



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD JULY, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 24th JULY

9.10am Mass

*Rosary will resume
4th September*

TUESDAY 25th JULY

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 26th JULY

9.10am Mass (incl.

Classes 5/6CF & 5/6NM)

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 27th JULY

No Service

FRIDAY 28th JULY

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 29th JULY

10.00am Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 30th JULY

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass (incl.

Classes 3/4VS & 3/4KP)

Dear Parishioners,

Our gospel passage today follows on from last week's with Jesus using another parable to speak about God's Word finding a place in our hearts. Today we hear of the sower having planted the seed (wheat) and finds that weeds (darnel) have been sown as well by an enemy in the midst of his crop.

The reaction to this comes somewhat as a surprise. It's more a lesson in patience and a deep desire that we as the place where the seed is planted will be open to make changes and ultimately provide a good outcome in our responses. We are truly a work in progress!

On the local level, we have just heard from Rome that our MSC student, Khoi, has been approved for diaconate. This will take place here on 25 November, a Saturday night. It is the eve of the Feast of Christ the King. Bishop Terry Curtin is to be celebrant. Congratulations, Khoi!

And speaking of Khoi, he has very recently had published (in Vietnamese) a book on reflections of 'Heart Spirituality'. Many, many copies of the book have been sold already and I won't be surprised if it does not go into a second printing! Again, Khoi, a wonderful effort and you show a way forward which is outstanding for one who is already kept very busy on Master's studies. Well done!

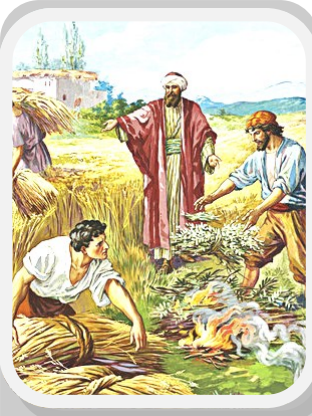
And young Thomas White has done himself proud too with his consciousness and fundraising talk last weekend—all for the people of South Sudan. Congratulations, Thomas. You did our heart good.

Fr Frank

Thought of the Day.....

*God never said that the journey would be easy
but He did say that the arrival would be
worthwhile.*





LITURGY - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 85:5-6,9-10,15-16 Rv5

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf. 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 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

A Vocation

View:

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Ashley Woods, Stella Hill, 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:

Charles Hurley and John Gleeson.

Anniversaries:

Alfred Depares, Letitia Liston, Charles Kee, Joy Lewis, Clarence Perera and Gerard Perera.

Funeral Notice:

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**

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.

YOUTH NEWS

SIXTEENTH 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 12th August 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.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEMBERS NOTE.....

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

ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL—WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2017

This year the school will be participating in the above program, which will enable them to get new educational resources ie: new equipment, resources for Maths, English, Science and fun supplies for Arts & Craft & the Library.

From **Wednesday 26th to Tuesday 19th September (or while stocks lasts)**, please shop at your local Woolworths and collect the Earn & Learn stickers— for every \$10 spent.

Once the Sticker Sheet is completed, please drop it off to the school or in a box which will be labelled with "St Thomas the Apostle" at your local Woolworths store.

Visit: www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn for further details.

SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN IN SIERRA LEONE (DONATIONS FROM THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART MASS)

Isaiah Lahai, who came and spoke about The Aladura Primary School in Sierra Leone has sent through photos of the children and evidence showing how the money donated was spent. Please see the Church Noticeboard of the beautiful children!

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

As children of God, we are all "good seeds", blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfil God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **3rd Aug** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **3rd Aug** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



FIRST FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be on the **4th Aug**. Will post details closer to the date.



Watch this space for upcoming Events.....



PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

The **Parish Social Justice Group** had donated \$250 each to 2 urgent worthy causes.

Firstly, Syria's humanitarian crisis is the biggest emergency right now. The vicious conflict has forced 6million Syrian's out of their homes and 2 million into other countries (*Caritas 1800 246 100*).

On another matter closer to home, the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (*BASP 9696 2107*) is asking urgently for funds to support Asylum Seekers with material aid and emergency relief due to the harshness of the October deadline of the Immigration Department's legacy caseload.

Members of our Parish Social Justice Group attended the candlelit vigil on the steps of the State Library on Wednesday 19th July. 60 vigils were held at sites across the country to mark four years since mandatory offshore immigration detention was introduced by former PM Kevin Rudd. While the Manus Island Detention Centre is set to close in October 2017, the fate of the 2000 detainees on Manus and Nauru remains unclear. The centres have cost almost \$4.9 billion to build and run since 2013, and 5 parliamentary and immigration department inquiries have found widespread evidence of physical and sexual abuse.

"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: Cnr Blackburn Rd & The Avenue, Blackburn. See Poster on Notice Board for more details.

ST THOMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS.....

ANDREW CHINN

AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS SONGWRITER & SINGER

On Wednesday, August 2nd, Andrew Chinn will be visiting the school to share his songs with our children. His songs, such as 'These Hands', 'Rainbow' and 'An African Blessing' are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. The concert will take place in the School Hall at 2.10pm.

All Parishioners who attend the concert MUST sign in at the school office before going to the hall.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 29th & 30th JULY, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Margaret Easton	Max Wittick Chris Wittick John Philp	SERVE	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Yvonne Crowe	Peter Crowe	Maureen Munro Marg Burchell Fidelma D'Souza	IF	Ray Johnson
10.30am	Loreto Moore	Veronica Hawkins	Patricia Northrop Mary Crossan Neil Crossan	YOU	Margaret Grandy
5.00pm	SCHOOL MASS 3/4VS & 3/4KP	SCHOOL MASS 3/4VS & 3/4KP	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	CAN	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Martina
Vestment Colour: Green

Piety Stall: Team 5
Money Counters: Team 6

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"

**OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE
OPEN DAY**

To be held on Wednesday 9th August 2017 from
12.30pm to 5.00pm

Register now for 2019

Ph: 9890-9097 or visit:
www.sion.catholic.edu.au



GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS.....

Br James' CDs are available at Piety Stall.
'Hidden Within The World' \$25,
Heartvoice (double CD) \$25 & Gospel of
Love (double CD) \$25.

MATHS TUITION

Individual tuition by a qualified, experienced &
registered teacher. Years 7 to 12.

Ph No: 9894-7893

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

