

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4TH MARCH, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 5th MARCH

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 6th MARCH

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH

9.10am Parish (incl.
Classes 5/6EM & 5/6KK)
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 8th MARCH

No Service

FRIDAY 9th MARCH

9.30am STATIONS OF THE
CROSS
10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 10th MARCH

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 11th MARCH

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners, A HOUSE OF PRAYER

This is the house of our heavenly Father.

Here we draw close to him in whom we live and move and have our being.

It is above all a house of prayer.

We can pray in many ways and at many different levels.

We pray first of all by being here.

Then we pray with our lips.

But most of all we pray with our heart.

Unless our heart is behind what we say, then our words are no better than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.

Here we draw close to one another.

Therefore we pray together as members of a family should.

The quality of our prayer depends on the bond that exists between us.

If we are united in heart and mind our prayer will ascend to heaven like fragrant incense.

Lord Jesus, help us to make this house a true house of prayer.

Fr Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God."

LITURGY - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B



A Vocation View:

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder.

Such is a vocation.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Roland Schuster, Frank Nugent, Jessie Pennetta, Pat Berti, Sr Maureen Philp RSJ, Jo Hocking, Claire Letham, Claire Tierney, Liz Murphy, Tamara Bobrovich, Marie Walker, Charles Fain, Jon Parkinson, 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:

Ron Kennedy and Maureen Darcy.

Anniversaries:

Peter Vanosta,
Margot Gorman,
William Reilly, Mary Reilly & Jean Reilly

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-11 R Jn6:68

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PIETY STALL

OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS

St. Patricks' Day Cards, Crosses, Rosaries & Gifts

Baptism Candles and Gifts

NEW LOOK: 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



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on **Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

All Welcome. Further details from Quentin (9877 5906) or any member of the BSG.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2018

'FORMATION IN SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT'

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES &

STATEMENTS are available in Narthex.

YOUTH NEWS

SIXEIGHT YOUTH CLUB

The next meeting will be **Friday 16th March, 2018.**

Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will be **Saturday 17th March 2018.**

All newcomers most welcome.

Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Sacrament dates and classes have been organized for 2018. If you haven't as yet filled in your forms for enrolment, please do so as classes commence in March.

All enquiries can be made to

caren.garlick@cam.or.au or by phone on 9878 0818.

EASTER VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

Volunteers are required to assist as Commentators, Lectors and Special Ministers for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Please place your name on the Roster sheets which are placed in the foyer.

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE

1065 WHITEHORSE RD, BOX HILL

Please note the following events taking place at the Sion College.

***Talk and Tour Morning, Friday 16th March, 9.30am**

***College Open Day, Thursday 22nd March, 2.30pm-6.30pm**

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

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

Venues and times:

St. Thomas' Church—Wednesdays 1.30pm

The Avenue Uniting Church—Wednesdays 7.30pm

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything.....”Exodus 20:4

How many 'gods' do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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

WATCH THIS SPACE.....



ATTENTION.....

BUS TRIP TO MILDURA

On April 9th—12th.

We have a few vacancies if interested in joining us.

Cost: \$452 per person (twin share)

\$572 Single room

Cost Includes: Trip on Paddle Steamer and a visit to Orange World.

Contact: Yvonne & Peter on 9877 3360



CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on April 5th at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.

Contact: Pat & Don on 9878 4790



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on the 5th April in the Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact

either Maureen on 9884 4376 or Carmel on 9894 7950



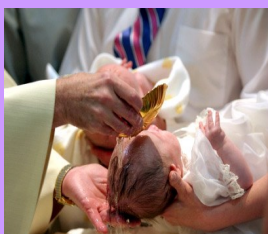
The **Archbishops Office For Evangelisation (AOFE)** facilitates liturgy workshops and formation sessions throughout the year to support parish groups in their ministry. The sessions are open to all and provide valuable information for current members and those thinking of joining a parish.

Please refer to Liturgy Workshop details on noticeboard at the entrance of the Church.

For further information visit www.cam.org.au/evangelisation or

Contact the Parish Office to express your interest.

PLEASE NOTE.....At all this weekend's Masses, there will be a third collection to assist the Asylum Seekers and Sr. Brigid's work. Some people may not be prepared for this, therefore, we have included the bank account details for the Social Justice Group which are: NAB Bank, BSB:083-251 Account No: 732008374. A very worthy cause.



We warmly welcome **Piper Gledhill & Jonathan Mercurio** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend. *May the grace of God be with you and your families always.*

CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS

A reminder to make sure when you are buying your Easter eggs they are not being made with cocoa picked by children, many of whom are enslaved to do this work.

Pope Francis said that, "every person should be aware that purchasing is a moral and not simply an economic act." Look for these symbols:



HOUSE FOR FREE!

Later this year, the Parish Office at St. Simon's Parish, Rowville will be replaced. Currently the office is housed in a large portable building which could be a substantial family home of 5 bedrooms, bathroom kitchen etc. The building is available **AT NO COST** to anyone who is willing to remove it and transport it (probably during May) to a new location. For further information, please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or Brian Dalton (0419 349 382).

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 10TH & 11TH MARCH, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Margaret Easton	Louis Souchon Gerald Gill Bride Schaefer	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Marg Burchell	John Mahony	Chris Raisin Peter Crowe Yvonne Crowe		Anita Grandy
10.30am	Alan Mead	Joan Morgan	Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus Verona Gridley	Annabelle Spillane Isabella Spillane	Margaret Grandy
5.00pm	YOUTH MASSES	YOUTH MASSES	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Oliver Boyer Noah Paswindar	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 2
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 11.30am (NEW TIME).

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 WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA
GET OUT THERE & BE THE CHURCH, 'BRUISED,
HURTING AND DIRTY'**

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** Contact Christine at Palms on (02)95605333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND**

*Invest in your most precious asset.....
Your Marriage!*

Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other.

2018 Melbourne weekend dates: 16-18 March, 1-3 June, 17-19 August and 9-11 November

*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.
Accommodation and all meals provided.*

Contact: Andre & Maria 0411 225 992
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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

