



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16TH DECEMBER, 2018

YEAR C

### MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY 17TH DEC.

9.10am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary

#### TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

#### WEDNESDAY 19th DEC.

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

#### THURSDAY 20th DEC.

No Service

#### FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

#### SATURDAY 22nd DEC.

10.00am First Rite of  
Reconciliation  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER

8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass  
5.00pm Mass



*Dear Parishioners,*

### A THOUGHT ON JOY

Many people confuse joy with pleasure, but there is a world of difference between them, and unless you know the difference, you have not yet begun to live.

Joy consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all your companions on the road of life.

It is a blend of laughter and tears.

It is knowing how to share with other people.

It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, knowing that big packages are few and far between.

It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life.

Joy is the flag you fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace, is in residence within your heart.

*Fr Terry msc*

#### *Thought of the Day.....*

*Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.*

*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:

*Have you ever asked:  
"What ought I do?"  
Simply, tell the good  
news to people.  
Nothing else matters.*

**Please remember the following in your prayers...**

**Sick:** Patsy MacNamara, Bernadette Andrews, Annette Nicolas, Charlie Santilli, Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, 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 & Martin Broad.

**Recently Dec'd:**

**Anniversaries:**

Eric Bailey

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Phil 4:4-5**  
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18**  
With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isa 12:2-6 Rv6**  
*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7**  
The Lord is near.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Isa 61:1**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18**  
What, then, must we do?

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Isa 35:4**  
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## 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 (Dec. Edition) - \$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

Merry Christmas and safe New Year to all and see you in 2019.

**Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818**

**STARFISH PROJECT** – Merry Christmas and safe New Year. See you in 2019!!

*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](mailto:caren.garlick@cam.org.au)** or at Parish Office on 9878 0818.

## 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

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:

**As part of Christmas Season Preparations:**

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

Christmas Day Mass—Tuesday 25th December, 9.00am

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE No: 102

Could the person/family who has the above TG Envelope number, please contact the 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.

### 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

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” PHILIPPIANS 4:6*

*St. Paul remind us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.*

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

### CARDS NIGHT:

**SEE YOU IN FEB. 2019!**

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



### SCRABBLE NIGHT:

**SEE YOU IN FEB. 2019!**

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



### 1st FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

Mark your diary for 2019 for the next Mass & Luncheon, which will be held on **Friday 1st February, 2019 at 11.30am.**

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

### 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](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say)

Submit your response by clicking here.

### “MELBOURNE CATHOLIC” APP FOR IPHONE & ANDROID

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has advised that you can now enjoy *Melbourne Catholic* on-the-go with a new free app. Search Mass times across parishes & deaneries; Archbishop's homilies; read trending news; daily Mass readings AND updates from Plenary Council 2020.

**iPhone App Store: search in itunes—melbourne-catholic**

**Andriod Play Store: search in Play Store—melbournecatholic**

### 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**

### KARDIA FORMATION

#### HEART WISDOM FOR TEACHERS “WE TEACH WHO WE ARE”

Is offering teachers a program of six small group sessions to explore the terrain of their inner teacher. This inward journey will be supported by individual reflection and group dialogue. **Dates: Terms 1 & 2 2019—six sessions 4.30-6.30pm**

**Cost: \$495 Location: 197-199 Riversdale Rd, Hawthorn 3122**

**Email: enquiries@kardia.com.au**

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 22ND & 23RD DECEMBER, 2018 - YEAR C**

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	Margaret Easton	John Inverno Jan Gaffy Tony Keaney	<b>PLEASE ASSIST</b>	Ray Johnson
8.30am	Peter Newton	Helen Newton	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe		Ken Castanelli
10.30am	Alan Mead	Veronica Hawkins	Jim Gucciardo Margaret O'Loughlin Verona Gridley	<b>PLEASE ASSIST</b>	Margaret Grandy
5.00pm	Peta Fulton	Maureen Munro	Sue Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	<b>PLEASE ASSIST</b>	

**Children's Liturgy:**  
**RESUMES 2019**

**Piety Stall: Team 3**  
**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.)

**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.

**PALLOTTINE CAMINO 2019**

**APRIL 25TH—27TH, 2019**

The 5th Pallottine Camino will be walked from St. Christopher's Parish, Syndal to Pallotti College, Millgrove. The Camino is 65km long and is walked over three days, with overnight accommodation at Pallotti College.

**To register, contact Denise Lyons on 0420 200 266**

**Email: denisejlyons@gmail.com**

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

