



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th OCTOBER, 2017

YEAR A

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 16th OCTOBER

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 18th OCT.

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

#### THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER

No Service

#### FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER

10am Mass

#### SATURDAY 21st OCT.

10.00am Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass

## Dear Parishioners,

Vincent Van Gogh lived a poor and simple life. In order to buy materials for painting he often went without food.

He once wrote:

'My only anxiety is how I can be of use in the world.  
But one feels a terrible discouragement,  
one feels an emptiness where there might be friendship,  
and one exclaims: "How long, my God?."

There may be a great fire in our soul,  
but no one ever comes to warm himself/herself at it,  
and the passer-by sees only  
a little wisp of smoke coming through the chimney,  
and pass on their way.

So what must one do?  
One must go on tending the inner fire  
and wait patiently for the hour  
when somebody will come and sit down near it  
to stay there maybe.

Let those who believe in God wait for that hour,  
For it will come sooner or later.'

Fr Terry msc

*Thought of the Day.....  
Sometimes the littlest things in life can make  
your whole world change.*





# LITURGY - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 129:3-4**  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
but with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10**  
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps: 22 Rv6**  
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of  
my life.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**  
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens  
me.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf Eph 1:17,18**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**  
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Ps 33:11**  
The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## A Vocation View:

*Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.*

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

### Sick:

Marie Walker, Charles Fain, Jon Parkinson, Marie Dillon, Maree Fox, 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:

Teresita Adams

### Anniversaries:

Clarence Pinto, Catherine Hawkins, Charlotte Clarke

### Funeral Notice:

## 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 20th October** in the School Hall.

*Gold Coin Donation*

**Enquiries: Caren Garlick on 9878 0818**



### STARFISH PROJECT – Will be on

**Saturday 11th November 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.

## ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH & PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRINGTIME FAIR

**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2017 FROM 12NOON TO 6PM**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please use the following links for the various items being offered at the Fair this year.

**SILENT AUCTION:** [www.32auctions.com/stthomasfair2017](http://www.32auctions.com/stthomasfair2017)

**RAFFLE:** [www.raffletix.com.au/springfair](http://www.raffletix.com.au/springfair) **RIDES:** [www.trybooking.com/RHHQ](http://www.trybooking.com/RHHQ) (for wristbands)

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**CAKES STALL:** Please assist in baking cakes, slices and biscuits for the Fair by taking a plate & bag with instructions which are located in large white box in Narthex.

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**RAFFLE BOOKS:** Parishioners who wish to purchase tickets (not online), fill out forms with envelopes-in Narthex-and place money in collection plate at Mass.



### ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

#### ORDER FORMS 2017

Mangoes can be purchased using the ORDER FORMS (and Envelopes). Leave on Collection Plate at Mass or Box in Narthex.

Orders close on **Wednesday 25th October** .

### 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

### 1ST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

After many years of organising and co-ordinating the luncheon, Dympna Lodge and Evelyn Tan have decided to 'step down'. On behalf of the parish, we thank them very much and appreciate the mighty effort. Subsequently, we require two people to take on these roles on a volunteer basis. Contact the Parish Office on 9878 0818 for further details.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

*God really does provide for those who are graceful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month— be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.*

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

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

### CARDS NIGHT:

Will be on **2nd Nov.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



### 1ST FRIDAY PARISH MASS & LUNCHEON

The next one will be held on **Friday 3rd Nov.** —Mass at 12noon with Lunch to follow.

Entertainment: Yet to be advised .

**\*\*Christmas Luncheon tickets will be on sale on the day - \$26 each or contact Evelyn directly.**

Enquiries: **Dympna 9877 3346, Wendy 9803 0451 or Evelyn 9877 5548**

### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be on **2nd Nov.** at 7.30pm. In the Parish Hall. All Welcome.

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



### "OUR LADY" ROSARY

October is the month of "OUR LADY" and this year is the 100th anniversary of her appearance to the Children of Fatima where she asked them to: 'Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of war' - that was WW1 and still today we are still in need of prayer for Peace in Our World. Please join us for the Rosary on **Monday nights at 7.00pm** to bring much needed peace to our world.



We warmly welcome **William Stephen** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend. *May the grace of God be with you and your family always.*

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL—REQUEST FOR DONATED BOOKS

Dear Parishioners, we would be very pleased to accept donated books for sale at the Parish fete. Paperbacks are our best seller but other books for children, cookery, sport and gardening are acceptable but not Readers Digest, National Geographic, accountancy or encyclopaedias. Books are to be left in the Church Narthex for collection up until the day of the fete—21st October.

**Our thanks—Grace Mizzi (Blackburn Conference)**

### PARISH COUNCIL FORUM COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE

The Forum Committee set up by our Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank those parishioners that contributed with questions and comments in the Suggestion Box. As a result of the many and varied responses we can confirm the date of our **Forum into Sex Abuse in the Catholic Church** will be on **Monday November 27** in our School Hall. Please put this date in your diary now.

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Our Parish **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** wishes to thank those parishioners who contributed to our recent appeal to assist refugees and asylum seekers dealing with frontline humanitarian needs whilst awaiting the results of their visa application submitted by the **October 1st** deadline imposed by the Australian Government. As a result we have donated \$600 to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) to help them meet their accommodation costs and material needs.

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Our St Vincent de Paul Conference is trying to obtain a small wardrobe with plenty of hanging space for one of our clients. If you do have an unwanted wardrobe of this type we would be happy to pick it up. Please leave a message for us at the parish office on 9878-0818.

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 21ST & 22ND OCTOBER, 2017 YEAR A**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Anthony O'Hea	Peter Watson	Margaret Easton Max Wittick Chris Wittick	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Yvonne Crowe	Peter Crowe	Bride Schaefer Dorothy Murray		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Margaret O'Loughlin Lynne Shaw Owen Shaw	Annabelle Spillane Isabella Spillane	Geoff & Pat Harrison
5.00pm	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Declan Bardsley Gidget Mannix Noah Paswinder	

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

**Piety Stall: Team 2**  
**Money Counters: Team 4**

**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 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**)

**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.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

**OPEN DAY– WEDNESDAY 8TH NOV. 2017**  
Please see Noticeboard for more information.

**FRIENDS OF SAME FUNDRAISING DINNER  
SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2017—6.00PM**

A social evening with great food and  
entertainment with guest speakers.  
All proceeds to go to the Permaculture Schools  
Garden Project in Same, Timor Leste.  
Contact: fossame@gmail.com or  
ph: 9819 2629 for more information.

**2018 HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (17  
DAYS) \$5,555 per person.** See Notice  
board for more information.

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

