



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th AUGUST, 2017

YEAR A

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 21st AUGUST

9.10am Mass

Rosary will resume
28th August

TUESDAY 22nd AUGUST

10.00am Mass

11.00am Funeral

WEDNESDAY 23rd AUG.

9.10am Mass (Incl.

Classes 5/6EM & 5/6HF)

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 24th AUGUST

No Service

FRIDAY 25th AUGUST

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST

10.00am Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

PAGANS?

"In our family, nobody went to church. Our parents sent us to an Anglican school for our education. Unlike most of our classmates, we hadn't been baptised, so chapel in the mornings was foreign to us. We were pagans in the land!

Gradually, through the spirit and witness of some of our teachers, I began a long search which eventually led me towards the Catholic Church.

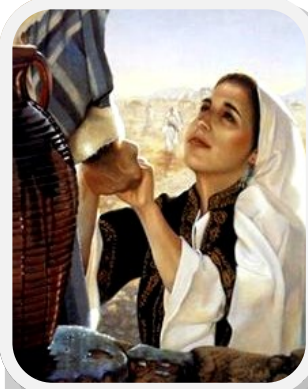
During those years, the gospel story read today became my own, a beacon of hope for an outsider. As I sat in the back row of Catholic churches during Mass, watching people going to Communion and longing for the scraps that fell from the master's table, the Canaanite woman became my constant companion: 'Lord, help me...even the house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.'

My prayer, like all genuine prayer that responds to God's prompting and comes from the depths of our need and desire for God was heard. Eventually I was welcomed into the Church – no longer an outsider, but one of the children at the Master's table." (Jenny)

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....
The future belongs to those who believe in the
beauty of their dreams.*

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A Vocation View:

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. but the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick:

Frank Nolan, Antonio So Jr., Ashley Woods, Stella Hill, Wendy Lumby, Robert Fox, Malgosia Dziuk, Mick Matthews, Daisy Xu, Geoff Beams, Stan Brown, 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:

Patricia Rutzou, Malise O'Connell, Jean Roberts and Sylvia & Felix Perera.

Anniversaries:

Funeral Notice:

Tuesday 22nd August at 11.00am—Patricia Rutzou

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R.v.8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt. 4:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Holy Communion Cards, Gifts,
Rosary Beads, Plaques & Crosses

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

SIXEIGHT YOUTH CLUB –

The next meeting will be on **Friday 25th August.**

We are fundraising for this years' **40Hour Famine.** See posters in Church window for more information. *All welcome (Gold Coin Donation)*
Enquiries: Caren Garlick on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – Will be on **Saturday 9th September 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.



We congratulate all the First Eucharist Communicants receiving the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist this weekend.

May the grace of God be with your families always.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEMBERS NOTE.....

Meetings for July and August have been postponed. And will resume **Thursday 14th September.**

ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL—WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2017

This year the school will be participating in the above program, which will enable them to get new educational resources ie: new equipment, resources for Maths, English, Science and fun supplies for Arts & Craft & the Library.

From **Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September (or while stocks lasts)**, please shop at your local Woolworths and collect the Earn & Learn stickers— for every \$10's spent.

Once the Sticker Sheet is completed, please drop it off to the school or in a box which will be labelled with "St Thomas the Apostle" at your local Woolworths store.

Visit: www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn for further details.

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

ST THOMAS' PARISH ACCOUNTANT—VACANCY

Fiona Thompson has been our Parish Accountant for seven years and has now stepped down as work and family commitments have increased. We wish her well and congratulate her on a job well done!
We are looking for an Accountant on a voluntary basis to take over from Fiona as **Parish Finance Accountant**. All enquiries to the Parish Office 9878-0818

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **7th Sept.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.
Contact: **Pat & Don on Ph: 9878 4790**



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **7th Sept.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.
Contact: **Maureen on Ph: 9884 4376**



BUS TRIP TO MT. GAMBIER 2017 25TH SEPTEMBER FOR 4 DAYS



Due to popularity, without even advertising, we have a full bus at this stage. If you would like to be on the Waiting List, please ring Peter & Yvonne on 9877 3360.
Cost: \$422 p/person twin share
\$135 extra single supplement
To those who are booked please pay by **3rd September 2017**.
If paying by cheque, please make payable to "Superb Tours"

PARISH COUNCIL FORUM COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Your questions and comments are important to us. Remember to place them in the question box in the narthex near the library. Thank you for your support and interest.
Forum Committee

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—BRIC-A-BRAC

Dear Parishioners
We would be pleased to accept any bric-a-brac, that is surplus to your needs, for sale in our Ringwood Centre.
Items could be: Crockery, cutlery, vases, glass or china bowls, kitchen utensils, wine and drink glasses, ornaments and more.
If you can help us, such items could be left in the Church Narthex and we will collect them.
Grace Mizzi—President

CATHOLICS AND LUTHERANS—AFTER 500 YEARS...

An invitation to Afternoon Tea on Sunday 10th Sept at 2pm at St Francis Xavier School Hall 1087 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
Parking available in School grounds. See notice board for more details. RSVP to their Parish Office on 9890 2231 or E:boxhill@cam.org.au



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE

As part of the centenary celebrations for the Fatima apparitions, The Pilgrim Statue of

Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting St Thomas the Apostle Parish from **Saturday August 26th until Friday September 1st**.

The statue will be enthroned during weekend Masses August 26th/27th.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY

Sr. Claire Griffin csb will give a talk at St. Clare's Church (138 Woodhouse Gr. Box Hill Nth) on **Sunday 27th August from 2.00pm to 3.30pm**

Sr. Claire will have cards for sale, supporting projects in the Philippines which help prevent people being vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation.

Bookings: 9890-2231

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 26th & 27th AUGUST, 2017 YEAR A

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Peter Watson	Jacinta Gaffy Margaret Easton Tony Keaney	Alicia Wright Rebecca Ryan	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Yvonne Crowe	Peter Crowe	Dorothy Murray Faye Winter		Ken Castanelli
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Owen Shaw	Margaret O'Loughlin Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus	Isabella Spillane Annabelle Spillane Lorena Garza	Vicki Barnes
5.00pm	Susan Collins	Martina Tonti-Filoppini	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Harvey Hammerstein Noah Paswinder Noah Fernandes	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Jenny
Vestment Colour: Green

Piety Stall: Team 4
Money Counters: Team 3

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)

**SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB OVER 28'S
PARTY NIGHT FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS**

Saturday 19th August 2017 starting at 8.00pm
Location: Benedict House at St. Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood
Cost: \$13.00 includes lucky door prizes & supper
Enquiries: Peter 9885-2167

'WEST SIDE STORY'-LUMINA THEATRE COMPANY

The above Theatre Company is run by Aquinas College Alumni and extending an invitation to all parishioners to the showing of the production on **September 2nd at 2.00pm.** They are offering a 50% discount of \$15 per ticket.
Email: lumina.theatre.company@gmail.com for further details.

MAROONDH CATENIAN INVITATION

Come and join other Catholic men from nearby parishes for dinner and an evening of fellowship at a local restaurant with function room privacy on **Wednesday 16th August - 6.45pm onwards.** Please confirm attendance with Andrew Ruigrok on 0487 138 140 or 9879 0692 for all details.

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

