



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22ND APRIL, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 23rd APRIL

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 24th APRIL

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL ANZAC DAY

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

THURSDAY 26th APRIL

No service

FRIDAY 27th APRIL

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 28th APRIL

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 29th APRIL

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

“Phillip is handicapped and was institutionalised when he was very young.

He is a deeply wounded young man. He feels he has disappointed his parents.

He is deaf and stammers; but these are only visible wounds.

The deeper wound is that of the heart; the feeling that he has not been loved, that he is not precious to anyone.

We believe that we have hands that can make things, and minds that can understand things. Yet we don't believe that we have hearts that can give life.

But we are not sterile people. We can give life to people who are inwardly broken. We can show them that they are important, and to bring life to them.

‘I can do nothing for you; all I can do is be your friend.’ The person, who says that and means it, has the greatest contribution of all to make.

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday is also vocations Sunday. All vocations are vocations to love.

Fr Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

Feelings are just visitors, let them come and go.



LITURGY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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A Vocation View:

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Stella Hill, 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, 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:

Norm Simmons

Anniversaries:

Ron Lewis, Dominic Ravida

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Apostles 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING: St John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PIETY STALL

OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS

Baptism Candles and Gifts

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 4th May, 2018.**

Enquiries: **Caren on 9878 0818**



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will be **Saturday 12th May, 2018.**

All newcomers most welcome.

Enquiries: **Maria on 0403 354 584**

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Sacrament dates and classes have begun for 2018. **Reconciliation** classes have now commenced and **Confirmation** classes will commence Tuesday 24th April. All enquiries can still be made to **caren.garlick@cam.or.au** or by phone on 9878 0818.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Fitzroy Soup Van, located at 91-111 Melrose St, in North Melbourne desperately seeks volunteers to assist in the food preparation on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Assisting would involve the preparation and cooking of soup and sandwiches for the Soup Van night runs. If any member is interested in becoming involved on these afternoons, please contact Rose Lakomy on 9895 5911 or volunteer@svdp-vic.org.au

Many thanks,

Grace Mizzi, President

TOUCHING THE FRINGE OF HIS GARMENT

Do you need HEALING? A Retreat presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. A 2 day journey of INNER HEALING on **Saturday 5th May & Sunday 6th May 2018** at **St Clare's Hall, access from Killara Street, Box Hill North.** BYO lunch and bible; morning & afternoon tea provided. **Cost:** \$50 donation; students \$30 **Bookings:** by Monday 30 April at www.trybooking.com/TEBY (use promo code CSOE for 10% discount)

Details: Rose on 0411 650 339 or Melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au

ANZAC DAY

Mass to celebrate Anzac Day will be held on **Wednesday April 25th at 9.10am.** **Photos of veterans can be added to the display before Mass.** You are invited to join us for Morning Tea following Mass. **Please bring a plate to share if you wish.**

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"I am the good shepherd....and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in 'quiet whispers', so take every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on **May 3rd** at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.

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



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on **May 3rd** in the Hall at 7.30pm. Please contact either **Maureen on 9884 4376** or **Carmel on 9894 7950**



Coming Soon

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

WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

Today is the World Day of Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us:

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things.... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.

God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call.

What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

NEED A HAIRCUT? OR A QUICK TRIM?

Please call Esme on 0421 132 356

Competitive Prices for Ladies/Gents/Children.

Able to come to you.

LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING BY ST. THOMAS' YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS

Two of our Youth Group members—**Isabella Dyer** and **Jess Caroccia** are taking part in the **World's Greatest Shave** for the Leukaemia Foundation. Please help by sponsoring them. If you can, kindly donate towards this cause in the boxes located in the Narthex.

Thank you!

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

2018 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE

"What Price Loyalty?" Australian Catholics in the First World War.'

Held on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, Cnr Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.

Bookings & Information: jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3304

RSVP: Wednesday 9th May

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 28TH & 29TH APRIL, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alastair Pinto	Paul Muling	Louis Souchon John Philp Bride Schaefer	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Chris Raisin	Dorothy Murray Bride Schaefer		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus Margaret O'Loughlin	Chanel Thompson Therese Canoneo	Margaret O'Loughlin
5.00pm	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Katya McGrath Stella McGrath	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Rosanna
Vestment Colour: White

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.)

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.

CROYDON PARISH PLAYERS PRESENTS.....

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S CLASSIC "WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION"

Opening night is **Friday 4th May at 8.00pm** followed by a Gala Supper for all patrons, to help celebrate another season.

For further details or to book tickets visit:
www.CroydonParishPlayers.com

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: 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