



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2ND DECEMBER, 2018

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 5th DEC.

9.10am Mass
(incl. Prep Classes)
10.30am Mass at
St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 6th DEC.

No Service

FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 8th DEC.

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

PLENARY COUNCIL ADVENT PRAYER

Be Still

Be still and know

Be still and know that I am your God.

God of this Advent time,

As we watch, wait, long and hope,

Awaken our hearts to your presence.

Encourage us in our efforts to listen humbly to each other.

Inspire in us the words to speak boldly with each other.

Create within us a spirit of discernment.

Give us hopeful hearts as we continue our journey to the

Plenary Council.

We ask this in the name of Emmanuel – God-with-us.

Amen.

Fr. Terry msc

CONGRATULATIONS

*Lots of happy wishes to Fr. Terry,
who will be celebrating his 65th Birthday
on Sunday 2nd December.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



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

LITURGY - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A Vocation View:

Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.

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:

Anniversaries:

David Pope

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14 Rv1

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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 - \$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

ANNUAL CAROLS WALK

on Friday 7th December, 2018
from 6.00pm-8.30pm (meet at
St. T's Church)

Taking this opportunity to invite everyone to our **last and final** Youth Gathering for the year. Please come and join us as we go Christmas Caroling through the streets of Blackburn. After carols, we meet back at the church, share some food and celebrate together Year 2018! **Bring a plate of food to share & bring a friend AND come dressed in your Christmas gear!**
Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818



STARFISH PROJECT – The next meet up will be **Saturday 15th 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.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:

As part of Christmas Season Preparations:

Communal Prayer of Forgiveness—Tuesday 11th December, 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Masses—Monday 24th December, 6.00pm; 9.00pm & 11.00pm (**nb. No Midnight Mass**)

Christmas Day Mass—Tuesday 25th December, 9.00am



We warmly welcome
Madeleine Hawker; Adeline Anderson
who will be Baptised into our Parish Family
this weekend.

May the grace of God be with you and your families always.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE No: 102

Could the person/family who has the above TG Envelope number, please contact the Parish Office on 9878-0818.

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.

SMITH VIOLIN SCHOOL.....MAKING FUTURE MUSICIANS

NOW OPEN: Experienced and qualified teachers available after school or weekends. At 22 Main Street, Blackburn — AMEB Curriculum.

Contact: 0435 606 118 or 0450 503 704

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is a hand.” L’UKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus. His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It’s never too late.

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. *Ladies, please bring a plate of goodies.*

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



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

CANCELLED: Due to Parish Luncheon in Hall following day. SEE YOU IN FEB. 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.**

For Bookings/Tickets , 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: Alan Rutzou on 9877 2005 or 0407 093 877



PLENARY COUNCIL

The Plenary Council is a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. All Australians are invited to engage in a open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Your voice is needed—join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God’s Holy spirit, we journey together, toward the future. Everyone is welcome to put a submission into the Plenary Council. Please consider doing this either individually, or if you belong to a parish group, your group might like to put in a submission.

The pathway to do this is:

plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say

Submit your response by clicking here.

POPE FRANCIS’ MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION “IN THE SERVICE OF THE TRANSMISSION OF FAITH”

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—HAMPER REQUEST

Dear Parishioners, this Christmas we need to provide 90 hampers for families that would otherwise have very little. Just as you have generously provided in the past, we hope that you will once again. Hampers could be gift wrapped or plain or you may prefer to use a supermarket carry bag located in the Narthex near the kitchen.

Contents we leave up to you but could contain soup, pasta & sauce, tins of ham or fish, pudding, custard, cake, sweets or cordial.

We would like to have hampers by 16th December but later is still fine. We thank you for your continued support in all of our activities.

Grace Mizzi—President Blackburn Conference

On Sunday 25th November, there was a Festival Mass celebrated by members of the Society at St. Luke’s Parish, Blackburn South.

During the Mass, Long Service Awards were made to

Lorna Ong and **Beryl Pegg**— both 25 years and to

Grace Mizzi (our President) - 10 years.

Wal Stevens—Vice President

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 8TH & 9TH DECEMBER, 2018 - YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	John Inverno	John Philp Gerard Gill Louis Souchon	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	Helen & Peter Newton
8.30am	Maureen Munro	Fidelma D'Souza	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe		Ray Johnson
10.30am	Owen Shaw	Rebecca Mahoney	Lynne Shaw Jim Gucciardo Anne Marmion	Daniel Korporaal Miles Anderson	Lynne Shaw
5.00pm	Marco Negro	Helen Newton	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Noah Paswindar Tim Paswindar	

Children's Liturgy: Leader: Rosanna
Vestment Colour: Violet

Piety Stall: Team 1
Money Counters: Team 7

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.

HOLIDAY RENTAL PROPERTIES IN

VICTOR HARBOR, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Looking for somewhere to stay for your next holiday in South Australia. The following properties are on offer: **Restored 1935 (3 Bedroom) Bungalow-sleeps 6; Restored 1950's 3 Bedroom Cottage-sleeps 6; Modern Self-Contained 2 bedroom Unit-sleeps 4**

Contact: Mark & Rachela Caiapich on (08)8387-0679 OR email: mrtf@tpg.com.au
(website: <http://users.tpg.com.au/mrtf>)

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

ORGAN & TRUMPET RECITAL:

ANTHONY HALLIDAY & JOEL BRENNEN

To be held Wednesday 12th December, 2018 from 7.00pm-8.30pm

Cost: \$20 (no concession);
Children under 15—free.

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/>

Enquiries: music@cam.org.au or

(03)9926 5753 (Wed-Sun)

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

