



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 7th MAY, 2017

### YEAR A

#### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

##### MONDAY 8th MAY

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

##### TUESDAY 9th MAY

10.00am Mass

##### WEDNESDAY 10th MAY

9.10am Mass (incl.  
Prep WT & Prep ET)  
10.30am Mass at  
St. Thomas' Retirement  
Village

##### THURSDAY 11th MAY

No Service

##### FRIDAY 12th MAY

10.00am Mass

##### SATURDAY 13th MAY

10.00am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

##### SUNDAY 14th MAY

(Mothers Day)

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Youth Mass

## Dear Parishioners,

### COMPASSION AND HEALING

Compassion is not learned without suffering.  
Unless we have suffered and wept,  
we really don't understand what compassion is,  
nor can we comfort someone who is suffering.

Unless we have walked in darkness,  
we can't help wanderers to find their way.

But if we have suffered we become pathfinders for others, and it is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed.

Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body.

Those wounds were the proof of His love.

They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep.

The wounds of Jesus are a source of consolation,  
courage and hope to us in our sufferings.

By His wounds we are healed!

*Fr Terry msc*

*Thought of the Day.....  
Faith can move mountains.*





## A Vocation View:

*This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.*

*"The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest."*

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

### Sick:

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

### Recently Dec'd:

Jill Pope, Marty Seal

### Anniversaries:

Tom Powell, Edmund Powell, Bruce Byrnes

### Funeral Notice:

## LITURGY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22:1-6 Rv1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### SECOND READING: St Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 10:14

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**Baptism Candles and gifts**

Melbourne Catholic Magazine  
@ \$4.00ea— MAY 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 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.

### YOUTH MASS—SUNDAY 14TH MAY 5.00pm MASS

All are welcome to attend our upcoming Youth Mass on the above date. See you there!

### PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA PUSH TO INTRODUCE EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. Because of their concern about this grave matter, the Bishops of Victoria have released a pastoral letter with copies available in parishes. If you would like to get involved, speak with Fr. Terry Bowman.

*You can also find out more information from the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287-5587/ [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or visit: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily)*

### CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS IN THE PARISH AGES FROM 18 AND UP .....

Are you one of these? If so, do you know who your peers are in the parish? Why not come together and meet them all. We are keen in starting a young adults group to meet once a month here at St. Thomas'. It will be a great opportunity to meet others in our parish, a chance to reconnect, share some laughter, stories, food, faith and have fun! **If you think this is for you, give me a call on 9878-0818 or email me on : [caren.garlick@cam.org.au](mailto:caren.garlick@cam.org.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

*The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.*

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

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

### CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **1st June** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Contact Pat & Don on Ph: 9878 4790



### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **1st June** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Contact Maureen on Ph: 9884 4376



*WATCH THIS SPACE*



### 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.



### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next Bible Study Group will be on **Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm** the Presbytery Meeting Room.

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



We warmly welcome **James Bailey, Stella McGrath & Nalia Muthumala** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

*May the grace of God be with you and your family always.*

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2017

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations—whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his Letter for today, tells us "There is no room for fear!" May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.

### SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH CONVENT, BELARUS VISIT SUNDAY 21st MAY, 2017 (Date to be confirmed)

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 13TH & 14TH MAY, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Barry McLellan	Kim Anderson	Margaret Easton Max Wittick Tony Keaney	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Philip Collins	Dorothy Murray Faye Winter		Maureen Munro
10.30am	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Patricia Northrop Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	Isabella Spillane Annabelle Spillane Audrey Brodrick	Loreto Moore
5.00pm	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Isabella Dyer Charlotte Dyer Gidget Mannix	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader:** Monica

**Piety Stall: Team 4**

**Money Counters: Team 2**

**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.**

**ST. KEVIN'S COLLEGE 2018**

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIPS**  
A round of auditions is to be held for the above Choir Scholarships, available for boys entering Year 4 or Year 5 at St. Kevin's College. The scholarship entitles boys to a 50% remission of tuition fees in addition to other benefits. *Applications close Friday 12th May, 2017.*  
**Contact Dr. Daryl Barclay on 9804-3045 or email: barclayd@stkevins.vic.edu.au**

**JOB POSITION - CENTRE MANAGER**

**STELLA MARIS SEAFARERS' CENTRE** is part of the global Catholic missionary work for seafarers and forms part of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. Stella Maris requires an experienced Centre Manager for a fulltime/permanent part-time position, responsible for day to day centre activities.  
**Contact: jobs@stallmaris.org.au for a copy of the Position Description**