



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

11TH JUNE, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 12th JUNE

9.10am Mass
*Rosary will resume
4th September*

TUESDAY 13th JUNE

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE

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

THURSDAY 15th JUNE

No Service

FRIDAY 16th JUNE

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 17th JUNE

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass &
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY 18th JUNE

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

THE FEAST OF THE TRINITY

Above a doorway in a little side street in Florence a deeply touching image can be seen. It shows God the father, holding the broken body of his beloved Son.

Between their faces, if you look closely, you can see a dove, the Spirit, hovering within the look of love from the Father for his wounded Son. What a profound truth the stonemason has depicted here.

Father, Son and Spirit; what a wonderful mystery this is! In three Persons we find the deep love God has for each one of us; creation, death and resurrection, the breath of life-giving spirit.

God's love is manifested in so many ways, all of which woo us into a loving response.

The Trinity invites us into a personal friendship in this life, and then for all eternity.

Fr. Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
As long as you live, keep learning
"How to Live"*





A Vocation

View:

Each of us experiences a story of God's self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God's life in this world by the story of your life.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Robert Fox, Baby Ricky Smith, Sr. Anna Gaha IBVM, Malgosia Dziuk, Mick Matthews, Daisy Xu, Malise O'Connell, Mary Farrell, Peter Jackson, Geoff Beams, Stan Brown, Patricia Rutzou, 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:

Jack Stanbrook, Emily Depares, Stan Breed, Rose O'Neill, Margaret Ray, Francesca De Lucia

Anniversaries:

Irene Ransom, Madeleine Brady, Margaret Spring

Funeral Notice:

LITURGY - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Dan 3:52-56, Rv52

Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING: Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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

SR. MARG will be away on
RETREAT from Friday 9th June to
Saturday 17th June, 2017.

**THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
MASS -FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 2017 AT
7.30PM.**

If you would like to bring a plate of food for the Supper which will be held in the Narthex after the Mass, please sign the Sheet in the Nar-

YOUTH NEWS

SIXTEENTH YOUTH CLUB –

The next meeting will be on **Friday 30th 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 **Catechetical Sacramental Program – Enrolment 2018** we are taking bookings now. Enquire at the Parish Office on Ph: 9878 0818.



We warmly welcome **Alessandra & Louis Perri** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.
May the grace of God be with your and your family always.



THE APOSTLE MAGAZINE—2017. Is now available in the Narthex, please take a copy home with you.

EUTHANASIA AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE WOULD DAMAGE DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS
Suicide is always a tragedy that has far-reaching effects. The State government plans to spend over \$5 million on suicide prevention throughout 2016-2017 but at the same time open the door to suicide for certain groups of people by legislating for euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. It is both incoherent and a contradiction to promote suicide as a tragedy as well as good public policy.
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

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE, 2017—6.00PM

Please be advised that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held during the Vigil Mass next week and Monsignor Bennet will be the main Celebrant.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **6th July** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Contact: **Pat & Don on Ph: 9878 4790**



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **6th July** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Contact: **Maureen on Ph: 9884 4376**



11TH ANNUAL WINTER LUNCHEON

An Invitation to come to our

Winter Luncheon.

WHERE: Manhattan Hotel
Canterbury Rd, Heatherdale

WHEN: 25th June 2017

TIME: 12Noon

On that day the Manhattan will entertain us with JAZZ.

BOOKINGS: Ring Yvonne & Peter
9877-3360 by Monday 19th to secure a place

PAYMENT: \$20 Seniors \$28 Adults (Pay at the door on day) **ALL WELCOME!**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ANNUAL APPEAL

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

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.

INVITATION: JEWISH AND CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2017

"STRANGERS & NEIGHBOURS: RESPONDING TO ASYLUM SEEKERS"

Guest speakers, Sr. Brigid Arthur of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project and Rabbi Ralph Genende. Opportunity to make a contribution to the work of BASP.

Bookings: \$50 each. Phone: 9272 5641/9926 5708

Bookings close 27th July

(See Church Noticeboard for more details)

MATHS TUITION

Individual tuition by a qualified, experienced & registered teacher. Years 7 to 12. **Ph No: 9894-7893**

HOUSE & OFFICE CLEANING

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

Contact Frances on 9894-7893

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 17TH & 18TH JUNE, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Chris Raisin	Margaret Easton John Philp Tony Keaney	Alicia Wright Avalee Scafidi Rebecca Ryan	Alan & Dymna Lodge
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Bride Schaefer	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Faye Winter		Anita Grady
10.30am	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Barry McLellan Jim Gucciardo Patricia Northrop	Chanel Thompson Livinia Thompson Lorena Garza	Maree Prendergast
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Josie De Fina Susan Collins Peta Fulton	Noah Fernades Alessandra Negro Joseph Negro	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Rosanna

Piety Stall: Team 4

Money Counters: Team 7

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

EMMAUS COLLEGE— OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2017

1.30PM—6.30PM

For tour bookings or more information, please see College website (www.emmaus.vic.edu.au)
Flyer on Church Noticeboard.

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.

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

