



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 10th SEPT.

9.10am Mass

NB: Rosary will resume
24th September.

TUESDAY 11th SEPT.

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 12th SEPT.

9.10am Mass

(incl. Classes 5/6CH &
5/6EM)

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 13th SEPT.

No service

FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 15th SEPT.

10.00am First Rite of

Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 16th SEPT.

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

The Superior General of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart - Fr. Absalón Alvaredo Tovar, msc - is visiting the Australian Province and will be visiting Melbourne next week. He will be celebrating at the 10.00am Mass, here at St. Thomas' on Friday 14th September.

We welcome Fr. Tovar msc to Blackburn.

We at St. Thomas' congratulate Fr. Khoi Nguyen, msc this weekend as he becomes ordained as an MSC Priest. We ask God's blessings on him as he begins this new ministry.

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires the application of WWC (Working with Children) card of all volunteers who are in contact with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults within the Parish. Going forward we will be mentioning the necessary groups required to obtain a WWC, in coming issues of the Bulletin.

These applications may be done online (very easy to do) - by following this link: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

If any assistance is required, contact the Parish Office on 9878-0818.

Fr Terry msc

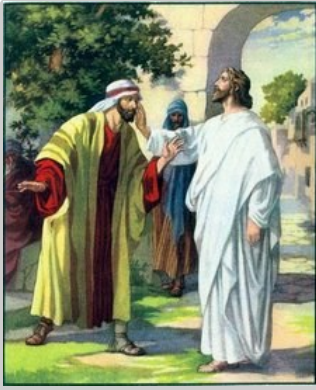
Thought of the Day.....

Start where you are. Use what you have.

Do what you can.

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





LITURGY - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:7-10 Rv1

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: St James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

A Vocation View:

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Andrew Lu, Herve & 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:

Frank Perry msc;
Berenice Goodlad

Anniversaries:

Ursula Clifford

Special Intentions:

Chan Family;
Galleros Family

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

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

SIXTEENTH 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 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.

POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES PARISH FORUM AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, BOX HILL SATURDAY 15TH SEPT. - 9.00AM TO 1.00PM

All parish leaders and interested parishioners are warmly invited on a journey through 'Laudato Si' and an examination of how parishes can use Laudato Si' to transform the lives of their members and communities. **RSVP:** 12th September 2018
Cost: \$30 (incl. book & light refreshments)
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/WOQR
Enquiries: Lucia Brick (9287-5566) or e: lucia.brick@css.org.au

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next BSG meeting will be held **Thursday July 13th September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.** Further details from Quentin (9877 5906) or any BSG member.



"BALE OUT" APPEAL—PARISH APPEAL FUNDS HEADING TO DROUGHT-AFFECTED FARMING COMMUNITIES

Following a talk given by Hank Gibcus highlighting the issues affecting the farming communities and the generous donation made by St. Thomas' parishioners, approximately **\$2,800** was raised. These funds, along with those raised in western NSW, will be distributed to buy hay, grain and water for stock. Also, food vouchers are being made available to farming families in need through supermarkets in drought-affected areas to help boost their local business communities. Shortage of water is not only affecting stock but the ability of families on the land to have showers, therefore, some of the funds are being sent to a pastoral care program in the Wilcannia/Forbes Diocese, which supports farmers to stay in town at a motel for the night to have showers and wash clothes.

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

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important—being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realise that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

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**



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

SCRABBLE NIGHT:

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

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



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

ECUMENICAL SYMPOSIUM "HEALTH AND INTEGRITY IN CHURCH"

A conference was held last week by a catholic group, which touched on questions/conversations about the task of cultural change and renewal that is ahead as a result from the Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Church.

The following website link: www.healthandintegrity.org.au gives presentations and communiques that have been put out by conference organisers. The information may be of interest to some people, especially those who attended the last 2 Forums held at St. Thomas' Parish.

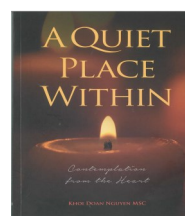
SOCIAL JUSTICE

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 Justice 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 Mark will launch the Statement. Full details are on the Noticeboard in the Church Foyer. If any parishioner would like to join our group on this day please contact **Ray Johnson - 9800 2626.**



Khoi Nguyen's new book—*Meditative Reflections and Poetry*

is available from the Piety Stall for \$19.95

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 15TH & 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Max Wittick	Chris Wittick	John Inverno Margaret Easton John Philp	Jeremy Garlick Dylan Garlick	Lorraine Rodgers
8.30am	Marg Burchell	Therese Case	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Chris Raisin		Ray Johnson
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Patricia Northrop Maria Gibcus hank Gibcus	Daniel Korporaal Miles Anderson	Yvonne Reidy
5.00pm	Marco Negro	Helen Newton	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Therese Canoneo Kate Brown Ari Rego	

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

Piety Stall: Team 4
Money Counters: Team 2

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 days 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.....*

