



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH NOVEMBER, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 20th NOV.

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 21st NOV.

10.00am Mass (incl.
Classes 1/2DB & 1/2OT)

WEDNESDAY 22nd NOV.

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

THURSDAY 23rd NOV.

No Service

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 25th NOV.

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass
(incl. Prep Classes)



Dear Parishioners,

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

"When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake just for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking." (*William Bausch*)

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
It is up to you to see the beauty of everyday
things.*



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps: 127:1-5 Rv1

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 15:4,5

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 72:28

To be near god is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

A Vocation

View:

Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

John Delany, Marie Walker, Charles Fain, Jon Parkinson, Marie Dillon, Maree Fox, Frank Nolan, Antonio So Jr., Ashley Woods, Stella Hill, Wendy Lumby, Robert Fox, Malgosia Dziuk, Daisy Xu, Geoff Beams, 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:

Michael & Angela Germano, John Willcox

Funeral Notice:

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards
Pkt 8 @ \$4.00**

**Majellan Christmas Cards
Pack of 10 @ \$6.00**

Baptism Candles and gifts

Columban Calendars 2018 @ \$9.00ea

**Melbourne Catholic Magazine
@ \$4.00ea**

**NZ Kauri Wooden Crosses
\$10.95 each**

**Br. James New CD's available
\$25.00ea**

**Friends of Same East Timor
Ground Coffee @ \$7.50ea**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please add names of deceased relatives and friends to the Book of Remembrance which is located in the Narthex of the Church.

KHOI'S DIACONATE ORDINATION—25TH NOVEMBER, 2017 HELD AT 6.00PM MASS CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

We are in need of assistance with "Sweet Bits" such as slices, cakes, biscuits etc. for *Khoi's Ordination Supper* which is to be held in the Hall. A list has been placed in the Church Foyer seeking names and what item our parishioners may care to prepare.

Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS

SIX2EIGHT YOUTH CLUB –

The next meeting will be on **Friday 17th Nov.** in the School Hall.

Gold Coin Donation

Enquiries: Caren Garlick on 9878 0818



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS WALK

Put on some Christmas colours, bring some friends and com fill the neighborhood with song. Held on **Friday 1st December from 6.00pm-8.30pm, meet at the Church.**

Bring a gold coin donation, and bring a plate of food to share for final dinner for 2017.



STARFISH PROJECT – Will be on

Saturday 9th December 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.

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

MATHS TUITION

Individual tuition by a qualified, experienced & registered teacher. Years 7 to 12. **Ph No: 9894-7893**

NEED A HAIRCUT? OR A QUICK TRIM?

Please call Esme on 0421 132 356
Competitive Prices for Ladies/Gents/Children.
Able to come to you.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us: He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.
Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

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

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **7th Dec.** at 7.30pm. Location to be advised. All Welcome.

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



CHRISTMAS 1ST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

Held on **Friday 1st December** —Mass at **11.30am (Note change in time)**

with lunch to follow.

Further details to follow.

****Christmas Luncheon tickets on sale -**

\$26 each - contact Evelyn directly.

Enquiries: **Dympna 9877 3346,**

Wendy 9803 0451 or Evelyn 9877 5548

WATCH THIS SPACE



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **7th Dec.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



1ST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

After many years of organising and co-ordinating the luncheon, Dympna Lodge and Evelyn Tan have decided to 'step down'. On behalf of the parish, we thank them very much and appreciate the mighty effort. Subsequently, we require two people to take on these roles on a volunteer basis. Contact the Parish Office on 9878 0818 for further details.

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE SILOAM 2018 FULL-TIME/PART-TIME PROGRAM FOR FORMATION OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

If you are interested in the above program and wish further details, please contact the Centre on (03)9890-1101 or email: holsc@bigpond.com

See Noticeboard for further details.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH?

Then log onto the St. Thomas the Apostle

Parish website: www.stthomastheapostle.org.au/

We have a very informative website of Upcoming Church Calendar events, daily scripture readings either read to you or for you to read. Very user friendly with **one touch access** to many interesting sites. **Give it a go!! And let us know what you think.**

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Invites you to a Forum to discuss the "Impact of Child Sexual Abuse within the Catholic Church and Opportunities for the Future" on **Monday 27th November at 7.30pm** in the St. Thomas Apostle School Hall. Guest speakers will include Fr. Kevin Dillon, who has for the last two decades listened to the victims and has put their needs first with his "LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION" in endeavouring to repair the wrongs of the past and to do everything he can to ensure a safer future for children.

URGENT!

Gentleman requires lift to and from Regis on a daily basis. Lives close by.

Contact: Bride on 0409 061 037

THANK YOU.....

Janice Brown would like to thank all Parishioners for your prayers for her husband, Stan Brown, who passed away recently.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 25TH & 26TH NOVEMBER, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Jan Gaffy Tony Keaney Gerald Gill	KHOI'S DIACONATE MASS	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Joan Morgan	Marg Burchell	Faye Winter Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe		Maureen Munro
10.30pm	Chris Raisin	Veronica Hawkins	Anne Marmion Barry McLellan Lynne Shaw	Lorena Garza Olivia Garza Jeremy Garlick	Loreto Moore
5.00pm	SCHOOL MASS PREP	SCHOOL MASS PREP	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Katya McGrath Stella McGrath	

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

Piety Stall: Team 2
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.)

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.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH CATHOLICARE
GARDENER NEEDED—FOOTSCRAY AREA**

CatholicCare Footscray is looking for an
occasional gardener to help keep their outside
property tidy by maintaining the garden beds
and cutting back growth covering the walkways.
Once every 3-4 weeks (Monthly)

Contact: Matt Walton on (03)9926-5699

Contact Email: Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au
See Noticeboard for further information



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A VERY INFORMATIVE
NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK ON ALL
SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS.
THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE**

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www.stblackburn.catholic.edu.au/**

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

