



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

20TH MAY, 2018

YEAR B

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 21st MAY

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 22nd MAY

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 23rd MAY

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

#### THURSDAY 24th MAY

No service

#### FRIDAY 25th MAY

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

10.00am Mass  
11.00am Fatima Statue  
arrives

#### SATURDAY 26th MAY

10.00am First Rite of  
Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 27th MAY

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass  
(incl. Youth Mass)



*Dear Parishioners,*

### FEAST OF PENTECOST

A child picks up a small bird that has fallen from its nest. He makes his hand into a nest to keep it from falling and doing further damage to its self.

But he does not make his hand into a cage, for he has no intention of possessing the bird or turning it into a pet. Having reassured the bird that it is in safe hands, he slowly raises it up and up.

Then, when the moment is right, he releases it. He rejoices when it succeeds in keeping itself aloft, and he is happier still when it flies off.

That is what love is.

Holy Spirit, on Pentecost Day, you released the apostles from the prison of the upper room, and they went forth with courage to do the work of Jesus.

Kindle within us the fire of Your love, and in our own humble way, we shall renew some small corner of the world.

*Fr Terry msc*

*Thought of the Day.....  
There is much potential inside than we see in  
the world.*

*St. Thomas the Apostle Parish strives to create an environment  
where all children are safe, respected and cared for.*

# LITURGY - PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B



## A Vocation View:

*Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.*

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

**Sick:** Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, 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, 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 & Martin Broad.

## Recently Dec'd:

Christine Murphy;  
Joanne (Jo) Andrews;  
Fr. Roger Duggan msc;  
Frances Le Roux

## Anniversaries:

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Apostles 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1,24,29-31, 34 Rv30

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

### SECOND READING: Galatians 5:16-25

The fruit of the Spirit.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

**Baptism Candles and Gifts**

Melbourne Catholic  
Magazine (May Edition)  
@ \$4.00ea

**Sunday Missals available**

**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

### SIX2EIGHT YOUTH CLUB

The next meeting will be

**Friday 1st June, 2018.**

**Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818**



**STARFISH PROJECT** – The next meet up will

be **Saturday 16th June, 2018.**

*All newcomers most welcome.*

**Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584**

### CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Sacrament dates and classes have begun for 2018. Both **Reconciliation** classes and

**Confirmation** classes have commenced, however, enquiries can still be made to

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

### ST. THOMAS' BIBLE STUDY GROUP—'NEWCOMERS WANTED'

An insert in the Parish Bulletin this weekend from the BSG reflects on what is discussed at the monthly Meetings, which are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please come along for an insightful look/talk about the Bible and its' teachings.

**Contact Quentin Bailey on 9877 5906 or the Parish Office on 9878 0818 for further details.**

### LITURGICAL FORMATION WORKSHOPS

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation is hosting the following workshops:

- **The Reader of God's Word—Thursday 26 May, 7pm-9pm**

At Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. The workshop costs \$20pp and includes light refreshments and materials.

Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon on (03)9926 5765 or evangelisation@cam.org.au



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

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

### 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.

### MATHS TUITION

Individual tuition by a qualified, experienced & registered teacher. Years 7 to 12. Ph No: 9894-7893

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*  
*All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what— we are not all called to do the same thing!*

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

### CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on **June 7th** at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.

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



### FILM NIGHT

The film "**GUERNSEY**" based on best selling novel by Mary Ann Shaffer's "*The Guernsey Literary & Potato Pie Society*" Set in 1946 about the 1941 German occupation of Guernsey. Great cast very enjoyable!!  
**On Friday 25th May at Pinewood Theatre. Time: Approx. 6.30pm Cost: \$8.50** \*\*Dorothy Murray will be at the 8.30am & 10.30am Masses this weekend to take the final bookings.  
**Dorothy Murray on 9893 3341**



### 1st FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be on **Friday 1st June**, and it'll be special in more ways than one. Firstly, we will have a blessing of the sick during Mass, and secondly, for entertainment, Yvonne & Peter Crowe will lead us in bingo. *The Mass times have changed to a permanent 11.30am with lunch to follow in the School Hall.* All newcomers welcome.  
**Contact: Wendy 9803 0451, Margaret 9873 3852 or Jackie 9886 7204**  
As the Fatima Statue will be in our church, please bring a small floral gift to place at the Altar.



### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on **June 7th** in the Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact either **Maureen on 9884 4376 or Carmel on 9894 7950**



### THE TRAVELLING FATIMA STATUE

Will be returning to St Thomas' Parish for a week of Adoration from Friday 25th May 2018 until Friday 1st June 2018. Church will be open for personal devotion from 9am –5pm during that week.



### FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

This Friday, May 25th, we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians at the 10.00am Mass. This Feast day is an Australian Patronal Feast.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020—LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION MELBOURNE

#### 'OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY'

A talk with keynote speakers Dr Emmanuel Nathan and Dr Maeve Heaney will be held on Thursday 19th July – Friday 20th July 2018 at Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Cost: School staff \$330 and Parish Personnel/Volunteers \$100.

Contact: Leeanne Hounsell on 9267 0228

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 26TH & 27TH MAY, 2018 - YEAR B**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alistair Pinto	Kim Anderson	John Philp Max Wittick Chris Wittick		Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	John Mahony	Joan Morgan	Faye Winter Bride Schaefer Fidelma D'Souza		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Maureen Munro	Chris Raisin	Yvonne Reidy Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus	Daniel Korporaal	Lynne Shaw
5.00pm	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Oliver Boyer Joseph Negro	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader:** Monica  
**Vestment Colour:** White

**Piety Stall: Team 3**  
**Money Counters: Team 7**

**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.

**JEWISH & CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER**

Featuring a dialogue panel on youth in the life of our faith communities.

The dinner will be held on Sunday 17th June 2018 for a 7.30pm start.

At Catholic Leadership Centre, Cnr Albert & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.

Book online: [www.trybooking.com/VSMN](http://www.trybooking.com/VSMN)

Contact: Jewish Community Council of Victoria  
Bookings close 15th June 2018

**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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)