



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25TH FEBRUARY, 2018

YEAR B

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 26th FEB.

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 27th FEB.

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 28th FEB.

9.10am Parish (incl.  
Classes 5/6CH & 5/6NM)  
10.30am Mass at  
St. Thomas' Retirement  
Village

#### THURSDAY 1st MARCH

No Service

#### FRIDAY 2nd MARCH

10.00am Mass  
11.00am STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS

#### SATURDAY 3rd MARCH

10.00am First Rite of  
Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 4th MARCH

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

### MOUNTAINS

"Jesus often went to the hills to pray.

He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop.

He was transfigured on Mount Tabor, died on Mount Calvary,  
and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.

It seems that he loved hills and mountains.

Why was this?

Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee?

Or was it because heights enlarge our vision and  
cause our spirit to soar?

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further.

Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.

And when the valley closes us in, help us to remember the view from  
the hilltop." (*Flor McCarthy*)

*Fr Terry msc*

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This weekend, our new student for the priesthood will be present at  
Mass. We welcome Kenji and we know that our community will be  
affirming, gracious and helpful to him.

We look forward to helping Kenji, to meet the challenges required in  
his training.

*Fr Chris msc*

*Thought of the Day.....*

*"Kindness has converted more people than  
zeal, science, or eloquence."*



## A Vocation View:

*If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham—called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.*

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

**Sick:** Roland Schuster, Frank Nugent, 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, Stella Hill, 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, Norma Parker & Martin Broad.

### Recently Dec'd:

Tara Radcliffe, Elsie Marmion

### Anniversaries:

Christine Wincer, Laurie Tillig, Robert Harris, Lucia Bastolla

## LITURGY - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham our father in faith.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115:10,15-19

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

### SECOND READING: Roman 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

This is my son, the beloved; listen to him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:  
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Baptism Candles and Gifts

Bibles, Rosary Beads & Holy Cards

**NEW LOOK:** Melbourne Catholic Magazine @ \$4.00ea

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 2nd March, 2018.

**Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818**



**STARFISH PROJECT** – The next meet up will be Saturday 17th March 2018.

*All newcomers most welcome.*

**Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584**

### CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Sacrament dates and classes have been organized for 2018. If you haven't as yet filled in your forms for enrolment, please do so as classes commence in March.

All enquiries can be made to **caren.garlick@cam.or.au** or by phone on 9878 0818.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are still needing volunteers to help lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Anyone wishing to help in this area please contact Fr Terry after Mass or the Parish Office.

The **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC)** has proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the Saturday after Ash Wednesday 2018 as days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims.

### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED:

For a considerate and respectful 52 yr old tradesman, relocating from the country. Looking for one bedroom self contained accommodation in the Blackburn area. Two bedrooms considered, secure Parking for Ute, is essential for work tools. Non smoker, no pets and willing to negotiate a couple of hours work eg. Gardening for a reduced rent, if desired. Please call Will Schaefer Mob. 0438 891 133.

Personal Referees available on request.

### OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE

**1065 WHITEHORSE RD, BOX HILL**

Please note the following events taking place at the Sion College.

- **Talk and Tour Morning, Friday 16th March, 9.30am**
- **College Open Day, Thursday 22nd March, 2.30pm-6.30pm**

### 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

### LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

Commenced Wednesday 21st February 2018

#### Venues and times:

**St. Thomas' Church—Wednesdays 1.30pm**

**The Avenue Uniting Church—Wednesdays 7.30pm**

Anyone wanting **Spiritual Direction** can enquire at the Parish Office on Ph. 9878 0818.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*"Here I am!" he answered.* **Genesis 22:11**

*It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.*

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

### 1st FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

Will be on Friday March 2nd.

The Mass times have changed to a permanent 11.30am (\*PLEASE TAKE NOTE) with lunch to follow as usual. All newcomers welcome.

Contact: Wendy 9803 0451,

Margaret 9873 3852 or

Jackie 9886 7204



### BUS TRIP TO MILDURA

On April 9th—12th.

#### Accommodation:

Wentworth Grande Resort

Cost: \$452 per person (twin share)

\$572 Single room

Cost Includes: Trip on Paddle steamer and a visit to Orange World.

At this stage we have a full bus with a waiting list.

Contact: Yvonne & Peter on 9877 3360



### CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on March 1st at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.

Contact: Pat & Don on 9878 4790



### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on the 1st March in the Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact either Maureen on 9884 4376 or Carmel on 9894 7950



The Archbishops Office For Evangelisation (AOFE) facilitates liturgy workshops and formation sessions throughout the year to support parish groups in their ministry. The sessions are open to all and provide valuable information for current members and those thinking of joining a parish.

**Please refer to Liturgy Workshop details on noticeboard at the entrance of the Church.**

For further information visit [www.cam.org.au/evangelisation](http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation) or Contact the Parish Office to express your interest.

### THE ART OF THE ICON

#### ST PASCHAL COLLEGE FRANCISCAN FRIARY

(90 ALBION RD, BOX HILL) -THURS. 10AM-12.30PM

8TH MARCH TO 8TH NOVEMBER 2018

Learn how to prepare an icon, by Br. Ignatius Hickson OFM, as an act of prayer and contemplation, using traditional methods. Cost includes all materials required (except paint & brushes). You will also learn about the meaning and functions of icons in the life of the Church. Numbers are limited. Please send application to join the course: your name, contact details & a paragraph about why you would like to be a participant to [stpascals@franciscans.org.au](mailto:stpascals@franciscans.org.au)

Further enquiries: Fr Joe McKay ofm ph:9896 4400

### FILM NIGHT

Our 1<sup>st</sup> for 2018 on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

It is an English Comedy starring Joanne Lumley called **"FINDING YOUR FEET"**. Approx. 6.30pm at Pinewood Theatre.

Cost 8.50 incl. supper.

Remember to put the film money in an envelope marked with your name and phone number on the First Collection plate. On Sunday 25th Feb., I will only be at the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses to take final bookings and money. Otherwise please ring me on 9893 3341.

Many thanks Dorothy.



### RISE MELBOURNE YOUTH FESTIVAL—MARCH 17TH, 2018

As a part of the celebrations for the Year of Youth 2018, a host of youth groups, schools and communities around Melbourne are hosting a one-day event for young people aged from Year 9 to 30 years to discover and deepen in Christ and to celebrate their faith. Rise 2018 will have a festival-like atmosphere. **DATE: SATURDAY 17TH MARCH; TIME: 10.00AM-10.00PM; WHERE: MOUNT ST JOSEPHS, 133 MAIDSTONE ST, ALTONA (OPP. WESTONA TRAIN ST.)** Entry is free. Visit <http://risemelbourne.com> to register.

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## ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 3RD & 4TH MARCH, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Barry McLellan	Peter Watson	Margaret Easton Max Wittick Chris Wittick	Alicia Wright Lachlan Wright	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Phillip Collins	John Uren	Bride Schaefer Dorothy Murray		Ken Castanelli
10.30am	Anthony O'Hea	Rita Barnden	Margaret O'Loughlin Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	Audrey Brodrick Freya Brodrick	Yvonne Reidy
5.00pm	Jenny Simmons	Angela Pillai	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	<b>PLEASE SERVE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO</b>	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 1**  
**Money Counters: Team 2**

### 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.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Are looking to fill the above position, permanent part-time (3 days per week). Please see our Noticeboard OR contact Selma Bahtiyar, (Foundation Manager) on 9443 9070 for further information

### 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: 16-18 March, 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

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

