



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th SEPTEMBER, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 18th SEPT.

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 19th SEPT.

10.00am Mass (incl.
Prep)

WEDNESDAY 20th SEPT.

9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 21st SEPT.

No Service

FRIDAY 22nd SEPT.

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 23rd SEPT.

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 24th SEPT.

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness works the miracle of change.

When Abraham Lincoln was asked why he did not destroy his enemies, he replied, 'If I make my enemies my friends, do I not thereby destroy them?'

The art of forgiveness consists in having a humble spirit.

When you forgive you change yourself and other people as well.

You free yourself from the burden of bitterness, and you loose others from the chain of guilt.

Forgiveness works two ways:

you must forgive in order to be forgiven.

Those who cannot forgive break down the bridge over which they themselves must pass, for everybody needs to be forgiven.

Forgiveness should start now.

Putting it off only deepens the wound.

Clinging to bitterness postpones happiness.

Life is short, time is fleeting.

Today is the day to forgive.

Fr. Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
The acts of this life are the destiny of the next.*



A Vocation

View:

“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Harry Weinberg,
Marie Dillon, 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:

Anniversaries:

Jack Harrison,
Thomas Bailey,
William Lennon,
Gennarina Parrella (one month)

Funeral Notice:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ecclus 36:18

Give peace, O lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour’s faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 102:1-4,9-12 Rv8

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 13:34

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O god!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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

SHARING PARISH FACILITIES

As you are aware, we have a very active parish with different events being organised every day of the week. Because we share parish facilities, such as the car park, the hall, meeting rooms & the Church, it is important that people organising activities inform the Parish Office of timing and details of such events.

Parish website

(www.stthomastheapostle.org.au) has a comprehensive calendar. Please check this calendar first, make certain your proposed activity does not clash with another group’s date, time or meeting place, then let the Parish Office (ph: 9878 0818) know your intentions.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

YOUTH NEWS

SIX2EIGHT YOUTH CLUB –

The next meeting will be on **Friday 22nd September** in the School Hall.

Gold Coin Donation

Enquiries: Caren Garlick on 9878 0818

STARFISH PROJECT – Will be on

Saturday 14th October 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.

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.

CATENIAN INVITATION—MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

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 September 20th at 6.45pm onwards.**

Confirm attendance with Andrew Ruigrok on 0487 138 140 or email: ruigrokas@gmail.com for full 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

We are looking for an Accountant to take over from Fiona as **Parish Finance Accountant**.

All enquiries to the Parish Office 9878-0818.

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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" - ROMAN 14:8
This is the essence of stewardship—everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't 'owners' of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **5th Oct.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



1ST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be held on **Friday 7th October** — Mass at 12noon with Lunch to follow. All Welcome

Enquiries: **Dympna 9877 3346, Wendy 9803 0451 or Evelyn 9877 5548**

BUS TRIP TO MT. GAMBIER

25TH SEPTEMBER FOR 4 DAYS

Thank you to all for paying on time, it is much appreciated. Any info. please ring Peter & Yvonne on 9877 3360. **See you on the Bus!!**



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **5th Oct.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



FILM NIGHT

With the weather so cold, I decided to leave our Film Night until daylight savings starts. Hopefully it will be warmer!! Mid October is our next date. Pinewood will let me know what is showing. Many thanks for your support. **Dorothy Murray**

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

The recent crackdown by the Government's evil decision to remove housing and funding services to the 400 refugees already in Australia for medical treatment and to force them back to Nauru and Manus Island has sprung our group back into action. If you would like to contribute to our bank account (NAB - BSB: 083-251& ACCT#732008374) we will pass these funds onto the Asylum Centre Resource Centre (ASRC) and the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) who are involved in material aid and urgent accommodation for these people.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2017-2018

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **24 September**. This year, the Australian Bishop's social Justice Statement is titled: "Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy". The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02)8306 3499.

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**



We congratulate **Arnie Ramos Corpuz** who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. *May the grace of God be with you and your family always.*

ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

'AROUND THE WORLD IN ARTY DAYS' ART SHOW

The above Art Show will be open to all parishioners this weekend—Sunday 17th September 2007—from 10.00am to 12noon. Please come along to the viewing.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anthony O'Hea	Peter Watson	Gudran Muling Paul Muling Jan Gaffy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE SERVE IF CAN	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Fidelda D'Souza	Bride Schaefer Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe		Anita Grandy
10.30am	Owen Shaw	Rita Barnden	Yvonne Reidy Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE SERVE IF CAN	Ray Johnson
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE SERVE IF CAN	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: School Holidays
Vestment Colour:

Piety Stall: Team 3
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)

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.

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER
ANNUAL MISSION SPRING FAIR**

To be held on **Saturday 14th October** from
9.00am-3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew.
Proceeds will go to assist Sr Almaz Leza in
Taza Catholic Health Centre, Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia for financial aid to purchase
emergency nutritional food for drought and
famine affected people. Enq: 9817 3715

**DIAMOND VALLEY SINGERS & BLACKBURN
UNITING CHURCH (THE AVENUE)
COMIC SONGS CONCERT**

On Sunday 24th September from 2.00pm , a
concert featuring music from Flanders and
Swann, Tom Lehrer, Gilbert and Sullivan,
various musicals, Monty Python, with proceeds
to Lentara (for refugees and asylum seekers).
Cost: \$15 (incl. afternoon tea)
Enquiries: Barbara Carter 0430 453 101

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

