



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8TH JULY, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 9th JULY

9.10am Mass

NB: Rosary will resume in September.

TUESDAY 10th JULY

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 11th JULY

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement Village

THURSDAY 12th JULY

No service

FRIDAY 13th JULY

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 14th JULY

10.00am First Rite of

Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 15th JULY

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

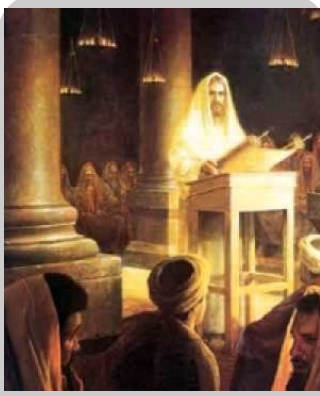
True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to *prefer* to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

- *Fr Terry will be away on leave and will return on the Monday July 16th.*
- A special collection will be held at all Masses on the weekend of 14th/15th July for Fr. Terry's 30th Anniversary of Ordination, which will be celebrated on Sunday 12th August, 2018 at the 10.30am Mass with a light lunch to follow.

*Thought of the Day.....
Believe in yourself and
you will be unstoppable.*

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





LITURGY - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Ps 47:10-11
Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf Lk 4:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:2-5
The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6
A prophet is despised only in his own country.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 122. R v 2
Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 33:9
Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:7-10
I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

A Vocation View:
There is a great need today to stand up for what we believe in. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, He has sent you to bring Good News to the poor.

Please remember the following in your prayers...
Sick: Bernadette Burke, 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:

PIETY STALL
OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS

Baptism Candles and Gifts

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

Confirmation Cards and Gifts 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
****All proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul**

YOUTH NEWS

SIXEIGHT YOUTH CLUB
The next meeting will be **Friday 20th July, 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 classes for 2018 are now complete. We are now Taking enrolments for all Sacraments for 2019, please contact Caren Garlick by **E: caren.garlick@cam.or.au** or at Parish Office on 9878 0818.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE ANNUAL FETE
A change from the 'usual' Fete to another activity was investigated but does not seem viable. As such in 2018, there will be some form of raffle in Term 3 or 4 and an invitation to support the P & F Trivia Night on Saturday 11th August.
There is a suggestion of a move of the date of the Fete to earlier in 2019, IF a committee, including co-ordinators can be formed.
If you are willing to be on the 2019 Fete Committee, please email Angela Lacey on principal@stblackburn.catholic.edu.au.
Discussions and open meeting regarding possible change in 2019 will begin next term.
Angela Lacey, Principal

MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART SURVEY
As an outcome from the 2017 gathering of people from MSC parishes held in Sydney, many expressed a desire to know more about the spirituality that energises MSC. So that we can develop resources to help you understand more we have, with the assistance of Janeen Lamb, designed a survey (*Janeen is Director of Higher Degree Research, ACU*). The survey will take a few minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. This will help us to find out how much people know about Spirituality of the Heart and what they would like to know. Just copy and paste this link into your search engine on your computer:
https://acu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aeIYZpDpPEmJxSN_
We hope to have the survey completed by the beginning of August.
Fred Stubenrauch on behalf of the MSC Lay and Professed Council and MSC Parishes Committee

ATTENTION!! ALL PARISHIONERS

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SOME FREE FURNITURE OR YOU CAN GIVE A DONATION WITH ALL PROCEEDS TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL. SEE SUSAN AT THE PARISH OFFICE. THERE ARE SINGLE BEDS, STUDY DESKS, BOOKSHELF, CHEST OF DRAWERS ETC.

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

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you.....’” EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on **August 2nd** at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.
Contact: **Pat & Don on 9878 4790**



FILM NIGHT - Friday July 27th

“MAMMA MIA” HERE WE GO AGAIN (a bright middle of winter cheer) with Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, etc., at Pinewood Theatre. Approx. 6.30pm, Cost \$8.50 incl. supper.

Bookings through Dorothy Murray on 9893 3341, or by leaving money in envelope (marked with Name and Phone No) on the 1st collection plate. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you all there!

SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on **August 2nd** in the Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact either **Maureen on 9884 4376** or **Carmel on 9894 7950**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL—ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners. We thank you for your most generous response to our Annual Appeal which stands at **\$7,543** This usually increases as donations continue to come in. We thank the staff, students and parents of our school for their welcome donation of food items at this time of the year.
Grace Mizzi—Blackburn Conference President

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

The next series of Stewardship/Thanksgiving Envelopes and Financial Statements for the twelve (12) months will be now available for collection in the Narthex. Please collect in order to avoid postage costs.
Thank you—Thanksgiving Committee

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next BSG is on **Thursday July 12th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.** Further info from Quentin (9877 5906) or any BSG member.



HOME STUDY GROUP

An Education Meeting will be held at the following address: 15 Highgate Grove, Ashburton at the home of Barbara Loh, whereby items which have arisen from the Forum 2 meeting held at St. Thomas’ will be discussed. Barbara was at the Forum and is starting up a support group.

COME JOIN US IN AN EVENING OF INSPIRATION, DISCOVERY & HOPE! JOHN WALLIS FOUNDATION

On **Tuesday 10th July, 2018 from 7.00pm for 7.30pm** start at Abbotsford Convent, Gail Worcelo will inspire us to go deep into the Universe story and our role on the planet today. Johannes from the Australian Youth Climate Coalition will showcase some of the wonderful work young Australians are doing to care for our planet.
Cost: Adults \$20; Concession \$10
Further information: jwf.org.au

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 14TH & 15TH JULY, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alistair Pinto	Kim Anderson	John Philp Gerard Gill Louis Souchon	PLEASE	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Joan Morgan	John Mahony	Fidelma D'Souza Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe	HELP	Maureen Munro
10.30am	Anthony O'Hea	Veronica Hawkins	Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus Jim Gucciardo	IF	Geoff & Pat Harrison
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	CAN	

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

Piety Stall: Team 5
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 Mass starts at 11.30am .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
Sundays at 10.30am Mass. **During School Terms only.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AFTERNOON/EVENINGS:
Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Presbytery front meeting room.
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: TERM 3 UPDATE!!
The cold months are well and truly upon us. During term 3, the cold winter tends to reduce playgroup numbers and are keen to stay warm! Playgroup will continue to run however, there will only be a **monthly catch up during term 3**. We will have 3 to 4 catch ups across term 3 and tea and coffee will be available! Each session will have a different theme for the week and ALL pre-schoolers are welcome. No cost to attend. Calendar of events will be available early term 3. Sessions booked will run on Wednesdays only. Hope to see you there! Contact Julie O'Donnell on 0434 408 122 .

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

*Time for a cuppa and a chat
after Mass.....*

