



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

28TH MAY, 2017

YEAR A

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 29th MAY

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 30th MAY

10.00am Mass  
(incl. Classes 1/2MB & 1/2OT)

#### WEDNESDAY 31st MAY

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

#### THURSDAY 1st JUNE

No Service

#### FRIDAY 2nd JUNE

12noon 1st Friday Parish  
Mass & Luncheon

#### SATURDAY 3rd JUNE

10.00am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 4th JUNE

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass



## Dear Parishioners,

### FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

'Go preach the Gospel to all nations.'  
This was the farewell command of Jesus Christ.  
He has no body now on earth but ours.

He has no hands but ours  
to raise up the fallen.  
He has no feet but ours  
to seek out the lost.

He has no eyes but ours  
to see the silent tears of the suffering.  
He has no ears but ours  
to listen to the lonely.

He has no tongue but ours  
to speak a word of comfort to the sad.  
He has no heart but ours to love the unloved.

Jesus Christ often picks the little unknown people to do his greatest work.

*Fr Terry msc*

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### FR. TERRY'S REVIEW

At present Fr. Terry is undergoing a review of his ministry here at St. Thomas'. Fr. Paul Castley msc will be attending all the masses on the weekend of 3rd/4th June. Parishioners are invited to have a chat with Fr. Paul after Mass and let him know how you feel Fr. Terry is going in the Parish. If you wish you may like to put something down on paper and give it to Fr. Paul next weekend. Thank you for your co-operation.



## A Vocation View:

*Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.*

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

### Sick:

Emily DeParres, Daisy Xu, Malise O'Connell, Mary Farrell, 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:

### Anniversaries:

John O'Loughlin

### Funeral Notice:

## LITURGY - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Apostles 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. Rv6

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## 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 meeting 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.

### YOUTH MASS—SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 5.00PM MASS

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

### THE REFUSAL OF OVERLY BURDENSOME OR FUTILE TREATMENT IS NOT EUTHANASIA

Every person has the right to refuse overly burdensome or futile treatment which does not correspond or is disproportionate to their needs. This is good medical care, not euthanasia and has always been part of Catholic moral teaching and health care.

To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287-5587/ [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or visit: [www.cam.org.au/euthanasia](http://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](mailto: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

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

### PERSONALIZED CABS/SAFE TAXI TRANSPORT

Is seeking person for a *part-time/casual paid work* in transporting people that have some disability to and from appointments and activities.

**See Noticeboard for further details**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family, and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.*

## 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**



### 1st FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be on **Friday 2nd June** — Mass at 12pm followed by lunch in the Hall. All welcome.

Enquiries to: **Dympna 9877 3346,**

**Wendy 9803 0451 & Evelyn 9877 5548**

### 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.*

### 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.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

#### THERE IS NO MAGIC SOLUTION TO POVERTY

Not knowing how you will pay next month's rent or where this week's groceries will come from isn't something anyone wants to go through. Unfortunately poverty can't be solved simply, and with more families turning to us for support, our commitment to those affected by poverty is as essential as ever.

**Dear Parishioners, please support our St. Vincent de Paul Blackburn Conference Annual Appeal on Saturday and Sunday 10/11th June.**

Grace Mizzi—President Blackburn conference

### NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

**MAY 27th –JUNE 3rd 2017**

The theme for the week is 'Let's Take the Next Steps'.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

**Anand & Navaz Rego** who are celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary. *May you be blessed with many more.*

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 3RD & 4TH JUNE, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anthony O'Hea	Peter Watson	Gudran Muling Paul Muling Jan Gaffy	Alicia Wright Avalee Scafidi Rebecca Ryan	Ray Johnson
8.30am	Yvonne Crowe	Peter Crowe	Dorothy Murray Fay Winter		Maureen Munro
10.30am	Alan Mead	Veronica Hawkins	Anne Marmion Barry McLellan Jim Gucciardo	Chanel Thompson Livinia Thompson Lorena Garza	Yvonne Reidy
5.00pm	Reginald Ng	Susan Collins	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Isabell Dyer Charlotte Dyer Gidget Mannix	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 2**

**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)

**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](mailto:fills@deakin.edu.au) or visit [www.fills.org.au](http://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.

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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](http://www.donboscocamp.org.au) or 5987-2692*  
**See flyer on Church Noticeboard.**