



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7TH OCTOBER, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 8th OCTOBER

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 10th OCT.

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

THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER

No service
11.00am Regis Mass

FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

JUST LOVE HIM!

"Years ago I was babysitting Tiffany aged three and a half and David aged eighteenth months. I had been out on the back lawn watching them play in the plastic swimming pool. David got a bit bored and scampered over to the garden bed and dug up a worm.

A squeal from Tiffany alerted me to the fact that he was in the process of eating this large juicy piece, Of course by the time I got over to David the worm was gone completely.

I looked at Tiffany shook my head and said: 'Whatever are we going to do with him? 'Oh' says the three year old. 'We will just have to love him!' *(Judith)*

"If we love one another God will live in us in perfect love. (1 John 4:12)

"I tell you solemnly anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' (Mark 10:15)

Fr Terry msc

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MSC STUDENT

We warmly welcome Trieu Quoc Nguyen to St. Thomas' Blackburn. Trieu is from Vietnam—he will be studying English until the end of the year and then next year he will begin his studies for the priesthood. We hope that he enjoys his time with us here at Blackburn.

Thought of the Day.....

What you decide to do, make sure it makes you happy.



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



LITURGY - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 127 Rv5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9-11

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

A Vocation View:

The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to me;for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.'

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Andrew Lu, Annette Nicolas, Charlie Santilli, Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, Jessie Pennetta, 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, 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:

Anniversaries:

Philomena

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**

HELP NEEDED PLEASE.....

We are need of your time/help at the **5.00pm Sunday Masses**. We are looking for parishioners who could assist in the roles of Commentator and/or Lectors, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish office on 9878-0818 for further details.



We warmly welcome Sophie Ray who will be Baptised into

our Parish Family this weekend. May the grace of God be with you and your families always.

YOUTH NEWS

SIX2EIGHT YOUTH CLUB

The next meeting will be **Friday 19th October, 2018.**
Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will be **Saturday 13th October, 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.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Offered over two weeks, these Advent formation sessions are ideal for liturgy and parish leadership teams looking to bring the season to life in their local communities. In **Week 1 (Tuesday 16 October)**, participants will be given an overview of the Gospel of Luke (Year C of the liturgical cycle). In **Week 2 (Tuesday 23 October)**, participants can choose from a range of workshops including: exploring the Advent readings, developing a music repertoire for the seasons, creating an Advent and Christmas sacramental environment, communicating the Advent message, celebrating a new liturgical year and how to implement a special plenary-focused approach to Advent. Come to one session or come to both!

HELD: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Vic 3002

COST PER PERSON: \$25 for Sessions 1 & 2 inclusive \$15 per individual session Register online: Please RSVP online by 10 October at www.trybooking.com/xyji

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name."

GENESIS 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations build our church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

The next night will be held on **October 4th at 7.30pm** in the Hall. All welcome.

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



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

The next night will be on **October 4th at 7.30pm.**

Contact: **Maureen on 9884 4376 or Carmel on 9894 7950**



FILM NIGHT

Great attendance for the film *Mamma Mia*, it was most enjoyable.

Our final film for the year is on

Friday 19th October. It is a drama/comedy "**LADIES IN BLACK**", set in 1950's Sydney with all Australian cast.

At: Pinewood Theatre **Cost:** \$8.50 (incl. light supper) **Time:** 6.30pm approx.

Bookings made by ringing Dorothy Murray on 9893-3341 or leave money on the 1st collection plate clearly marked "**FILM NIGHT**" with your name and phone no.



Coming Soon

EXCERPTS FROM POPE FRANCIS' "LAUDATO SI, MI SIGNORE"

Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY OFFICE

LIVING ICONS: MOTHERS, FATHERS & THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY

New video and print resources highlighting the role of both a mother and father in family life have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Print copies of the booklet are available in the Church Narthex. Videos can be viewed online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

We encourage you to watch and share these resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—SPECIAL OBSERVANCE SUNDAY

This weekend, the Archdiocese of Melbourne has introduced **Special Observance Sunday** for St. Vincent De Paul Society. It has nothing to do with fundraising but just to thank everyone at St. Thomas' for the wonderful support you have given to the Blackburn SVDP Conference. If anyone is interested in wanting to know what we do please contact me on 0420344189. Thank you again. **President— Grace Mizzi.**

CATHOLIC MISSION—WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL

A Special Collection will be held at all masses on the weekend of **20th & 21st October, 2018** for the above appeal.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting will be held **Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.** Further details from Quentin (9877 5906) or any BSG member.



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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 13TH & 14TH OCTOBER, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Margaret Easton	Tony Keaney Louis Souchon John Inverno	PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	Michael & Maree Ransom
8.30am	John Uren	Chrissie Menekan	Dorothy Murray Maureen Munro	PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	Ray Johnson
10.30am	Loreto Moore	Veronica Hawkins	Anne Marmion Margaret O'Loughlin Patricia Northrop	PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	Loreto Moore
5.00pm	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	

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

Piety Stall: Team 3
Money Counters: Team 6

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.

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE—VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

Mercy Works Ltd is currently recruiting
volunteers to support Refugee Students and
Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary
schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese.
Commitment is approx. half a day per week for
four school terms.

Please see Church Noticeboard for further
details. Email: somml@bigpond.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 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.....*

