



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8TH APRIL, 2018

YEAR B

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 9th APRIL

FEAST OF THE  
ANNUNCIATION

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 10th APRIL

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL

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

#### THURSDAY 12th APRIL

No service

#### FRIDAY 13th APRIL

10.00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 14th APRIL

10.00am First Rite of  
Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 15th APRIL

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass



## Dear Parishioners, EASTER REFLECTION

*(A description of an Easter ceremony in Russia under communism when it was dangerous to be a believer)*

"Someone at the back of the church lit a candle, a single point of light not able to pierce the darkness. Then there was another, and another. Swiftly the flame was passed from one to another. In less than a minute the church was a blaze with light. Each candle lit up the face behind it, a face marked with suffering.

But now that suffering turned into joy, because of the certain knowledge that the Lord has risen. These people do not debate the resurrection. They have experienced it in their lives. They have not preserved the faith in hostile surroundings, it has preserved them. Lord, may your Easter light shine on us always and chase the shadows of the night of death away."

**Fr Terry msc**

*Thought of the Day.....  
Be the change you want  
to see in the World!*



# LITURGY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 1 Pet 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

## FIRST READING: Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24 Rv1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

## SECOND READING: St John 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## A Vocation View:

*Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb.*

*Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you...."*

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

**Sick:** Margaret Robinson, Stella Hill, Roland Schuster, Frank Nugent, Jessie Pen-netta, 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, 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:

Fr Mark McDonald msc; Brendan Dillon (Barry & Lynne's son)

## Anniversaries:

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

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

# YOUTH NEWS

## SIXTEENTH YOUTH CLUB

The next meeting will be **Friday 20th April, 2018.**

Enquiries: **Caren on 9878 0818**



**STARFISH PROJECT** – The next meet up will be **Saturday 21st April, 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.

## FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Was transferred from March 25th to April 9th this year. Parish Mass at 9.10am.

## ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

### PREP 2019—ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Prep 2019 are now open and will close at the end of April. If you have a Catholic child whom you wish to enrol, please contact the School Office on 9878 8268



ST. THOMAS' SCHOOL PRODUCES A VERY INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK ON ALL SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE

SCHOOL WEBSITE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO VIEW: [www.stblackburn.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.stblackburn.catholic.edu.au/)

On this day when we celebrate the victory of life over death, let us pray for the young people in our parish and our families—that they may always be open to the new possibilities that the Lord offers to them. Let us pray that one or two young people from our parish will answer the call of the Lord to consecrated life or priesthood.



## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will be on **Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm** in the

Presbytery Meeting Room.

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

### 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

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

### 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

*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."-ACT4:32*

*All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money—these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.*

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

### CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on **May 3rd** at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.

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



### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on **May 3rd** in the Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact

either **Maureen on 9884 4376** or **Carmel on 9894 7950**



**Coming Soon**

### ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

**SUPPORT ST THOMAS' SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS** by ordering the **NEW 2018/2019 Entertainment Book** or **Entertainment Digital Membership**—just \$70 and receive **HUNDREDS OF VALUABLE OFFERS** (giving you over \$20,000 of value!) **PLUS** order now to receive **OVER \$100 of bonus Early Bird Offers.....hurry, these sell out quickly.**

Buy securely online: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18758g6>

Any further queries please contact the School office on 9878 8268



We warmly welcome **Jasper & Elijah Withers; Indie Donnellan; Emma Lai** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend. *May the grace of God be with you and your families always.*

### OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE 90TH ANNIVERSARY WELCOME BACK TO SION DAY—SAT. 19TH MAY 2018

Invitation to all past staff and students of Our Lady of Sion College to attend an afternoon of reunion and reminiscing. Catch up with colleagues and friends, enjoy a tour of the College to see what has changed.

**RSVP: for catering purposes at [www.trybooking.com/335414](http://www.trybooking.com/335414)**

**Contact: Robyn at [paststudents@sion.catholic.edu.au](mailto:paststudents@sion.catholic.edu.au)**

MSC Music

### GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS.....

Br James' CDs are available at Piety Stall. *'Hidden Within The World'* \$25, *Heartvoice* (double CD) \$25 & *Gospel of Love* (double CD) \$25.

### ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL—YEAR 5/6 CAMP

From Tuesday 17 April-Friday 20 April, our Year 5 & 6 students will go on Camp to Canberra, along with some teaching staff. It's a very exciting time for the students and vital step in their learning. The School Camp is a compulsory part of our Curriculum, but for a few families, the cost of \$710 is difficult to bear. Years gone by, St Thomas' parish community has been generous in sponsoring in part or full, a child's Camp fee. If anyone in the Parish is willing to support some of our families who cannot manage the camp costs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make contact with either the School or Parish office.

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 14TH & 15TH APRIL, 2018 - YEAR B**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Kim Anderson	Tony Keaney Bride Schaefer	<b>HELP</b>	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Phillip Collins	John Uren	Chris Raisin Dorothy Murray	<b>IF</b>	Maureen Munro
10.30am	Alan Mead	Veronica Hawkins	Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus Patricia Northrop	<b>YOU</b>	Maree Prendergast
5.00pm	Jenny Simmons	Angela Pillai	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	<b>CAN</b>	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader: SCHOOL HOLIDAY**  
**Vestment Colour:**

**Piety Stall: Team 2**  
**Money Counters: Team 1**

**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.

**BOOK KEEPER POSITION**

A Construction company located in Burwood is looking for a Book Keeper for 12-14 hours per week and times are very flexible.

Please contact Julie Mangan on 0403 703 913 for further details.

**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: 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.....*

