be new here and now, by the power of the resurrection.



LITURGY - EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A

EASTER VIGIL READINGS:

GENESIS 1:1-2:2 **EXODUS:** 14:15-15:1

ISAIAH: 55:1-11 **EPISTLE:** ROMANS 6:3-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Alleluia, alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth.
Alleluia, alleluia! Peace and justice bringing to birth.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING: Col. 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

He Has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

USE COMMUNION ANTIPHON ON LEFT.



He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

A Vocation

View:

*You have been given
new life in Christ.
Forsake earthly
materialism, in order
to live life to the full.*

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Pat O'Shannessy, Jill Pope, Margot Pettingill, Fr. Mark McGuiness 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 .

Recently Dec'd:

Pierina Paolucci and Mary Healy.

Anniversaries:

Rita Scerri, Ted Clifford, Sarah Rose and Dominic Ravida.

Funeral Notice:

Rosary Monday 17th April @ 7pm and Funeral on Tuesday 18th April @ 11am For Pierina Paolucci.

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**

DEAR PARISHIONER, WHO HAS ENVELOPE NO. 32. COULD YOU CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE SO WE CAN PROCESS YOUR GIVING. PH: 9878 0818.

YOUTH NEWS

SIX2EIGHT 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.



We warmly welcome **Petra Tirtawidjaja** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.
May the grace of God be with you and your family always.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL—YEARS/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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 23RD APRIL SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Do you put God first in all things?
Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you?*

*Is God at the very top of the list?
If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted.
Don't let earthly things become a god before God.*

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



FILM NIGHT:

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE WILL NOW BE ON FRIDAY 5TH MAY. "Going in Style".....

A comedy starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin. Roughly about how to cope after hearing they are going to lose their pensions!! The cost will be a usual \$8.50 (incl. light supper) at Pinewood Theatre, Glen Waverley. Start at approx. 6.30pm. Bookings with Dorothy on 9893 3341 or by envelope on 1st collection plate with name and phone number and labelled **FILM NIGHT**.



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.



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.

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

What slavery-free Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter weekend?

Big supermarkets will be ordering their 2018 Easter chocolate products soon, so keep the issue going in your community.

And today, only eat chocolate featuring one of these symbols and tell people why. Happy Easter!



PRAYER BOOK FOR SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

If a member of the parish community wishes to have a person prayed for, please enter the name(s) in the spiral booklet which sits on top of the Prayers of the Faithful folder in the Sacristy or by Mass Offering Envelopes located on table as you enter the Church.



GIVE AN EASTER GIFT THAT LASTS.....

Br James' CDs are available at Piety Stall. 'Hidden Within The World' \$25, *Heartvoice* (double CD) \$25 & *Gospel of Love* (double CD) \$25.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 22nd & 23rd APRIL, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Margaret Easton	Gudran Muling, John Philp, Jan Gaffy	SERVE IF YOU CAN	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Philip Brooks	Fidelma D'Souza	Faye Winter, Maureen Munro Marg Burchell	SERVE IF YOU CAN	Ray Johnson
10.30am	Rita Barnden	John Mahony	Jim Gucciardo, Louis Souchon Anne Marmion	SERVE IF YOU CAN	Maree Prendergast
5.00pm	Jenny Simmons	Angela Pillai	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	SERVE IF YOU CAN	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Martina

Piety Stall: Team 1

Money Counters: Team 6

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.

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

