



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH JUNE, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 18th JUNE

9.10am Mass

NB: Rosary will resume in September.

TUESDAY 19th JUNE

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE

9.10am Mass

(incl. Classes 3/4FB; 3/4LY & 3/4SB)

10.30am Mass at St. Thomas' Retirement Village

THURSDAY 21st JUNE

No service

FRIDAY 22nd JUNE

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE

10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 24th JUNE

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm 1ST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS

Dear Parishioners,

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

A soldier, recuperating from a war injury, looks out of his hospital window. It was springtime and the trees and shrubs were filling up with leaves and blossoms. He reflected on their simple beauty.

As he looked at them he noticed how birds of every description moved freely in and out among them – robins, sparrows, wrens, blackbirds, thrushes and wagtails.

Here they held their branch meetings. They shared the shelter and the fruit and they still managed to live at peace with one another. From here their music went forth to fill the world with its joyous sound. If they can do this, why can't we?

Suddenly the words Jesus said came alive for him: "*The kingdom of Heaven is like a tree in whose branches all the birds of the sky can find a home.*"

And a deep longing filled his soul. He longed to belong to such a Kingdom, to open his arms and embrace all his brothers and sisters. And the bitterness caused by his injury suddenly flowed away from him, and he was healed and at peace with himself and the world.

Fr. Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

*You have a choice—choose to be happy,
strong and moving.*

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





LITURGY - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Ps 26:7,9

O lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 Rcf v2

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

A Vocation View:

Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished and continue to grow towards fuller maturity. Like the Church, we are the potential to be like a growing tree, bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Val Worn, Charlie Santilli, 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:

Patrick & Margaret Gleeson;
James Hoey; Pierina Bottaro

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 29th June, 2018.

Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will

be **Saturday 21st July, 2018.**

All newcomers most welcome.

Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Sacrament dates and classes have begun for 2018. Both **First Eucharist** 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' PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: FORUM NO: 2—POST ROYAL COMMISSION

MONDAY JUNE 25TH AT 7.30PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council invites you to a gathering in response to the Child Sexual Abuse Tragedy in the Church.

SPECIAL GUEST: Fr Kevin Dillon

Guest speakers will speak on:

- *the effect child abuse has on individuals and families
- *what the parish and school are doing to protect our children
- *opportunities to help the survivors of this tragedy

The talks will be followed by a Q and A session. It will be held in the School Hall, finishing with supper.

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

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

SR. MARG has been asked by the Loreto East Timor Community Leader to come up while another sister is away, to teach the six Candidates to sew. They will each make a skirt for themselves which will be part of their uniform next year. Sr. Marg will be away from 7th June until 18th July, so please be ready to fill in if you see the need.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us—our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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

CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on **July 5th** at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.

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



12TH ANNUAL PARISH LUNCHEON

WHERE: Manhattan Hotel, Cnr. Canterbury & Heatherdale Rd, Ringwood

WHEN: Sunday 17th June 2018 at 12noon

COST: \$20—Seniors; \$28—Adults

PAYMENT: Pay at the door on the day.

Contact: Yvonne and Peter Crowe on 9877 3360/0400 082 694



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on **July 5th** in the Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact

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



Coming Soon

LIFEBOAT has been providing practical and pastoral support to over one hundred victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia for five years. Having commenced in Geelong in 2013, "Lifeboat's" first Melbourne-based fundraising function will be held on:

Friday 6th July, from 7.30pm to 10.30pm at Tosaria Restaurant, Henderson Rd, Rowville.

Entertainment: Renowned singer Sue Jones
Finger food served throughout the evening

Tickets: \$40 (due to generous support of Sue and Tosaria, most of this will go directly to the work of Lifeboat itself)

To order tickets, email Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au) OR post a note to: "Lifeboat", C/- 2 Taylors Lane, Rowville, 3178 OR call 0421 777 360

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners, our Annual Appeal will be held on 23rd & 24th June 2018. This is separate from the state wide Winter Appeal of St. Vincent de Paul. Proceeds from our appeal are retained for use in our conference area.

We hope you will support us once again.

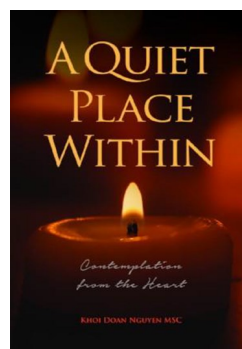
Grace Mizzi—Blackburn Conference President



1ST FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

The First Friday Luncheon gathering is in urgent need of assistance with setting up and serving. We would be most happy to hear from anyone who has a couple of hours to spare on the day.

Please contact: Wendy 9803 0451, Margaret 9873 3852 or Jackie 9886 7204



INVITATION TO A BOOK LAUNCH ON FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018

Khoi Nguyen msc has written "A Quiet Place Within—Contemplation from the Heart" Launch will be held at St. Thomas' Parish Hall from 7.00pm. All parishioners welcome.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 23RD & 24TH JUNE, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anthony O'Hea	Kim Anderson	Bride Schaefer Chris Wittick Max Wittick	Gidget Mannix Jeremy Garlick Dylan Garlick	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Marg Burchell	Dorothy Murray Bride Schaefer		Ken Castanelli
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Anne Marmion Patricia Northrop Chris Raisin	Chanel Thompson	Margaret Grandy
5.00pm	FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS	FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Noah Fernandes Ari Rego	

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

Piety Stall: Team 2
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.



CARS FOR SALE

1: 2002 LEXUS ES300—SILVER

All Lexus features, and only 105,000kms. Roadworthy Certificate. Excellent condition all round. \$9,000 ono.
Contact: Fr. Kevin Dillon for more details:
0421 777 360 or frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au

2: 1999 HOLDEN BARINA 'SWING'

Four door model, only 54,000km. Roadworthy. \$2,600 neg. Contact: Irene on 9894-4585

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: 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