



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th JULY, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 10th JULY

9.10am Mass

Rosary will resume
4th September

TUESDAY 11th JULY

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 12th JULY

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 13th JULY

No Service

FRIDAY 14th JULY

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 15th JULY

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 16th JULY

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

**COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOUR AND ARE OVER-
BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.**

Slow me down Lord, ease my pounding heart,

Quieten my racing mind, steady my hurried steps.

Amidst the confusion of my days, give me the calmness of the
everlasting hills.

Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking time off, of slowing down to look at a
flower, to chat with a friend, to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day that there is more to life than increasing in
speed.

Let me look into the branches of a towering oak, and know that it
grew tall and strong, because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord. Teach me to be gentle and humble of heart.

And thus I will find rest for my soul.

Fr Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

*Constant kindness can accomplish much. As
the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes
misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to
evaporate.*





A Vocation

View:

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer?

We live in the spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Wendy Lumby, Robert Fox, Malgosia Dziuk, Mick Matthews, Daisy Xu, Malise O'Connell, 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:

Fr. Aub Collins msc and Joan Quinn.

Anniversaries:

Cornelis Van Maanen, John Ellerton, David Walker and Gerardo Trinidad.

Funeral Notice:

LITURGY - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14,R.V.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf. Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Baptism Candles and gifts

Melbourne Catholic Magazine @ \$4.00ea

Annals Magazines @ \$2ea

NZ Kauri Wooden Crosses \$10.95 each

Br. James New CD's available \$25.00ea

Friends of Same East Timor Ground Coffee @ \$7.50ea

YOUTH NEWS

SIX2EIGHT YOUTH CLUB –

The next meeting will be on **Friday 28th July**, 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST AT ST THOMAS'

Workshop on the 1st August.
Sacrament on 19th Aug. 6pm Mass and 20th Aug. at 10.30am and 5pm Masses.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEMBERS NOTE.....

Meetings for July and August have been cancelled. And will resume **Thursday 14th September.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—CALL CENTRE

The Box Hill Call Centre would welcome your assistance becoming a volunteer and taking calls from people in all walks of life that are currently finding things difficult and need a helping hand. The Call Centre is open Monday to Friday—9.45am-3.30pm. We are a moderately busy Call Centre with a pleasant and happy environment. Training provided. If you are interested, please call our supervisors Sue or Lynne on 9895-5986

Grace Mizzi, President Blackburn Conference

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—ASSISTANCE NEEDED

SVdeP Society in the Ringwood region (includes Blackburn), is establishing a Scholarship Fund in 2018 to help needy secondary students in this region with items such as books, school camps and excursions. The selection of scholarship recipients will rest with the schools. We are looking for 2 or 3 people to administer the fund. This will mean liaising with the schools and keeping records—using spreadsheets and email.

If you are interested in helping that will mean so much to families in need, please contact **Maurie Joyce on 0417 326 581 or email: mauriejoyce@gmail.com**

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

CHAVOIN COLLEGE 40 YEAR REUNION BURWOOD....

Class of 1977 To be held on 12th Aug. Please contact Michael Jones, Alumni Rep. On phone 03 9758 7784 or E: Michael.Jones@emmaus.vic.edu.au for more info.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not 'owners' of anything, we are merely 'stewards' of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

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**



Watch this space for upcoming Events.....



Liturgical Formation Workshops

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (AOFE) offers workshops for liturgy teams and all those serving or interested in parish ministry. You can register at evangelisation@cam.org.au

The next workshop is for The Reader of God's Word on Thursday 20 July, 7pm - 9pm (light supper from 6.30pm) at Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre (383 Albert Street, East Melbourne) This workshop explores liturgical principles and techniques of proclamation to assist those in this ministry. For more information on these workshops, please contact: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (03) 9926 5761 Workshops cost: \$20 per person.

FORUM FOR PARISHES.....

Sponsored by Catholic Social Services Victoria. Strengthening parish Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees. On Tuesday 11th July at 9.30am-1.00pm at St. Monica's Parish Primary School 20 Robinson Street, Moonee Ponds. Our Parish Social Justice Group will be in attendance.

"ASK A MUSLIM" (Inter-Faith Understanding)

An event run by The Avenue Uniting Church. Q & A Panel by 3 Muslims for progressive values.

Also entertainment by Blackburn High School musicians. **Venue: The Avenue Uniting Church Sunday July 30th from 5.30-8.00pm Cost \$10.** address is Cnr Blackburn Rd and The Avenue, Blackburn. See Poster on Notice Board for more details.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Dear Parishioners - we thank you for your generous response to our **Annual Appeal which stands at \$5,200** This usually increases as donations continue to come in. We thank the staff, students and parents of our school for their welcome donation of food items at this time of the year.

The staff of our Piety Stall have once again provided a cheque for our Appeal and we thank them for that.

Grace Mizzi - President, Blackburn Conference.

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 15TH & 16TH JULY, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Needed	Paul Muling	Jacinta Gaffy, John Philp Bride Schaefer	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Alan & Dymna Lodge
8.30am	John Mahony	Joan Morgan	Dorothy & John Murray Need someone		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Maureen Munro	Geraldine Holland	Maria & Hank Gibcus Margaret O'Loughlin	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Geoff & Patricia Harrison
5.00pm	Marco Negro	Helen Newton	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	

Children's Liturgy: Leader:
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY-SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Piety Stall: Team 3
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

**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 begin-
ning 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.

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

