



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25TH JUNE, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 26th JUNE

9.10am Mass
Rosary will resume
4th September

TUESDAY 27th JUNE

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE

9.10am Mass
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 29th JUNE

No Service

FRIDAY 30th JUNE

10.00am Mass
**(FEAST OF ST. THOMAS -
Whole School)**

SATURDAY 1st JULY

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 2nd JULY

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

MONDAY 3rd JULY

9.10am Mass **Feast of
St Thomas**



Dear Parishioners,

In the Eucharistic Prayer prayed at our Masses you will hear the inclusion of the founder of the MSC Order, Jules Chevalier's name mentioned. He has been the inspiration and driving force of our MSC Order for many a year, even though he died in 1907.

Fr. Chevalier had a great devotion to Jesus the one who walked the walk with so many people. This past weekend we have been celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart and it is appropriate that a few thoughts go to Jules Chevalier and his love of Jesus and of his people.

Here are a few thoughts to ponder.

In the 1890's Jules Chevalier wrote:

*In the Society (of the MSC)
no one is a stranger,
no one a foreigner,
but all are brothers and sisters
in the Heart of Christ.*

And in the spirit of Jules Chevalier our MSC Constitutions currently say:

*Ours is a spirit of family
and a spirit of brotherhood,
formed by kindness and understanding,
by compassion and mutual forgiveness,
by gentleness, humility and simplicity,
by hospitality and a sense of humour.*

Constitution No 32

Blessings,

Fr. Frank, msc

*Thought of the Day.....
Flowers are nature's prettiest smiles.*



A Vocation

View:

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace.

Speak the Good News.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Robert Fox, Malgosia Dziuk, Mick Matthews, Daisy Xu, Malise O'Connell, Geoff Beams, Stan Brown, Patricia Rutzou, 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:

Brendan Poustie, Mary Farrell

Anniversaries:

Soledad Contreras, Patricia Regan, Ferdinando Beltrami, Irene Heywood

Funeral Notice:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 68:8-10,14,17,33-35 Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 15:26-27

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Baptism Candles and gifts

Melbourne Catholic Magazine
@ \$4.00ea

Annals Magazines @ \$2ea

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 on **Friday 30th June**, it will be held in the Church Narthex from **6.00pm**
All welcome (Gold Coin Donation)

Enquiries: Caren Garlick on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – Will be on **Saturday 22nd July and starts at 10am.**
All newcomers most welcome.

Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Any families interested in enrolling their child in the **Catechetical Sacramental Program – Enrolment 2018** we are taking bookings now. Enquire at the Parish Office on Ph: 9878 0818.

ROSTERS FOR COMMENTATOR/LECTORS & SPECIAL MINISTERS

Please collect your envelope from the Church Narthex.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Meeting for the above group for July and August have been cancelled. BSG will resume **Thursday 14th September.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—CALL CENTRE

The Box Hill Call Centre would welcome your assistance becoming a volunteer and taking calls from people in all walks of life that are currently finding things difficult and need a helping hand. The Call Centre is open Monday to Friday—9.45am-3.30pm. We are a moderately busy Call Centre with a pleasant and happy environment. Training provided. If you are interested, please call our supervisors Sue or Lynne on 9895-5986

Grace Mizzi, President Blackburn Conference

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—ASSISTANCE NEEDED

SVdeP Society in the Ringwood region (includes Blackburn), is establishing a Scholarship Fund in 2018 to help needy secondary students in this region with items such as books, school camps and excursions. The selection of scholarship recipients will rest with the schools. We are looking for 2 or 3 people to administer the fund. This will mean liaising with the schools and keeping records—using spreadsheets and email.

If you are interested in helping that will mean so much to families in need, please contact Maurie Joyce on 0417 326 581 or email: mauriejoyce@gmail.com

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **6th July** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **6th July** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

Contact: **Maureen on Ph: 9884 4376**



WATCH THIS SPACE...



PRAYER BOOK FOR SICK, DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

If a member of the parish community wishes to have a person prayed for, please enter the name(s) in the spiral booklet which sits on top of the Prayers of the Faithful folder in the Sacristy or by Mass Offering Envelopes located on table as you enter the Church.

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE "AT HOME WITH GOD"

A Retreat which offers people time to reflect & pray and notice God's presence in their daily lives. Continue your normal activities spending a little time each day reflecting and then beginning Monday 24th July 2017 for 5 sessions from 1.15pm-2.15pm go to HLS Centre to share with a spiritual companion.

Phone: 9890 1101 by 17th July to register.

FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP EASTERN SUBURBS FILIPINO COMMUNITY

Invitation to celebrate at Our Lady's Church, Ringwood on *Sunday 25th June 2017.*

Further details: 0425 704 035/0400 801 280



FEAST OF ST. THOMAS MASSES

Friday, 30th June - 10.00am - School and Parish
Monday, 3rd July - 9.10am - Mass with Morning Tea afterwards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Dear Parishioners - we thank you for your generous response to our Annual Appeal which stands at \$4,900. 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.

The staff of our Piety Stall have once again provided a cheque for our Appeal and we thank them for that.

Grace Mizzi - President, Blackburn Conference.



We warmly welcome **Tomas & Lucas Murphy** who will be celebrating their 1st Eucharist and **India Fleming** who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. *May the grace of God be with your and your family always.*

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 1ST & 2ND JULY, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Barry McLellan	Philip Brooks	Margaret Easton Jan Gaffy Gerald Gill	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Phillip Collins	Fidelma D'Souza	Faye Winter Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe		Ray Johnson
10.30am	Anna Bailey	Quentin Bailey	Verona Gridley Patricia Northrop Yvonne Reidy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Margaret Grandy
5.00pm	Bernadette Salamone	Sam Salamone	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	

Children's Liturgy: Leader:
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY-SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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.)

CATECHETICS CLASSES: Note change in Time.
Held on Tuesdays 4.00pm-5.00pm (during the Sacramental Programs starting in 2017)

FIRST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON:
First Friday of the month starts at 12noon.

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)

**FAMILIES IN LATER LIFE STUDY (FILLS)
PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**

We are seeking older parents, aged 65 or over, and their adult children to participate in an important government funded initiative. This study investigates how the quality of the parent-child relationship affects the well-being of child carers and older parents. We need both the adult child and parent to participate in this project. Get involved in this initiative and receive a \$100 gift certificate!

For more information, contact the FILLS team on (03) 9246 8544, email fills@deakin.edu.au or visit www.fills.org.au

**EMMAUS COLLEGE— OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2017
1.30PM—6.30PM**

For tour bookings or more information, please see College website (www.emmaus.vic.edu.au)
Flyer on Church Noticeboard.

DON BOSCO CAMP 2017 WINTER HOLIDAY

A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. *For more information visit:* www.donboscocamp.org.au or 5987-2692
See flyer on Church Noticeboard.

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

