



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

27TH MAY, 2018

YEAR B

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 28th MAY

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 29th MAY

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 30th MAY

9.10am Mass  
(incl. Classes 3/4VS &  
3/4JB)  
10.30am Mass at  
St. Thomas' Retirement  
Village

#### THURSDAY 31st MAY

No service

#### FRIDAY 1st JUNE

11.30am 1st Friday Mass  
& Luncheon

#### SATURDAY 2nd JUNE

10.00am First Rite of  
Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 3rd JUNE

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass



*Dear Parishioners,*

### A TRINITY STORY REFLECTION

"O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to the world, hear me. I come to you as one of your many children. I am small and weak; I need your strength and your wisdom.

Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made, and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Make me strong, so that I may not be superior to other people, but able to fight my greatest enemy, which is myself.

Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes, so that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame."  
*(Prayer of a native Indian)*

*Fr Terry msc*

*Thought of the Day.....  
Wherever you go, go with all your heart.*

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

# LITURGY - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B



## A Vocation View:

*God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. When we go out to make disciples of all nations we have a lot to tell. God is Lord in heaven above and on earth below. Having received the Spirit that make's you God's own children, you are called to proclaim "Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come." Alleluia!*

**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:**

**Anniversaries:**

Emily & Alfred Depares

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:4-6,9,18-20,22 Rv12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## SECOND READING: Roman 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father

## 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.**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CALL CENTRE

*Looking for a volunteering opportunity that can make a real difference?*

We are seeking volunteers for our busy Call Centre in Box Hill, who are willing to commit to supporting our Welfare Call Centre one day a week.

The Team's main focus is to provide assistance to those who are reaching out to the Society for support.

*Will you help us to provide this important service to the community?*

To find out how please call 1300 736 933 or visit

**www.vinnies.org.au/volunteering-vic**

## FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Will be celebrated on Friday 8th June with Mass at 7.00pm, followed by light refreshments in the Crying Room. Bring a plate to share.



### 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

*"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...." Romans 8:16-17*

*If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?*

## 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**



### 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**



Coming Soon

### 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.



### ST THOMAS' PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FORUM NO:2

Please keep aside Monday evening, 25th June. The Parish Pastoral Council has decided to have a follow-up night in response to the Child Sexual Abuse tragedy in the Church. There will be guest speakers and a Q & A Session, followed by tea and coffee. Come and learn what the Parish and School is doing for Child Safety and how we, as a Parish, can help the survivors of this tragedy.

Venue: School Hall

### OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE BOX HILL INFORMATION EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

On Thursday, 5th June from 7-8pm followed by question time over supper. Held in the Miriam Theatre. Please RSVP 9890 9097 or info@sion.catholic.edu.au

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### TALK AND TOUR MORNING

On Friday, 22nd June, commencing at 9.30am and conclude at approx. 11.00am. The tour involves an introduction by the Principal, followed by a tour of the College with our Year 10 student guides while classes are in progress.

### THE TRAVELLING FATIMA STATUE

Has returned 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 this week.



### SOCIAL JUSTICE

The head of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, John Falzon, says the Turnbull Government's decision to strip support from Asylum Seekers transferred to Australia for medical treatment is "an unprincipled act of cruelty".

John Falzon's comments came in response to the Department of Home Affairs targeting a cohort of up to 100 people last week and withdrawing housing assistance and income support of about \$200 a fortnight.

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 2ND & 3RD JUNE, 2018 - YEAR B**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	John Inverno	Bride Schaefer Gerald Gill John Philp	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Micheal & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Chris Raisin	Therese Case	Peter Crowe Yvonne Crowe Fidelma D'souza		Ray Johnson
10.30am	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Mary Crossan Neil Crossan Jim Guicciardo	Isabella Spillane Annabelle Spillane	Marg. O'Loughlin
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Timothy Paswindar Noah Paswindar	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 4**  
**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.

**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)