



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11TH MARCH, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 12th MARCH

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 13th MARCH

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH

9.10am Parish (incl.
3/4FB, 3/4LY & 3/4SB
Classes)
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 15th MARCH

No Service

FRIDAY 16th MARCH

9.30am STATIONS OF THE
CROSS
10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 17th MARCH

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 18th MARCH

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

THE ROMERO PRAYER

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

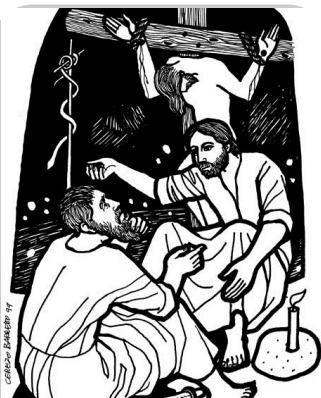
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.'

(Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw)

Fr Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see.
The reward of faith is to see what you
believe."*



LITURGY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf. Isa 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult
and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are
revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 136 Rv6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us
to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only
Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal
life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be
saved through him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf. Ps 121:3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the
Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

A Vocation View:

When we are 'born
again' in baptism, we
really become a new
creation, fired with a new
love, and aimed in a new
direction—heaven.

Let Jesus talk with you.

Let Jesus challenge you.

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,
Moirra Healy, Tony Hill, Koula
Tsepelidis, Norma Parker &
Martin Broad.

Recently Dec'd:

Joan Hiscutt

Anniversaries:

Kyle Fox

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

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

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES &

STATEMENTS are available in Narthex.

EASTERN HEALTH BREAST & CANCER CENTRE-MAROONDAH HOSPITAL

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Eastern Health has completed building a new Breast & Cancer Centre and it will be opening on
Friday 6th April. The hospital is looking for volunteers to assist in a 'patient simulation'
(9am-12.30) exercise on **Wednesday 21st March**. Involvement is for approx. 1 hour.

For further details please email: Julia.dale2@Easternhealth.org.au

YOUTH NEWS

SIXTEEN 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 write your name on
the Roster sheets which are placed in
the foyer.

THANK YOU...to all St. Thomas' parishioners
for your generous support of the Asylum
Seeker's & Refugees Centre. The Social
Justice Group is happy to report that

\$2,213 was raised!

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

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...." John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest.

How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

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 April 5th 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.

CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS

Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved. These children don't even know what the cocoa beans are used for and they won't ever get to taste chocolate. **Pope Francis said that, "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always 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).

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS—NUNAWADING MARCH MEETING

Will be held at **St. Thomas Retirement Village, 97 Hawthorn Rd, Forest Hill on Wednesday 14th March** commencing at **7.30pm**. Installation of new Branch Chairman, Brother Paul Mitchell, will be carried out by State Community Relations Officer Brother John Bruce. Your attendance will be support and encouragement for Brother Paul. Please enter meeting room via the side (**NOT FRONT**) door.

**ST THOMAS THE
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BLACKBURN**

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Susan Collins

Admin:

Luise Hendricks

Bookkeeper/Admin:

Luisa May

PARISH ACCOUNTANT:

Maurice Gartland

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES:

Sr. Marg Burchell IBVM
& Caren Garlick

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 17TH & 18TH MARCH, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alistair Pinto	Kim Anderson	Gudran Muling Paul Muling John Philp	Gidget Mannix Jeremy Garlick	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Phillip Collins	Therese Case	Faye Winter Maureen Munro Marg Burchell		Maureen Munro
10.30am	Chris Raisin	Veronica Hawkins	Jim Gucciardo Anne Marmion Patricia Northrop	Annabelle Spillane Isabelle Spillane	Loreto Moore
5.00pm	Rita White	Thomas White	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	PLEASE SERVE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 3
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.)

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.....*

