



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 30TH APRIL, 2017

### YEAR A

#### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

##### MONDAY 1st MAY

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

##### TUESDAY 2nd MAY

10.00am Mass

##### WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY

9.10am Mass (incl.  
Classes 5/6EM & 5/6BF)  
10.30am Mass at  
St. Thomas' Retirement  
Village

##### THURSDAY 4th MAY

No Service

##### FRIDAY 5th MAY

12noon 1st Friday Mass &  
Luncheon

##### SATURDAY 6th MAY

10.00am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

##### SUNDAY 7th MAY

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass

## Dear Parishioners,

### HOW TO RECOGNISE THE LORD

"If you wish to have life,  
do what the disciples did.

They offered Jesus hospitality.  
The Lord looked set on continuing his journey  
but they detained him.

At the end of their journey they said to him:  
'Stay with us for the day is far spent.'

The Lord revealed himself in the breaking of the bread.  
Hospitality restored to them  
what lack of faith had taken away.

So, if you wish to recognise the Saviour,  
take in the stranger.

Seek the Lord in the sharing of the bread." *(St Augustine)*

*Fr Terry msc*

*Thought of the Day.....  
Be the reason someone smiles today.*





## LITURGY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** cf Ps 65:1-2  
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** cf. Lk 24:32  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us.  
Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14, 22-33  
It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 24:13-35  
They recognized him at the breaking of the bread.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11 Rv11  
Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Lk 24:35  
The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**SECOND READING:** St Peter 1:17-21  
The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood  
of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

### A Vocation

#### View:

*We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"*

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

#### Sick:

Geoff Beams, Pat O'Shannessy, 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 .

#### Recently Dec'd:

#### Anniversaries:

Giuseppe, Michelin & Gianfranco Gucciardo

#### Funeral Notice:

### PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**Baptism Candles and gifts**

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

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE NO.32  
IF YOU ARE THE HOLDER OF THIS  
NO. PLEASE CONTACT THE  
PARISH OFFICE SO THAT WE CAN  
PROCESS YOUR GIVING.  
PH 9878 0818**

## YOUTH NEWS

### SIXTEENTH YOUTH CLUB –

The next meetings will be on Friday 28th April & 12th May, it will be held in the Church Narthex from 6.00pm *All welcome (Gold Coin Donation)*  
**Enquiries: Caren Garlick on 9878 0818**



### STARFISH PROJECT – Will be on Saturday 13th May and starts at 10am.

*All newcomers most welcome.*  
**Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584**

### CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Any families interested in enrolling their child in the **First Eucharist Sacramental Program** can enquire at the Parish Office on Ph 9878 0818.

### ST. THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL CAMP—THANK YOU!

Last week, the Year 5 and 6 students of St. Thomas' enjoyed a fabulous three days at Camp Rumbug in Foster North. The school greatly appreciates the donations received from our parishioners. It is a lovely gift to provide an experience such as this for a child whose family may not be in a position to pay all of the fee.

The students participated in many new activities such as canoeing, abseiling, aeroball, to name a few. For some, these activities were brand new experiences.

Your generosity was gratefully received and was very well enjoyed! Thoughtfulness of our parishioners is appreciated by all of us at the school.

We will keep you all in our prayers. **Angela Lacey, Principal**

### OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE, BOX HILL—INFORMATION EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

OLSC is holding an Information Evening on **Tuesday 23rd May 2017** from **7.00pm to 8.00pm**, in the lead up to close of application for enrolment for Year 7 2019.

Please contact the College on 9890 9097 or info@sion.catholic.edu.au

### 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

### HOUSE & OFFICE CLEANING

Reliable honest lady for cleaning; available Monday to Saturday, excellent references supplied.

Contact Frances on 9894-7893 -Refer to Church Noticeboard

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.*

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

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

### 1st FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be on **Friday 5th May**,

Mass at 12pm followed by lunch in the Hall. All welcome. **Entertainment - Graham Ruck - who will talk about his experiences at Melbourne Zoo.**

Enquiries to: **Dympna 9877 3346,**

**Wendy 9803 0451 & Evelyn 9877 5548**



### CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **4th May** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall.

All Welcome.

Contact Pat & Don on Ph: 9878 4790



### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **4th May** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Contact Maureen on Ph 9884 4376



### FILM NIGHT:

**NEXT FRIDAY 5TH MAY.**

**"Going in Style".....**

A comedy starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin. 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** OR hand to Dorothy at the 8.30am & 10.30am Masses.



### 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.**

### 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.

### SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK LITURGICAL INFORMATION WORKSHOP

A workshop is being run by the Archdiocese which explores the spiritual, liturgical and pastoral dimensions of the ministry for those engaged in this service of pastoral care. It is being held on **Thursday 11th May, 10am-2pm (lunch provided)** at **St. Clare's Church, 138 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill Nth.** Please contact the Parish office on 9878-0818, if interested.

### 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.**

### SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH CONVENT, BELARUS SUNDAY 14TH MAY, 2017

The Sisters from St. Elisabeth, Belarus will once again be visiting St. Thomas' parish on the abovementioned date. They will be at all masses on that day with an invitation to parishioners to see and purchase handmade religious articles.

The Sisterhood was founded in 1996, they have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick, sufferings at the National Psychiatric Clinic, boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults and a TB clinic. To help these people, workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Beautiful articles are made with love and prayer and bring blessings to homes.

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 6TH & 7TH MAY, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Max Wittick	Chris Wittick	John Philp Jan Gaffy Bride Schaefer	Alicia Wright Avalee Scafidi	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Marg Burchell	Therese Case	Faye Winter Fidelma D'Souza Maureen Munro		Anita Grandy
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Anne Marmion Barry McLellan Jim Gucciardo	Chanel Thompson Livinia Thompson Audrey Brodrick	Verna Hawkins
5.00pm	Rita White	Thomas White	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Noah Fernandes Katya McGrath Joseph Negro	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader: Elinor**

**Piety Stall: Team 3**

**Money Counters: Team 1**

**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](http://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](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or ph: 9287 5587. Registration closes Friday 5th May.

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

