



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th AUGUST, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 28th AUGUST

9.10am Mass

Rosary will resume
28th August

TUESDAY 29th AUGUST

10.00am Mass

11.00am Funeral

WEDNESDAY 30th AUG.

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 31st AUGUST

No Service

FRIDAY 1st SEPT.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & LUNCH—SPECIAL FATIMA LITURGY

11.30am Rosary & Litany

12noon Mass

SATURDAY 2nd SEPT.

10.00am Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 3rd SEPT.

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1917-2017

One of the most famous claimed visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary was in the village of Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. From 13th May to 13th October 1917, Our Lady is said to have appeared six times at noon on the 13th of the month, in the field of Cova da Iria near Fatima, to three shepherd children, Lucia Dos Santos (aged 10) and her cousins Francisco Marto (aged 9) and Jacinta Marto (aged 7).

At the last apparition, on October 13th 1917, with about 70,000 people present, the Lady said to them that she was the “Lady of the Rosary” and that a chapel was to be built there in her honour. After the apparition all present witnessed the miracle promised to the three children in July and September: the sun, resembling a silver disc, could be gazed at without difficulty and, whirling on itself like a wheel of fire, it seemed about to fall upon the earth.

Over the decades since 1917, the Shrine of Fatima has been built, which today is visited by about four million pilgrims each year.

We are fortunate to have the Statue of Fatima in our Parish this week.

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
The future belongs to those who believe in the
beauty of their dreams.*



LITURGY - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt. 16:18

Alleluia, Alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his
shoulder.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom
of heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-36,8 Rv8

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine
to cheer the heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

A Vocation View:

*Many of us fear
people in authority
as authority can be
used rightly or
wrongly.*

*As Christians we are
called to see power as
service. We shall all
be judged on love.*

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

Sick:

Maree Fox, Frank Nolan,
Antonio So Jr., Ashley
Woods, Stella Hill, Wendy
Lumby, Robert Fox,
Malgosia Dziuk, Mick
Matthews, Daisy Xu, Geoff
Beams, Stan Brown, 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:

Joan Gleeson

Anniversaries:

Funeral Notice:

Wednesday 30th August at
11.00am— Joan Gleeson

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

SIX2EIGHT YOUTH

CLUB – The next
meeting will be on
Friday 8th September -
“**MOVIE NIGHT**” in the
School Hall. More details to follow.
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.

ALTAR SERVERS' PARTY is to be held on Sunday September 10th
at 3.00pm. Please RSVP your attendance to Caren Garlick by
email: caren.garlick@cam.org.au



BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEMBERS NOTE.....

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

VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH CATECHETICS CLASSES.

We are seeking persons
interested in helping out in
2018. The hours are from
4pm –5pm on Tuesday
afternoons during School
Terms. Enquiries to Caren
at the Parish Office on
9878 0818.

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 for further details.

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

ST THOMAS' PARISH ACCOUNTANT—VACANCY

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!
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

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

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**



1ST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON "SPECIAL FATIMA LITURGY"

Will be held on **Friday 1st Sept.**—at 11.30am Rosary and Litany followed by Mass at 12noon with Lunch to follow.
Please bring a flower/s to place near the Statue.

Entertainment: Maureen Johnson and Sr. Anne Byrne will be playing as a duo. All Welcome
Enquiries: Dympna 9877 3346, Wendy 9803 0451 & Evelyn 9877 5548

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"



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **7th Sept.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.
Contact: **Maureen on Ph: 9884 4376**



PARISH COUNCIL FORUM COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Your questions and comments are important to us. Remember to place them in the question box in the narthex near the library. Thank you for your support and interest.
Forum Committee

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

CATHOLICS AND LUTHERANS—AFTER 500 YEARS...

An invitation to Afternoon Tea on Sunday 10th Sept at 2pm at St Francis Xavier School Hall 1087 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
Parking available in School grounds. See notice board for more details. RSVP to their Parish Office on 9890 2231 or E:boxhill@cam.org.au



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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE....

God of hope and peace, be the spirit of wisdom, reconciliation and justice in the words and actions of the leaders of all nations. Protect those communities affected or threatened by violence in troubled areas. May the memories of those who have died urge all people towards an international community of security and peace.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



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 2ND & 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Kim Anderson	Gudran Mulin Gerald Gill John Philp	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Joan Morgan	John Mahony	Fidelma D'Souza Bride Schaefer Maureen Munro		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Anthony O'Hea	Veronica Hawkins	Verona Gridley Jim Gucciardo Louis Souchon	Livinia Thompson Chanel Thompson Audrey Brodrick	Marg. O'Loughlin
5.00pm	Marco Negro	Sam Salamone	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Katya McGrath Stella McGrath	

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

Piety Stall: Team 5
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)

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH, BURWOOD

MEN'S RETREAT

Theme: Good Shepard and I
Held on Friday 13th October to Sunday
afternoon 15th October 2017 at St Paul's
Missionary College Retreat Centre, Wantirna
South.
For further details contact: Michael Ballek on
miclik@hotmail.com or 0433 196 549

'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.



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

