



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21ST MAY, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 22nd MAY

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 23rd MAY

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 24th MAY

9.10am Mass
(Feast of Our Lady Help of
Christians
Patron of Australia)
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 25th MAY

No Service

FRIDAY 26th MAY

10.00am Mass (incl.
3/4GJ, 3/4KN & 3/4KP)

SATURDAY 27th MAY

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 28th MAY

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass
(Year 6 Confirmation
Commitment)

Dear Parishioners,

LEARNING FROM THE SEA-GULLS

"It's a chilly day by the seaside,
far too windy for my comfort.

But the sea-gulls didn't seem to mind the wind.

In fact, they seem to enjoy it.

I watch them flying about,
they go with it, they go against it, they soar into the sky, they plunge
back to earth.

All the time they are using the wind,
they are availing of its power.

And I reflect on how we, the disciples of Jesus,
are so easily blown off course by the winds of adversity.

Lord send us the Holy Spirit who will enable us
to turn the hard and easy to our advantage,
so that everything that happens to us,
may bear us along the road to your kingdom." (Flor McCarthy)

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
Life's a voyage that's homeward bound.*





LITURGY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to
them.
Alleluia!

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the
Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you
another Advocate.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 65:1-7,16,20. Rcf v2

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

SECOND READING: St Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was
raised to life.

A Vocation

View:

*That Jesus rose from
the dead is our Faith.
That we can be reborn
in the Spirit is our
Hope. That we can do
god's work is our Love.
Follow God's Call.*

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

Sick:

Malise O'Connell, Mary
Farell, Peter Jackson, Geoff
Beams, 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:

Fr. Frank McGuinness msc,
Rose O'Neil, Mary Nolan
and John Collins.

Anniversaries:

Yvette Allen, Allen Pinto

Funeral Notice:

Tuesday 23rd May at
11.30am for Rose O'Neil.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Baptism Candles and gifts

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

Annals Magazines @ \$2ea

Compass Magazine @ \$4ea
(LAST EDITION—Only a few left)

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

**SIX2EIGHT YOUTH
CLUB –**

The next meetings
will be on **Friday 9th
June**, 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 17th June 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.

CONFERENCE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS AUSTRALIA

Is seeking a **Secretary/Treasurer**. The role is a 'work-from-home' position varying from eight to 15 hours per month.
Please see Church Noticeboard for further details.

THE PROVISION OF PAIN RELIEF IS NOT EUTHANASIA

Every person is entitled to good pain relief to alleviate suffering at the end of life, such as that offered by palliative care. The provision of such pain relief is *not* euthanasia, even if a person's life may be shortened. It is a vastly different action to euthanasia where the decision is made to **intentionally** kill someone. *To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287-5587/ lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia*

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**

*****ALSO THERE IS A SHOW OF INTEREST SIGN UP SHEET IN NARTHEX.**

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

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PATRON OF AUSTRALIA

Mass will be celebrated to honour this Feast day and pray for Australia on **Wednesday May 24th at 9.10am.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE—WINTER 2017
Available in the Narthex, please take a copy home.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The old line says "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans."

Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing—God has a different and better plane in store for you.

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



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY MAY 28TH—JUNE 4TH, 2017

"Reconciliation—The Love of Christ Compels Us" (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)

God of all goodness, we give you thanks for reconciling us and the whole world to yourself in Christ. Empower us, our congregations and our churches in ministries of reconciliation. Heal our hearts and help us to spread your peace. "Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy". We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide charity that continues to develop new ways of reaching out to those seeking our support. Through visiting people in their homes we are able to assist with food, educational expenses, utilities and networks with other agencies. The Blackburn Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for more members to continue this invaluable service. Induction and training is offered to all new members.

For more information contact Grace Mizzi 9726-7776 or Wal Stevens 9802 6809

EDUCATION BOARD—BIGGEST MORNING TEA

All parishioners are invited to the **Biggest Morning Tea NEXT Wednesday, 24th May, in the Hall from 9-11.30am.** This event is hosted by the Education Board, but is held to encourage connection and build relationships between the parish and school. All that we ask is for a donation towards the morning tea, for the Cancer Council of Australia. Come and have a cuppa and a bite to eat, AND support much needed research for an illness which touches many. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

ST THOMAS' SCHOOL PARENTS' & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2017-2018 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The above book is now available for purchase through the school. **For every book sold, the school receives 20% back towards our fundraising. This year we are hoping to install a new shade sail in the Middle Area for protection especially on those very hot days!** Flyers are available in the Narthex for further details—please place order online by **Wednesday 24th May.** Thank you for your support! We hope you enjoy the many activities, meals and services offered through the book.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 27TH & 28TH MAY, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Margaret Easton	Tony Keaney Bride Schaefer John Philp	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	John Uren	Joan Morgan	Fidelma D'Souza Peter Crowe Yvonne Crowe		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Maria Gibcus Hank Cibcus Verona Gridley	Isabella Spillane Annabell Spillane Audrey Brodrick	Ray Johnson
5.00pm	YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS	YEAR 6 CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Noah Fernandes Alessandra Negro Joseph Negro	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Jenny

Piety Stall: Team 1

Money Counters: Team 4

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)

FAMILIES IN LATER LIFE STUDY (FILLS)

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

We are seeking older parents, aged 65 or over,
and their adult children to participate in an
important government funded initiative. This
study investigates how the quality of the
parent-child relationship affects the well-being
of child carers and older parents. We need both
the adult child and parent to participate in this
project. Get involved in this initiative and
receive a \$100 gift certificate!

For more information, contact the FILLS team
on (03) 9246 8544, email fills@deakin.edu.au or
visit www.fills.org.au"

**THE FCJ COMMUNITY RICHMOND &
THE VAUCLUSE PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION**

Held on Sunday November 17th 2017,
commencing with Mass in the Genazzano
Chapel at 11.30am. Followed by lunch in the
Dining Room. More info. released closer to the
date.

Luncheon on Saturday 24th June at 12noon -
Old England Hotel, Heidelberg.
Bookings: Marie Cameron 9842-1626
Bring your friends - everyone welcome.

DON BOSCO CAMP 2017 WINTER HOLIDAY

A Catholic winter holiday program for young
people, 9-13yo (junior) and 13-16yo (Senior),
during upcoming school holidays. A fun,
exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial
circumstances, in a safe and supportive
environment. *For more information visit:*
www.donboscocamp.org.au or 5987-2692
See flyer on Church Noticeboard.