



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH JULY, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 31st JULY
9.10am Mass

*Rosary will resume
4th September*

TUESDAY 1st AUGUST
10.00am Mass (incl.
Classes 1/2JA & 1/2BK)

WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST
9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST
No Service

FRIDAY 4th AUGUST
12noon 1st Friday Parish
Mass & Lunch

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST
10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

OUR TREASURE

The kingdom of God is our treasure. It is so precious that all earth's good things seem valueless in comparison.

When we have the kingdom of heaven within us, we then have all other treasures also.

The good things of this earth have their attraction, but they do not last and will not come with us when we finally meet Jesus face to face at the end of time.

WELCOME FR THANG MSC

We warmly welcome Fr Thang Nhu Nguyen msc to our community. Thang comes from Vietnam and is studying English at YTU till the end of the year and then next year he will be doing a Spiritual Director's Course at Heart of Life. We hope he has an enjoyable stay with us.

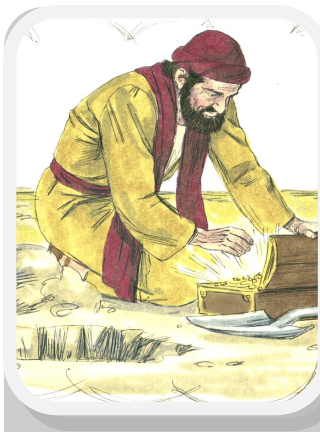
GOOD NEWS OR BAD NEWS??

The MSC Provincial has sent an email saying that the MSC's has signed a further contract with the Melbourne Archdiocese for St Thomas the Apostle Parish Blackburn for a further 5 years. I trust this is good news for you beautiful parishioners?

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
Give of your hands to serve
and your hearts to love.*

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A Vocation

View:

Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

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, Joe Panettieri and Margaret Spruhan.

Anniversaries:

Joe Defina, Elizabeth O'Brien, Celia Tolentino, Antonio Tolentino, Brian Glynn, John Ellerton, Joy Lewis, Nick Corken & Maria Bianco.

Funeral Notice:

Monday 31st July at 10.30am—Charles (Chas) Hurley

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 118:57,72,76-77,127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

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 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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 11th August**, 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's 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 pictures on 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

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

HOUSE & OFFICE CLEANING

Reliable honest lady for cleaning; available Monday to Saturday, excellent references supplied.
Contact Frances on 9894-7893

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Do you really trust God? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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**



BUS TRIP TO MT. GAMBIER 2017 25TH SEPTEMBER FOR 4 DAYS



Due to popularity, without even advertising, we have a full bus at this stage. If you would like to be on the Waiting List, please ring Peter & Yvonne on 9877 3360.
Cost: \$422 p/person twin share
\$135 extra single supplement
To those who are booked please pay by **3rd September 2017**.
If paying by cheque, please make payable to "Superb Tours"

1ST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be on **Friday 4th August**—Mass in Church at 12noon followed by lunch in the Hall. Entertainment: "What's on your Bucket List" All Welcome
Enquiries: Dympna 9877 3346, Wendy 9803 0451 & Evelyn 9877 5548

ST THOMAS' PARISH ACCOUNTANT

Fiona Thompson has been our Parish Accountant for seven years and has now stepped down as work and family commitments have increased. We wish her well and congratulate her on a job well done!
VACANCY.....We are looking for an Accountant on a voluntary basis to take over from Fiona as **Parish Finance Accountant**. All enquiries to the Parish Office 9878-0818

ST THOMAS' PARISH WORKING BEE

The church grounds are in need of some light weeding and the spreading of mulch. **A Working Bee will be held on Saturday morning, 12th August from 9.00am-12noon.** Please put your name and contact phone number on the sheet in the Church Narthex, if you are able to assist.
****Please bring along your garden tools!**



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.

"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 details.



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.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 5TH & 6TH AUGUST, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Barry McLellan	Kim Anderson	Margaret Easton Tony Keaney Jacinta Gaffy	Jeremy Garlick	Ray Johnson
8.30am	Phillip Collins	Geraldine Holland	Dorothy Murray Maureen Munro		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Alan Mead	Rita Barnden	Anne Marmion Margaret O'Loughlin Patricia Northrop	Livinia Thompson Chanel Thompson Audrey Brodrick	Marg O'Loughlin
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Katya McGrath Stella McGrath	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Jeanette
Vestment Colour: White

Piety Stall: Team 1
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)

**DOMINICAN FRIARS VOCATIONS
DISCERNMENT DAY**

The Dominican Friars invite young men to a vocations discernment day to be held at St. Dominic's, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell. Learn about vocation discernment, religious life and the Dominican charism. Held on Saturday 29th July at 9.00am-4.00pm. Cost: Free
RSVP: by 25th July : Fr Thomas Azzi OP on vocations@op.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

**EASTERN PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDRAISER
PRESENTS "UN PRANZO SQUISITO"(An Italian
Lunch in celebration of Life)**

On Sunday 13th August 2017 at Veneto Club, Bulleen from 12.00pm.
Book Now with all proceeds going to support inhome, free palliative care services for people living across eastern Melbourne.
Call EPC on 1300 130 813 to book

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

