

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## THE MOST HOLY CORPUS CHRISTI

18TH JUNE, 2017

YEAR A

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 19th JUNE

9.10am Mass  
*Rosary will resume  
4th September*

#### TUESDAY 20th JUNE

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE

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

#### THURSDAY 22nd JUNE

No Service

#### FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

##### FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

10.00am Mass incl.  
School  
7.30pm Mass & supper

#### SATURDAY 24th JUNE

10.00am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 25th JUNE

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass (Incl.  
1/2OT & 1/2MB)

## Dear Parishioners,

### CONFIRMATION CELEBRATES THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US

Our Confirmation is, in fact, a continuance of what has begun at our baptism; a continuance of the developing awareness and reality of faith and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

At our baptism, faith was conceived; we became part of Christ's Body, part of His Church. The Holy Spirit ensures us that we are a brother or sister of Christ. Our confirmation is the gentle unfolding of what our baptism means.

When we celebrate Confirmation, we celebrate the fact that we are being transformed, and that transformation will continue to take place from the day we are confirmed until we are completely one with God. We are on a journey to wholeness, peace and perfecting love. Our heavenly Father celebrates with us because we are responding to his invitation to a life of love and reconciliation.

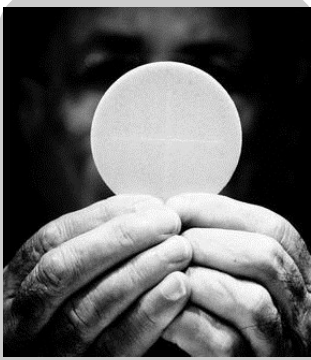
We have said "yes" to his invitation to be part of the visible, living, breathing, Spirit-filled Body of Christ. It is only through the action and lives of Christians, that the Holy Spirit, through faith and the sacraments, can show what the Church is truly called to be the living Body of Christ. And this must be at the heart of any other activity we undertake.

*Fr Terry msc*

***We congratulate our students from our Parish/School community who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the Holy Spirit shower many blessings upon them as they continue their journey of faith.***

*Thought of the Day.....  
Nature never goes out of Style.*





## A Vocation

### View:

*That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.*

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

### Sick:

Robert Fox, Baby Ricky Smith, 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 Carrey, Denise Wraight, Peter Babulo, Moira Healy, Tony Hill, Koula Tsepelidis, Norma Parker & Martin Broad.

### Recently Dec'd:

Zita O'Kane, Sr. Anna Gaha IBVM, Ned Pelly

### Anniversaries:

Soledad Contreras

### Funeral Notice:

## LITURGY - THE MOST HOLY CORPUS CHRISTI YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 147:12-15,19-20 R v.12

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

### SECOND READING: Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 6:51-52

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## 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

## 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 Narthex.



### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Meeting for the above group for July and August have been cancelled.

BSG will resume **Thursday 14th September.**

### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—INTENSIVE STUDY OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

"Choice of Philosophy or Biblical (OT) units" - 6 day Winter Intensive (July 3,5,7,10,12 & 14)

"The Liturgy and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church" - Semester Two Intensive ( July 29 &30); (August 20) ; (September 9 & 10) **\*\*AUDIT AND CREDIT OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

Phone: 9412 3309 for further details

# YOUTH NEWS

### SIX2EIGHT 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 22nd July 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.



### THE APOSTLE MAGAZINE—2017.

Is now available in the Narthex, please take a copy home with you.

### ROSTERS FOR COMMENTATOR/LECTORS & SPECIAL MINISTERS

Please collect your envelope from the Church 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.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on Earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!*

## 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!**

### 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.

### HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE "AT HOME WITH GOD"

A Retreat which offers people time to reflect & pray and notice God's presence in their daily lives. Continue your normal activities spending a little time each day reflecting and then beginning Monday 24th July 2017 for 5 sessions from 1.15pm-2.15pm go to HLS Centre to share with a spiritual companion.

Phone: 9890 1101 by 17th July to register.

### FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP EASTERN SUBURBS PILIPINO COMMUNITY

Invitation to celebrate at Our Lady's Church, Ringwood on *Sunday 25th June 2017.*

Further details: 0425 704 035/0400 801 280

### 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)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Dear Parishioners - we thank you for your generous response to our Annual Appeal which stands at \$4,200. This usually increases as donations continue to come in. We thank you again.

*Grace Mizzi - President, Blackburn Conference.*



### FEAST OF ST. THOMAS MASSES

*Friday, 30th June - 10.00am - School and Parish*

*Monday, 3rd July - 9.10am - Mass with Morning Tea afterwards.*

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 24th & 25th JUNE, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Max Wittick	Chris Wittick	Margaret Easton Jan Gaffy Gerald Gill	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Bride Schaefer	Fidelma D'Souza	Faye Winter Maureen Munro		Maureen Munro
10.30am			Anne Marmion Barry McLellan Jim Gucciardo	Isabella Spillane Annabelle Spillane Audrey Brodrick	Loreto Moore
5.00pm	<b>SCHOOL MASS 1/2OT &amp; 1/2MB</b>	<b>SCHOOL MASS 1/2OT &amp; 1/2MB</b>	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Noah Paswinder Katya McGrath Gidget Mannix	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader:** Martina

**Piety Stall: Team 5**

**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)

**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)

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

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

