



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND SEPTEMBER, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

9.10am Mass

NB: Rosary will resume
24th September.

TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 5th SEPT.

9.10am Mass

(incl. Classes 3/4JB &
3/4VS)

10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 6th SEPT.

No service

FRIDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

FIRST FRIDAY MASS &
LUNCHEON

11.30am Mass

SATURDAY 8th SEPT.

10.00am First Rite of

Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 9th SEPT.

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

September is the "Month of Creation", finishing on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, 4th October.

The following is a quote from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, On Care for our Common Home.

"Laudato Si, mi' Signore" - "Praise be to you, My Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. (Para. 1-2)

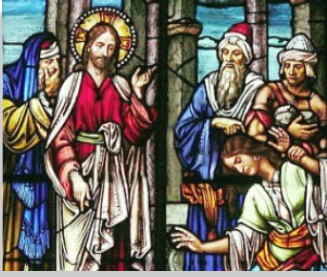
Fr Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

Be the change you want to see in the World

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





LITURGY - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

A Vocation View:

Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love.

'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Herve & Annette Nicolas, Charlie Santilli, Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, Jessie Penetta, 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 & Martin Broad.

Recently Dec'd:

Harold Rowbotham;
Nino Valentini;
Fr. Peter Wood msc

Anniversaries:

Felix & Sylvia Perera

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you—keep they commands of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 14:2-5 R V1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: St James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

Be doers of the word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

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 21st September, 2018.**
Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will be

Saturday 8th September, 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.



BLESSING FOR FATHERS DAY

May the Lord bless you and keep you—
in times of joy and in times of trial.
May the Lord make his face shine on you—that you, in turn, may be the face of God to those you father.
May the Lord be gracious to you—that you may be the instrument of grace in your families and communities.
And may the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace—that you might bring peace to your homes, to your families, to your work and to your world.
Amen.

KHOI'S ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

To support Khoi's first year of priesthood, we as a parish would like to give him a monetary gift to help with his ministry. A Special Collection will be held at all masses this weekend of 1st & 2nd September.
Thank you.



We warmly welcome **Brandon & Logan Herath** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

May the grace of God be with you and your families always.

SEEKING LIVE-IN CARER.....

For an 87 year old lady suffering Alzheimer's Dementia, in the Forest Hill area, conveniently located minutes away from Forest Hill Chase. Do you see yourself as a Carer wishing to make a difference in someone's life?

Duties include some light housekeeping, making breakfast, assistance with toileting and dressing. Accommodation includes the service of a weekly housekeeper and Gardener. Benefits incl. free board and lodge and generous stipend. Full orientation will be given.

If interested, please call: Christabelle Corfield-Jones on (03)9893-4602 for an initial telephone interview.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only"

JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship.

The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Has been *cancelled* on September 6th.

Contact: Pat & Don on 9878 4790



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

September 6th at 7.30pm.

Change of venue, please contact:

Maureen : 9884 4376



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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

NEED FOR BRIC-A-BRAC ITEMS

Dear Parishioners, we are short of bric-a-brac items for sale in our Ringwood Centre of Charity. If you have surplus to your needs—cutlery, crockery, small furniture items (or larger), kitchen utensils, vases, jewellery, picture frames, ornaments, etc, we would love to receive such donations.

They can be left in the Church Narthex and we will transport them to the Ringwood Centre.

Thank you

Grace Mizzi—President, Blackburn Conference

1st FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

Welcome everyone to our First Friday Parish Luncheon on **Friday 7th September at 11.30am** commencing with Mass in the church. Lunch will follow this in the Hall, with Maria and Hank Gibcus telling us about their experiences in the Panama Canal.

PS: Assistance with serving and washing up appreciated.

Contact: Wendy 9803 0451, Margaret 9873 3852 or Jackie 9886 7204



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Each year the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issues a Social Justice Statement to coincide with **Social Justice Sunday (30th September 2018).**

This year the Statement is titled **"A PLACE TO CALL HOME" - Making a Home for Everyone in our Land.**

The Statement discusses Homelessness and Housing.

In order to give this Statement as much publicity as possible, our Parish Social Group will join with a public "WALK OF WITNESS" on Tuesday 18th September led by Bishop Mark Edwards.

The Walk will commence in Federation Square at 12.30pm and walk to St.Patrick's Cathedral where Bishop Edwards will officially launch the Statement. Full details are on the Noticeboard in the Church Foyer.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 8TH & 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	John Inverno	Louis Souchon Gudran Muling Paul Muling	Jeremy Garlick Dylan Garlick	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	Phillip Collins	John Uren	Maureen Munro Fidelma D'souza Faye Winter		Anita Grandy
10.30am	Alan Mead	Veronica Hawkins	Margaret O'Loughlin Jim Gucciardo Anne Marmion	Gidget Mannix Chanel Thompson	Lynne Shaw
5.00pm	Susan Collins	Martina Tonti-Filippini	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Katya McGrath Stella MCGrath	

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

Piety Stall: Team 3
Money Counters: Team 1

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.

POSITION VACANT

St. Simon's Parish, Rowville is seeking an experienced **Business and Office Manager** - part-time, 3 day per week role reporting to Parish Priest.
Applications can be hand-delivered to St. Simon's Parish Office or emailed to Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkd@stsimonsparish.com.au).
Closing date **Friday 14th September**.
For further details look on website:
www.stsimonsparish.com.au

**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 date:
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.....*

