



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH AUGUST, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 13th AUGUST

9.10am Mass

NB: Rosary will resume in September.

TUESDAY 14th AUGUST

10.00am Mass

7.00pm Vigil Mass

(Feast of the Assumption)

WEDNESDAY 15th AUG.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.10am Mass

(incl. Whole School)

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 16th AUGUST

No service

FRIDAY 17th AUGUST

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 18th AUGUST

10.00am First Rite of

Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 19th AUGUST

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

CONGRATULATIONS

FATHER TERRY!

It's with great pleasure that the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle in Blackburn have the opportunity to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Fr. Terry's Ordination to the priesthood.

He has chosen some of the hymns that he had for his Ordination and he is celebrating the day with his brothers, sisters-in-law and sister from Koroit.

He also has some of his former colleagues with him from Coogee.

The three and half years he has spent with us here in Blackburn have been full of fun. We greatly appreciate everything he has to offer from his fine homilies, to his easy-going nature, his ability to lead the singing, his enthusiasm and love for Essendon (go Bombers!), his culinary skills and his sensitive and caring manner especially when assisting the bereaved.

They say everyone has a twin somewhere in the world, and we can't help thinking how fortunate and blessed they must feel to enjoy the company and caring nature of the Great Fr. Terry, and we are so blessed to have him with us here!

We pray in thanksgiving for Fr. Terry's past 30 years and we ask God's Blessing on his future.



*Thought of the Day.....
Always remember you're
Unique.*

*St. Thomas the Apostle Parish strives to create an environment
where all children are safe, respected and cared for.*



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A Vocation View:

To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God.

“Try, then, to imitate God as children of His that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you.”

Be a presence of God’s love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God’s love.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Charlie Santilli, Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, Jessie Pen-netta, 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 Tse-pelidis & Martin Broad.

Recently Dec’d:

Nino Valentini;
Michael Di Giorgio;
Eduardo Varricchio

Anniversaries:

Piri Catona, Patricia Rutzou,
Michael Sugiarto Djojoiswan-to

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 73:20, 19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:2-9 R v9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

First Eucharist selection of Gifts & Cards
are available now

Baptism Candles and Gifts

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

****All proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul**

YOUTH NEWS

SIX2EIGHT YOUTH CLUB

The next meeting will be

Friday 17th August, 2018.

Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will be

Saturday 11th August, 2018.

All newcomers most welcome.

Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

Sacrament classes for 2018 are now complete. We are now Taking enrolments for all Sacraments for 2019, please contact Caren Garlick **E: caren.garlick@cam.org.au** or at Parish Office on 9878 0818.

LETTER FROM FR. CHRIS MURPHY.....

Last week I received my Letter of Appointment for next year from our Provincial.

I will be stationed in Kensington Monastery in Sydney, beginning in November of this year. I’m happy to meet this appointment.

I will miss my warm involvement here at Blackburn; my main task being to supply for our MSC priests and religious: when illness or holidays need to be temporarily assisted. It has been a most happy time for me here at Blackburn over the nine years I have been with you.

As the next months pass by, I’ll have time to thank you for all that you have done and have been to me. It has been an affirming and uplifting time for me, and I trust for you too.

*Love and God’s Blessing to all
Fr. Chris*

THIS IS THE NEW LINK TO THE MSC SURVEY
PLEASE LOG ON AND FILL OUT TO GIVE YOUR
FEEDBACK. MANY THANKS

[https://acu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/
SV_aeiYZpDpPEmJxsN](https://acu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aeiYZpDpPEmJxsN)

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

PLEASE NOTE.....

There will be two Masses held for **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. A Vigil Mass on Tuesday 14th Aug. at 7.00pm and on Wednesday 15th August at 9.10am — Parish & Whole School.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!” 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all— the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be on **September 6th** at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome.

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



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on **September 6th** in the Hall at 7.30pm.

Please contact either **Maureen on 9884 4376** or **Carmel on 9894 7950**



BUS TRIP

4 DAY: ALBURY, UPPER MURRAY, CORYONG & DARTMOUTH DAM TOUR

DATES: Monday 1st October 2018 to Thursday 4th October 2018

COST: \$482 per person twin share
\$617 single room

Cost includes 8 meals : 3 cooked breakfasts; 3 Dinners; 2 Lunches



BUS TRIP—Continued.....

ACCOMODATION: The Hume Inn, 406 Wodonga Place, Albury

PAYMENT: by Sunday 9th September

INFORMATION/ ENQUIRIES:

Yvonne & Peter

Ph Nos: 9877-3360 /0400 082 694

DEAR PARISHIONERS—IMPORTANT!

WRITE TO SENATORS TO OPPOSE EUTHANASIA

The Senate will soon vote on a Bill, which would allow territories to legalise Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. Please contact your local senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

Any **NEW PARISHIONERS** who have put their name in our 'NEW PARISHIONER BOOK' in the past two (2) years, would you come and see Sr. Marg after Mass and Susan after 5pm Mass.

EASTERN PALLIATIVE CARE ASSOCIATION INC. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EPC works in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne with people who are dying.

They are recruiting for their next round of volunteers—Volunteers who come from a faith background are very comfortable in this space and find this type of volunteering resonates well with their own values.

Information session: Tuesday Sept. 18th - 10.00am to 12.00pm at 2/630 Mitcham Road, Mitcham

Call to register: 1300 130 813

DEAKIN AWARDS

The Deakin Community Awards seek to celebrate volunteers who give their time, skills and energy to community and church organisations, helping to make our local area a better place to live.

We congratulate Sr. Margaret Burchell, Anne Marmion, Maree Prendergast, Grace Mizzi (on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society) Patrick Danaher and Sheila Tuminello from St. Thomas' Parish Blackburn who won an award at this year's Deakin Community Awards Evening.

Well done!

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 18TH & 19TH AUGUST, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Margaret Easton	Gudran Muling John Inverno John Philp	Jeremy Garlick Dylan Garlick	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Marg Burchell	John Mahony	Faye Winter Maureen Munro Marg Burchell		Maureen Munro
10.30am	Alan Mead	Joan Morgan	Jim Guiccardo Anne Marmion Patricia Northrop	Chanel Thompson	Loreto Moore
5.00pm	Jenny Simmons	Need Someone	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Noah Fernandes Ari Rego	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: NO LITURGY
Vestment Colour: FIRST EUCHARIST

Piety Stall: Team 5
Money Counters: Team 5

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 Mass starts at 11.30am .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Sundays at 10.30am Mass. **During School Terms only.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AFTERNOON/EVENINGS:

Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Presbytery front meeting room.
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: TERM 3 UPDATE!!

The cold months are well and truly upon us. During term 3, the cold winter tends to reduce playgroup numbers and are keen to stay warm! Playgroup will continue to run however, there will only be a **monthly catch up during term 3**. We will have 3 to 4 catch ups across term 3 and tea and coffee will be available! Each session will have a different theme for the week and ALL pre-schoolers are welcome. No cost to attend. Calendar of events will be available early term 3. Sessions booked will run on Wednesdays only. Hope to see you there! Contact Julie O'Donnell on 0434 408 122 .

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.

**JESUIT VILLA HOUSE AT ANGLESEA
GROUPS & RETREATS WELCOME**

Anglecrest is a retreat house located in beautiful Anglesea and owned by the Australian Jesuits.

Please direct all enquiries to:

anglesea.villa@gmail.com

See Noticeboard for more 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: 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.....*

