



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15TH APRIL, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 16th APRIL

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 17th APRIL

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 18th APRIL

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

THURSDAY 19th APRIL

No service

FRIDAY 20th APRIL

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 21st APRIL

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 22nd APRIL

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's love. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the damage.

One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick.

When he struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The protective mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies.

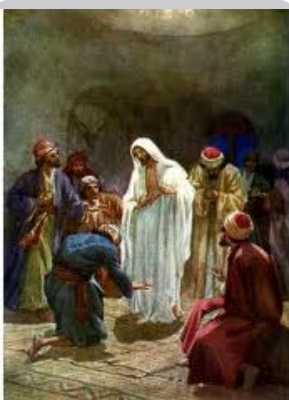
When the blaze arrived and the heat scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live.

Likewise Christ gave his life to save us.

(Source unknown)

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
The best view comes after the hardest climb.*



LITURGY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name. O render him
glorious praise, alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING: Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised
him from the dead.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

**It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the
third day rise from the dead.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9 Rv7

Lord, let your face shine on us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lk 24:46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

SECOND READING: St John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our
sins and those of the whole world.

A Vocation View:

*What would convince
someone to turn to God?
That God became man
and is the sacrifice that
takes our sins away.*

*Let us pray—Lord Jesus,
make Your world plain
to us and set our hearts
on fire with love when
You speak. Enable us to
respond to the call to be
witnesses of Your love.*

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

Sick: Helen Opie, Margaret
Robinson, Stella Hill, Roland
Schuster, Frank Nugent, Jes-
sie 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,
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:

Brendan Dillon, Rebecca
Pfeiffer, Fr. Brian Canneen
msc

Anniversaries:

Sarah Rose; Ted Clifford;
Nancy Pirera; Alessandro
Capozzolo

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

SIXEIGHT 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.

TOUCHING THE FRINGE OF HIS GARMENT

Do you need HEALING? A Retreat presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. A 2 day
journey of INNER HEALING on **Saturday 5th May & Sunday 6th May 2018** at **St Clare’s Hall,
access from Killara Street, Box Hill North.** BYO lunch and bible; morning & afternoon tea
provided. **Cost:** \$50 donation; students \$30 **Bookings:** by Monday 30 April at
www.trybooking.com/TEBY (use promo code CSOE for 10% discount)

Details: Rose on 0411 650 339 or Melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Fitzroy Soup Van, located at 91-111 Melrose St, in North Melbourne desperately seeks
volunteers to assist in the food preparation on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to
5.00pm. Assisting would involve the preparation and cooking of soup and sandwiches for the
Soup Van night runs. If any member is interested in becoming involved on these afternoons,
please contact Rose Lakomy on 9895 5911 or volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au

Many thanks,

Grace Mizzi, President

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

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

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened....” L’UKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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 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.

PALLOTTINE CAMINO 2018—A PILGRIMAGE WALK

From St. Christopher's Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College, Milgrove on **April 21st to 23rd, 2018**. A time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine Spirituality & Mission. Contact Lorraine on 0402 217 123 or email: lorraine613@bipond.com to register for the Information Session or to book.

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

Contact: Robyn at paststudents@sion.catholic.edu.au

WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. In his letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us:

‘God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts’

Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 21ST & 22ND APRIL, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Max Wittick	Chris Wittick	Louis Souchon Gudran Muling Paul Muling	Gidget Mannix Jeremy Garlick Dylan Garlick	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Marg Burchell	Therese Case	Maureen Munro Fidelma D'Souza Faye Winter		Ray Johnson
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Margaret O'Loughlin Jim Gucciardo Anne Marmion	Isabella Spillane Annabelle Spillane	Margaret Grandy
5.00pm	SCHOOL MASS YEAR 3	SCHOOL MASS YEAR 3	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Noah Fernandes Ari Rego Kate Brown	

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

Piety Stall: Team 3
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 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.

CROYDON PARISH PLAYERS PRESENTS.....

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S CLASSIC "WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION"

Opening night is **Friday 4th May at 8.00pm** followed by a Gala Supper for all patrons, to help celebrate another season.

For further details or to book tickets visit:
www.CroydonParishPlayers.com

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