



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

26TH NOVEMBER, 2017

YEAR A

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 27th NOV.

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 28th NOV.

10.00am Mass (incl.  
Classes 1/2BK & 1/2ED)

#### WEDNESDAY 29th NOV.

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

#### THURSDAY 30th NOV.

No Service

#### FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

11.30am Christmas 1st  
Friday Mass & Luncheon

#### SATURDAY 2nd DEC.

10.00am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass



## Dear Parishioners,

It is with pleasure that I write this message of congratulations to our new deacon, Khoi Nguyen, who takes a definitive step towards priesthood this weekend. We have all got to know Khoi over the past few years and here is a little bit more that you may have not been aware of.

He is the youngest of five children and all of his older siblings are married and living in Sydney. Khoi's mother is quite fit and healthy, living there too, but his father passed away a couple of years ago. Khoi migrated with his parents in 2005, to Sydney. At that time he had completed Year 12 in Vietnam but had little English. On arrival he took crash courses in English and at the same time attended University in Sydney pursuing Economics studies until graduation in 2010.

Two things touched Khoi's life in the days following his university studies. One was the fact of having a good role model in a Vietnamese Jesuit who enjoyed his life as a religious and priest. The other was the Spirituality of the Heart, which he encountered and is something we MSC's deeply appreciate and love to share. Khoi's understanding and accepting of a belief in a God who loves unconditionally and totally assisted him in his discernment as he looked at his future. Thus in 2011 he applied and was accepted into our Order.

We have got to know Khoi here as a dedicated and committed religious who is in every way, I'd say, one who is on earth the Heart of God. This is our motto and Khoi makes this statement a reality.

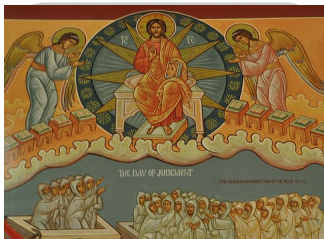
This weekend we welcome his family and many friends to our celebrations. Following his ordination we will have to say goodbye to Khoi whose days here come to an end. He has completed exceedingly well his formation, including a Master of Arts (Theology) degree. Khoi will move to Kensington Parish, Sydney and work there in the diaconate role.

Khoi, it has been a pleasure to have had you with us these past five years. We wish you every blessing and good health as you move to the next stage of your life. God bless you!

And God bless you all, our parishioners here at St Thomas'.

*Fr Frank msc*

*Thought of the Day.....  
We don't grow when things are easy, we grow  
when we face challenges.*



## LITURGY - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YEAR A

### A Vocation

#### View:

*The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.*

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

#### Sick:

Tamara Bobrovich, Genni Byrne, 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:

Baby Finn, Patrick, Mary Healy, Kathleen Healy, Louis Grubert, Pasquale Gullace

#### Anniversaries:

Chang Chong Chee, David Pope, Maureen Collins

#### Funeral Notice:

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Apoc 5:12;1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22:1-3,5-6 Rv1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

#### SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:20-26,28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mk 11:9,10

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### 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.

#### HAMPER REQUEST—ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear Parishioners, this Christmas we need to provide 90 hampers for families that would otherwise have very little.

Just as you have generously provided in the past, we hope that you will once again. Hampers could be gift wrapped or plain or you may prefer to use a supermarket carry bag located in the Narthex near the kitchen.

Contents we leave up to you but could contain soup, pasta & sauce, tins of ham or fish, pudding, custard, cake, sweets or cordial.

We would like to have hampers by 17th December but later is still fine.

We thank you for your continued support in all of our activities.

**Grace Mizzi - President Blackburn Conference**

## YOUTH NEWS

#### SIXTEEN 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 come 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**

### ADVENT LITURGY

The Liturgy for the Communal Prayer of Forgiveness will be held on **Tuesday December 5th at 7.30pm.**

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.*

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. 14 Gordon Cres. Blackburn. \*Please bring a plate. 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. It will be held at Rosemary's home. Please contact: **Maureen on Ph: 9884 4376 or Carmel on 9894 7950** for address.



### 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.

### STUDY AT YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION - 2018

A welcoming community for theological education offering undergraduate and postgraduate awards.

**NEW STUDENTS WELCOME:** Morning classes and/or Evening classes offered.

Call Nicole or Katherine on 9890-3771#9 for further details.

### PLAY PIANO NOW! AGES 7-97

The revolutionary SIMPLY MUSIC PIANO PROGRAM offers a breakthrough in music education, and has students playing great-sounding contemporary, classic, gospel, blues and accompaniment pieces—immediately—from their very first lesson.

Contact: Bernardine Kee on ph: 9878-6449 or email: bkn@yahoo.com

### 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

### NEED A HAIRCUT? OR A QUICK TRIM?

Please call Esme on 0421 132 356

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 2ND & 3RD DECEMBER, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Barry McLellan	Philip Brooks	Gudran Muling Paul Muling Louis Souchon	Alicia Wright Lachlan Wright	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Phillip Collins	Geraldine Holland	Maureen Munro Chris Raisin Fidelma D'Souza		Ken Castanelli
10.30pm	Owen Shaw	Maureen Munro	Patricia Northrop Mary Crossan Neil Crossan	Annabelle Weisz Isabella Weisz	Vicki Barnes
5.00pm	Reginald Ng	Chris Raisin	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Oliver Boyer Joseph Negro Alessandra Negro	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader:** Elinor  
**Vestment Colour:** Violet

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

**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.

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

