



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6TH AUGUST, 2017

YEAR A

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 7th AUGUST

9.10am Mass

*Rosary will resume*

*28th August*

#### TUESDAY 8th AUGUST

**St. Mary of the Cross**

10.00am Mass (incl.

**Whole School)**

#### WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement

Village

#### THURSDAY 10th AUGUST

No Service

#### FRIDAY 11th AUGUST

10.00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 12th AUGUST

10.00am Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 13th AUGUST

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass



## Dear Parishioners,

### THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Feast of the Transfiguration is considered a major feast, numbered among the twelve Great Feasts in Orthodoxy. In all these churches, if the feast falls on a Sunday, its liturgy is not combined with the Sunday liturgy, but completely replaces it.

The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event reported in the New Testament in which Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant upon a mountain. Jesus and three of his apostles go to a mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration). On the mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light, the prophets Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice in the sky, assumed to be God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus.

In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

### CONGRATULATIONS FATHER KIMI MSC

We warmly congratulate Kimi Vunivisilevu msc on the occasion of his Priestly Ordination in Sydney on Friday evening. We pray that the Lord may continue to shower many blessings upon him as he journeys through life.

*Fr Terry msc*

*Thought of the Day.....  
For hope is but the dream of those that wake.*



## LITURGY - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD YEAR A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf. Mt 17:5

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

### FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9 Rvv 1,9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

### SECOND READING: St. Peter 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 17:5

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

This is my son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf 1 Jn 3:2

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

## A Vocation View:

*"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."*

*(Luke 9:35)*

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

### Sick:

Antonio So Jr., 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:

William McLaughlin, Sybil Fisher

### Anniversaries:

Leo & Patricia Moore, Kevin Marmion, Bettye Bartling, William Crowe

### Funeral Notice:

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Holy Communion Cards, Gifts,  
Rosary Beads, Plaques & Crosses

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'

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](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn) for further details.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO .....

Michael Ransom and Sharon Molan on receiving **2017 Deakin Community Awards.**

### 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.

### CAN YOU HELP?

An elderly couple living in Blackburn are looking for assistance with a car lift to the 10.30am Mass on Sundays. They live very close to the Church. Please call the Parish office on 9878-0818 for further details.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.*

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

### CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **7th Sept.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.  
Contact: **Pat & Don on Ph: 9878 4790**



### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **7th Sept.** 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"

### 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.

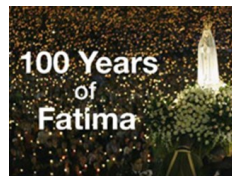
**A Working Bee will be held on Saturday morning, 12th August from 9.00am-12noon.** Please put your name and contact phone number on the sheet in the Church Narthex, if you are able to assist.



**\*\*Please bring along your garden tools!**



We warmly welcome **Quinn Dessent & Isaac Spink** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.  
*May the grace of God be with you and your family always.*



### OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE

As part of the centenary celebrations for the Fatima apparitions, The Pilgrim Statue of

Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting St Thomas the Apostle Parish from **Saturday August 26th until Friday September 1st.**

The statue will be enthroned during weekend Masses August 26th/27th.

### EUTHANASIA & PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE— WHY ARE WE CONCERNED?

The Victorian Government is planning to introduce a "Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide" Bill which proposes that, under certain conditions, patients can request euthanasia from doctors, or request their assistance to suicide. There has been very little public discussion as to the consequences for our wider community.

**An address will be given by Fr. Tony Kerin (Episcopal Vicar for Life Marriage & Family) on Thursday 17th August, 2017 from 7.30pm at Coghlin Centre—St John the Evangelist Parish, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham**

**RSVP: St. John's office 9873 1341 or mitcham@cam.org.au or Jan 0402 141 519**

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 12TH & 13TH AUGUST, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anthony O'Hea	Peter Watson	John Philp Gudran Muling Paul Muling	Alicia Wright Rebecca Ryan	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Marg Burchell	Faye Winter Bride Schaefer Fidelma D'Souza		Anita Grandy
10.30am	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Yvonne Reidy Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus	Isabella Spillane Annabelle Spillane Lorena Garza	Verna Hawkins
5.00pm	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Joseph Negro Declan Bardsley	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader:** Monica  
**Vestment Colour:** Green

**Piety Stall: Team 2**  
**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**)

**LOOKING FOR A HOUSEMATE**

Two reliable, communicative, mature, friendly,  
clean, faithful Catholic adults (one male, aged  
35; one female, aged 41—in separate rooms)  
are searching for a like minded 3rd housemate  
for a new larger townhouse situated in  
Burwood; for the end of August.  
For more information call Magdala on  
0417 718 774

**KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE  
VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires  
volunteers to assist with the work of the local  
Church in the Kimberley. Tasks include: admin-  
istration, building maint. gardening, shop  
staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are  
for 6 months period.

**For further details and an application form  
contact: Anneliese Rohr on (08)9192 1060**

**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.....*

