



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH NOVEMBER, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 7th NOV.

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

THURSDAY 8th NOV.

No Service

FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER

10.00am Mass
11.00am Regis Mass
(Communion Service)

SATURDAY 10th NOV.

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

BEARING THE FRUITS OF LOVE

If only the heart was right, we could give so much more.

Lord, open our hearts when they are closed.
Soften them when they are hard.

Warm them when they are cold.
Brighten them when they are dark.

Fill them when they are empty.
Calm them when they are troubled.

Cleanse them when they are tarnished.
Heal them when they are wounded.

Mend them when they are broken.

So that we, your disciples may bear the fruits of love. Amen.

Fr. Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

*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:

We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Patsy MacNamara, Bernadette Andrews, Andrew Lu, Annette Nicolas, Charlie Santilli, Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, Jessie Pennetta, Sr. Maureen Philp RSJ, Jo Hocking, Claire Tierney, Liz Murphy, Tamara Bobrovich, Marie Walker, Charles Fain, Jon Parkinson, Maree Fox, Frank Nolan, Antonio So Jr., Ashley Woods, Malgosia Dziuk, Daisy Xu, Geoff Beams, Rosa Maria Santos, Patricia Duffy, Mietta Ulaan, Chris Leach, Dao Le, Denise Wraight, Peter Babulo, Moira Healy, Tony Hill, Koula Tsepelidis & Martin Broad.

Recently Dec'd:
Fr. Leo Patrick Griffin

Anniversaries:
Pius & Irene Pereira

Funeral Notice:
Fr Leo Griffin on Thurs. 8th Nov. at 10.45am at the Little Sisters of the Poor Northcote (112B St Georges Rd) Burial 2.30pm Warringal Cemetery 472 Upper Heidelberg Rd Heidelberg.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Ps 37:22-23
Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 17:2-4,47,51 Rv2
I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34
This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Ps 15:11
You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

2019 Columban Calendars
\$9.00 each

New Book:
Pope Francis' "Inspiring Vision No:2" -
\$7.50 (Orders taken)

Baptism Candles and Gifts

Melbourne Catholic
Magazine (Sept.) - \$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

YOUTH CLUB

The next meeting will be
Friday 23rd November, 2018.
Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will be
Saturday 10th November, 2018.
All newcomers most welcome.
Enquiries: Maria on 0403 354 584

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

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.

"HEARTS BURNING WITHIN US" BY PETER MALONE MSC
This book is about scripture in the Parish, small prayer groups and private prayer. It is available at the Piety Stall for \$24.95 to purchase.

2018 LOURDES DAY MASS

Mass will be held on **Saturday 1st December at 10.30am** at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly and their carers. As many are unlikely to ever visit Lourdes, in a sense, it's like Lourdes coming to them.

EXAM PRAYER

Loving God, be with me as I enter this exam. Still my heart and open my mind. Help me to write with confidence and allow me to demonstrate all that I have learned. Thank you for the many people who have prepared me for this time and thank you for the opportunity to bring my learning to this moment. Be with me, as I enter this exam time.
Amen

ST. THOMAS' GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS

Due to the above Mass being held on Friday 16th November at 9.00am, there will be **NO 10.00AM MASS.**

PRAYER FOR RAIN.....

O God, through whom we live, move and have our being, grant us the rain we need, so that, aided by these temporal benefits, we may more confidently seek those of eternity. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



We warmly welcome **Jack & Matilda Gallagher** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend. *May the grace of God be with you and your families always.*

CENSUS WEEKEND 10TH & 11TH NOV AT ALL MASSES FOR THOSE WHO WERE AWAY ON 27TH 28TH OCT.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” MARK 12:33

Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

FINAL Cards night for 2018 to be held on **Thur.**

6th December at

14 Gordon Cres. Blackburn.

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



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

That's a wrap for 2018, see you in February 2019

Contact:

Maureen on 9884 4376

or **Carmel on 9894 7950**



Coming Soon

1ST FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON CHRISTMAS DINNER BOOKINGS

The catered Christmas Dinner is to be held on **Friday 7th December 2018. Bookings/Tickets will be sold after the 10.30am Mass until Sunday 11th Nov.**

After this date, write your name and Christmas Luncheon on envelopes with money and place in Second Collection Plate; tickets will then be given out later.

Cost: \$28.00 per person.

Contact: Evelyn Tan on 9877 5548 or 0490 512 400



PLENARY COUNCIL

The Plenary Council is to be held in 2020. It is a gathering of the Church of Australia to make decisions for the future. We are all invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing our experience of faith and answering the question, **“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”** We are seeking Expressions of Interest from people who might be interested in joining a small working party to initiate Listen and Dialogue sessions for the parish. If you think you have something to contribute please contact Anand Rego, Anne Marmion or Susan at the Parish Office on 9878 0818. You will be fully supported by Fr Terry and members of Parish Pastoral Council.

Further information can be found at the website: plenary.council@catholic.org.au

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGER

We are looking for people to assist with the arrangement of flowers in the Church for next year's Roster. Please contact the Parish Office on 9878-0818 for further details. **Thank you.**

ST. THOMAS' PARISH CENSUS will be held on the following weekend: **10th & 11th November 2018**

One Census Card per family to update our Parish Community database. **Thank you.**

KIDS OFF NAURU PETITION

We would like to thank the **324 people** from our Parish and School Parents who signed the Petition to get **“KIDS OFF NAURU”**. The Petition has been sent to our political leaders. **POSTSCRIPT.....**The Morrison Government plans to have all children of Asylum Seekers still on Nauru, relocated to Australia by the end of the year.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Both books (Black and Purple coloured) have been placed near the Altar, if you wish to enter a family member to be prayed for.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION IN THE SERVICE OF PEACE

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 10TH & 11TH NOVEMBER, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Peter Watson	Gudran Muling Gerald Gill John Philp	Jeremy Garlick Dylan Garlick	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Peter Newton	Helen Newton	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Faye Winter		Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Owen Shaw	Rebecca Mahoney	Verona Gridley Jim Gucciardo Margaret O'Loughlin	Annabelle Spillane Isabella Spillane	Ray Johnson
5.00pm	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Oliver Boyer Therese Caneneo Noah Fernandes	

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

Piety Stall: Team 2
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.)

ST THOMAS PARISH/SCHOOL ARCHIVES

Archival material always welcome. Please include dates and names when possible. Contact Parish Office Ph: 9878 0818

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 4

Every Wednesday morning during the School Term, from 9am-11am. Please bring along a piece of fruit. ALL pre-schoolers are welcome. No cost to attend. 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.

**ALL SAINTS ART & MUSIC EXHIBITION
ST DOMINIC'S PARISH, CAMBERWELL**

An exhibit of the artistic and musical talents of various members of the parish community.

From: 2.00pm-4.00pm

On: Sunday 4th November at 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell

Entry by donation (incl. afternoon tea)

RSVP: October 28th or

email: Sebastian.condon@op.org.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.....*

