



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

24TH JUNE, 2018

YEAR B

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 25th JUNE

9.10am Mass

NB: Rosary will resume in September.

#### TUESDAY 26th JUNE

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 27th JUNE

9.10am Mass

(incl. Classes

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement Village

#### THURSDAY 28th JUNE

No service

#### FRIDAY 29th JUNE

10.00am Mass

(incl. Whole School for Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle)

#### SATURDAY 30th JUNE

10.00am First Rite of Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 1st JULY

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

*Dear Parishioners,*

*'I shall be honoured in the Lord's eyes,  
and my God has been my strength.'*

The spirit of expectation is well and truly alive in today's Gospel.

Elizabeth and Zechariah know they have been blessed by God through the birth of their son John. Their faith and trust in God prevails even when they are challenged by those around them.

Elizabeth and Zechariah's story is one of faithfulness and perseverance. Despite their disappointments and difficulties, they remain faithful to God. Elizabeth, in becoming a mother in her later years, praises God for the mercy she has been given. Zechariah immediately praises God when his speech returns. As with Elizabeth and Zechariah, we are called to trust in God's faithful love and mercy.

We congratulate Fr Thang msc as he celebrates his 10th Anniversary of Religious Profession as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart. May the Lord continue to shower many blessings upon him as he journeys through life.

**Fr. Terry msc**

*Thought of the Day.....  
One small positive thought can change  
your entire day.*

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





# LITURGY - THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST YEAR B

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Jn 1:6-7; Lk 1:17

A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-6

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 138:1-3, 13-15 R V 14

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

## SECOND READING: Apostles 13:22-26

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-66, 80

John is his name.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Lk 1:78

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

### A Vocation View:

*At times we can feel that we are being swamped by various troubles. Like the apostle Paul, we are overwhelmed, not by our troubles, but by the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ.*

**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:

Margaret Davis and Br. Dan Geary msc.

### Anniversaries:

Irene Heywood, Clem Kearney, Ferdinando Beltrami

### Funeral Notice:

Wednesday 27th June at 10.00am—Margaret Davis

## 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

*"...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet." - ACTS 13:25*

*Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centred" lives, not "self-centred" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?*

## 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**



### 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

### 1st FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be on **Friday 6th July** at **11.30am** with Mass to be celebrated in the Hall.

Parking is permitted in the playground (due to school holidays).

All newcomers welcome.

Contact: **Wendy 9803 0451**, **Margaret 9873 3852** or **Jackie 9886 7204**



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners, our Annual Appeal will be held this weekend of 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.

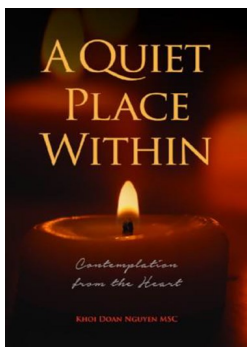
*Grace Mizzi—Blackburn Conference President*

### THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to administrative requirements, the next series of Stewardship/Thanksgiving Envelopes, together with Financial Statements for the twelve (12) months will be available for collection in the Church from the weekend of 30th June/1st July 2018.

Please collect in order to avoid postage costs.

**Thank you—Thanksgiving Committee**



### 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.

### FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE TUESDAY 3RD JULY, 2018

Mass at 10.00am on the above day, which will be followed by morning tea.

Please bring a plate to share if you wish.

N.B. Due to the Feast Day occurring during the school holidays, the school children will celebrate the occasion at the 10.00am Mass on Friday June 29th.

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 30TH JUNE & 1ST JULY, 2018 - YEAR B**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alistair Pinto	Margaret Easton	John Philp John Inverno Tony Keaney	<b>PLEASE</b>	Ray Johnson
8.30am	Joan Morgan	Therese Case	Maureen Munro Dorothy Murray	<b>HELP</b>	Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Rita Barnden	Veronica Hawkins	Yvonne Reidy Anne Marmion Margaret O'Loughlin	<b>IF</b>	Marg. O'Loughlin
5.00pm		Luisa May	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	<b>CAN</b>	

**Children's Liturgy: Leader: NO PROGRAM**  
**Vestment Colour: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Piety Stall: Team 4**  
**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