



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 13TH AUGUST, 2017

### YEAR A

#### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

##### MONDAY 14th AUGUST

9.10am Mass

*Rosary will resume*

*28th August*

##### TUESDAY 15th AUGUST

**The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

10.00am Mass (incl.

**Whole School)**

7.30pm Mass

##### WEDNESDAY 16th AUG.

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement

Village

##### THURSDAY 17th AUGUST

No Service

##### FRIDAY 18th AUGUST

10.00am Mass

##### SATURDAY 19th AUGUST

10.00am Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

##### SUNDAY 20th AUGUST

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass



## Dear Parishioners,

### COURAGE! DO NOT BE AFRAID

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently  
across the waters of life.

However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of  
adversity begin to buffet us,  
we lose our nerve and begin to sink.

Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does,  
May we hear your gentle voice saying to us?  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

In that moment Lord,  
May your love uphold us,  
calm our fears, steady our nerves,  
and enable us to steer our little boat  
to a place of safety and peace,  
beyond the wind and the waves.

*Fr Terry msc*

### CONGRATULATIONS FR TERRY

We warmly congratulate Fr Terry as he celebrates his 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
priestly ordination this Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Well done!

*Thought of the Day.....  
Knowledge of what is possible is the beginning  
of happiness.*



# LITURGY - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23  
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Ps 129:5  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
**Alleluia!**

**FIRST READING:** Kings 19:9,11-13  
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:22-33  
Command me to come to you over the water.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 84:9-14 Rv8  
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Ps 147:12,14  
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 9:1-5  
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

## A Vocation

### View:

*Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure.*

*These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.*

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

### Sick:

Frank Nolan, 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 Rutzow, 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:

Genni Parella, Kathleen McCaig (sister of Hugh)

### Anniversaries:

Michael Djojuiswanto, Piri Catona

### 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

# YOUTH NEWS

## SIXTEENTH YOUTH CLUB –

The next meeting will be on **Friday 25th 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 9th September 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'

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 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 July 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.

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY –HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Held on Tuesday 15th August

Mass Times: 10.00am - Parish/School and 7.30pm Evening Mass.

**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.

**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

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.*

**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"

**CONGRATULATIONS.....**

Sister Julieanne Dunn of the Missionary Sisters of Service will, this weekend, be celebrating her 60th Anniversary of entry into the Order.

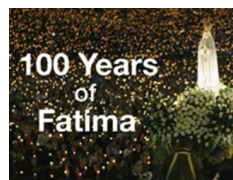
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—BRIC-A-BRAC**

Dear Parishioners We would be pleased to accept any bric-a-brac, that is surplus to your needs, for sale in our Ringwood Centre. Items could be: Crockery, cutlery, vases, glass or china bowls, kitchen utensils, wine and drink glasses, ornaments and more. If you can help us, such items could be left in the Church Narthex and we will collect them.

**Grace Mizzi—President**



We warmly welcome **Layla McLeish** 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 19th & 20th AUGUST, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	Jeremy Garlick	1ST EUCHARIST MASS
8.30am	Joan Morgan	Therese Case	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe		Maureen Munro
10.30am	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	Livinia Thompson Chanel Thompson Audrey Brodrick	1ST EUCHARIST MASS
5.00pm	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	1ST EUCHARIST MASS	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Ari Rego Isabella Dyer Charlotte Dyer	1ST EUCHARIST MASS

**Children's Liturgy: Leader: No Chn's Liturgy**  
**Vestment Colour:**

**Piety Stall: Team 3**  
**Money Counters: Team 2**

**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)

**SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB OVER 28'S  
PARTY NIGHT FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS**

Saturday 19th August 2017 starting at 8.00pm  
Location: Benedict House at St. Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood  
Cost: \$13.00 includes lucky door prizes & supper  
Enquiries: Peter 9885-2167

**'WEST SIDE STORY'-LUMINA THEATRE COMPANY**

The above Theatre Company is run by Aquinas College Alumni and extending an invitation to all parishioners to the showing of the production on September 2nd at 2.00pm. They are offering a 50% discount of \$15 per ticket.  
Email: lumina.theatre.company@gmail.com for further details.

**MAROONDH CATELAN INVITATION**

Come and join other Catholic men from nearby parishes for dinner and an evening of fellowship at a local restaurant with function room privacy on Wednesday 16th August - 6.45pm onwards. Please confirm attendance with Andrew Ruigrok on 0487 138 140 or 9879 0692 for all details.

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

