



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

YEAR B

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 1st OCTOBER
NO 9.10AM MASS

7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 2nd OCTOBER

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 3rd OCT.

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER

No service

FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER

11.30am First Friday

Mass & Luncheon

SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER

10.00am First Rite of

Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY A PLACE TO CALL HOME

“Every day in our streets, we, like the Good Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation? And how is that housing has become so unaffordable that it excludes increasing numbers of Australians?”

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the man by the roadside, stripped and left half dead, had experienced what most people who sleep rough in our cities and towns know and fear: danger, violence and being robbed of the little they own. He, like many who are homeless in our society was helpless.

In the face of entrenched homelessness in such a prosperous nation, it is time for Australia to reassert the true value of housing as a human right that is fundamental to individual and family wellbeing. All are our neighbours – all are owed this right.” **(Extract from the Social Justice Statement 2018-2019)**

Fr Terry msc

A note from Kenji to St. Thomas' parishioners

A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to all the parishioners of St. Thomas for your generosity and support during my brief stay here. Your commitment to the church and to one another as a parish community has certainly been a source of great inspiration. Although I will continue on in my journey of discipleship, a new group of young men will soon arrive, bringing with them a youthful spirit but very much in need of your continued nurturing and support. St. Thomas has left an indelible imprint on the lives of many MSCs, especially the younger generation. May this rich tradition continue well into the future. *In corde Jesu, Kenji*

Thought of the Day.....

*What you do today can improve
all your tomorrows.*

*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:

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not—nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.

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:

Cath Gartland

Anniversaries:

Noel Allen

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Dan 3:31, 29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8, 10,12-14 Rv9 *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

SECOND READING: St James 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: cf Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf. Ps 118-49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

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**

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

We thank those parishioners who joined in the "WALK OF WITNESS", led by Bishop Mark Edwards, on Tuesday 18th September in solidarity with the Homeless in our Society. This event was to launch the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2018-19 due out on **Social Justice Sunday (30th September 2018)** called **"A PLACE TO CALL HOME" - Making a Home for Everyone in our Land.**

We walked from Federation Square visiting along the way—St. Paul's Cathedral, Bourke Street, Salvation Army Temple, Parliament House (where the Bishops Statement was presented to the Minister and Shadow Minister for Housing) and the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church before finishing up at St. Patrick's Cathedral. During our Walk, we gave Witness of the Church's concern for those who have no home.

YOUTH NEWS

SIXEIGHT 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

There be **NO 9.10am MASS** on Monday 1st October due to the funeral of Cath Gartland at St. John's Church in Mitcham, which Fr. Terry will be attending.

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.

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

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. MARK 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus?

Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

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**



1st FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

On **Friday 5th October at 11.30am** commencing with Mass in the church. Lunch will follow this in the Hall.

Special guest speakers—talks by Kenji Konda & Sr. Marg Burchell
PS: Assistance with serving and washing up appreciated.

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

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.



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

Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have feely received and must share with others. Since the world has been given to us, we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit. Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us.

ROSARY RALLY-13TH OCTOBER AT ST SCHOLASTICA'S PARISH

An invitation is offered to all to participate in *The Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary*, to celebrate the anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima. The Rosary is being offered all day around Australia to celebrate this event.

Place: 10.00am at St Scholastica's Parish (School Quadrangle), 4-8 Starling Street, Burwood

We suggest you bring your own chair.

THE BIRTH STORIES OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE WITH DR. MARY COLOE, pbvm

Pauline Books & Media invites you to a Public Lecture, held on **Tuesday 11th October 2018, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

Address: 7 Denmark Hill Road, Hawthorn East

Come, and make the Word your home as you prepare for Advent and the new liturgical year.

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Franciscan family warmly welcomes all to celebrate the liturgical celebration of the life and death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Come and experience Franciscan spirituality and Christ centred-life.

On Wednesday 3rd October 7.00pm-8.30pm) at Saint Paschal Franciscan Friary, YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, (off Albion Rd) Box Hill.

A light supper will be held after the service.

Further details: (03)9896 4400 or email: stpascchals@franciscans.org.au

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 6TH & 7TH OCTOBER, 2018 - YEAR B

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	John Inverno	Gudran Muling Paul Muling Margaret Easton	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Chris Raisin	Therese Case	Maureen Munro Fidelma D'souza Louis Souchon	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	Pat & Eileen Danaher
10.30am	Alan Mead	Yvonne Reidy	Patricia Northrop Mary Crossan Neil Crossan	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	Margaret Grandy
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PLEASE HELP IF ABLE	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: NO LITURGY DUE
Vestment Colour: TO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Piety Stall: Team 2
Money Counters: Team 5

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.)

ARCHIVES

Archival material always welcome. Contact Parish Office

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!!

During Term 3, Playgroup will continue to run however, there will only be a **monthly catch up**. 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. Sessions booked will run on Wednesdays only. Hope to see you there! Contact Julie

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.....*

