



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11TH NOVEMBER, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 12th NOV.

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 13th NOV.

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 14th NOV.

9.10am Mass (incl.
Classes 5/6EM & 5/6KK)
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 15th NOV.

No Service

FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER GRANDPARENTS DAY

9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 17th NOV.

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

THE FINAL INSPECTION

The soldier stood and faced his God,
Which must always come to pass,
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?"

The soldier squared his shoulders,
and said: "No, Lord, I guess I ain't,
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear,
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I wept unmanly tears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
(It needn't be real grand, I've never expected, or had too much),
But if you don't, I'll understand."

There was a silence around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod,
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well,
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell."

~Author Unknown~

Fr. Terry msc

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



A Vocation View:

Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before (us)"

According to St. Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

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, 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:

Peter Luat Trong Tran; Matthew Dillon (Fr Terry's Friend) and Carmel Cotter.

Anniversaries:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Ps 87:3
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Kings 17:10-16
The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:7-10 Rv2
Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28
Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44
This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Ps 22:1-2
The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

Christmas Cards & Gifts

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 8th December, 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.

PIETY STALL

PRE CHRISTMAS SALE

Need gift ideas for Christmas!! We have a range of gifts, Christmas ornaments and decorations. Items will be on display for sale on **Sunday 11th November before and after the 5.00pm Mass only.**

All proceeds go to St. Vincent De Paul Blackburn Conference.



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.

ST. THOMAS' PARISH CENSUS will be held this weekend (10th & 11th November 2018) at all Masses. One Census Card per family to update our Parish Community database. **Thank you.**

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributions to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." MARK 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point- we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

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:

Will be held on **Thurs. 6th December** in Hall

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.**

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.

ADVENT LECTURE AND PLENARY COUNCIL –LISTEN AND DIALOGUE SESSION

You are invited to a talk by Rose-Marie Prosser on the Future of the Church in Australia on **Thursday 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Hall.**

As part of the Plenary Council this will be followed by a Listen and Dialogue Session.

An alternate Listen and Dialogue Session will be held in the Hall after 10.30am Mass on **25th November at 11.45am.**

LITURGY THANK-YOU

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, a sincere thank you is extended to all parishioners who assist in the preparation and presentation of weekend liturgies. To those who organise rosters, to those who volunteer to be on rosters and to members of the Liturgy Preparation Groups, who diligently resource and submit liturgy details every week.....THANK YOU. Your contributions are very much appreciated. **St. Thomas the Apostle Liturgy Team.**

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 17TH & 18TH NOVEMBER, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Alistair Pinto	Kim Anderson	Margaret Easton Jan Gaffy Marie Ransom	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Alan & Dympna Lodge
8.30am	Chris Raisin	Chrissie Menekan	Louis Souchon Fidelma D'Souza Maureen Munro		Maree Prendergast
10.30am	Anthony O'Hea	Veronica Hawkins	Anne Marmion Patricia Northrop Yvonne Reidy	Daniel Korporaal Miles Anderson	Verna Hawkins
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Noah Paswindar Tim Paswindar	

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

Piety Stall: Team 3
Money Counters: Team 4

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.

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.

INVITATION TO MEDITATE

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Meditation is a universal spiritual wisdom and a practice found at the core of all the great religious traditions, leading from the mind to the heart. It is the heart of the contemplative teaching of Jesus on prayer.

On **Tuesday nights at 7.30-8.15pm**, all are welcome to come and join our group, which **meets weekly and at no cost**, held at **St.Thomas' Presbytery.**

*Time for a cuppa and a chat
after Mass.....*

