



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

23RD DECEMBER, 2018

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 24TH DEC.

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm Children's Mass
9.00pm Mass
11.00pm Mass

TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 26th DEC.

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

THURSDAY 27th DEC.

No Service

FRIDAY 28th DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 29th DEC.

10.00am First Rite of
Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

COME, LORD JESUS

Lord, Jesus, come into our weakness.

Come into our fears.

Come into our anxieties.

Come into our failures.

Come into our divisions.

Come into our grieving.

Come into our loneliness.

Come into our darkness.

Come into our doubting.

Come into our despair.

Come into our poverty of heart.

Come into our searching.

Come into our joys and hopes.

Come into our dying.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Fr Terry MSC

Thought of the Day.....

Every positive thought is a silent prayer which will change your life.

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

LITURGY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A Vocation View:

Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Elizabeth Gill, John Uren, 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:

Bill Lennon (brother of Michael Lennon); Gwen Reid; Sr. Maryrose Dennehy fcj Sr Stella nds, Carmel McPhee -Lam (Sister to Fr Chris McPhee MSC Provincial)

Anniversaries:

Denver Spring

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Isa 45.8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Isa 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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** 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

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass -Tuesday 1st January, New Year's Day, 10.00am

"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

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” LUKES 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

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

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 or to the Parish Office.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE, SYDNEY

Are you planning a trip to Sydney in January? Why not stay at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney.

For Accommodation Enquiries call (02) 8912 4800



We warmly welcome **Alexander Capewell** who will be Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.

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

ST. THOMAS’ BLACKBURN PARISH ARCHIVES

Thank you and farewell to **Maria Bardsley (aka Starfish)**, who has volunteered her skills for the past 4 years. We wish her well in her new home and Parish.

We are about halfway through the first “run” of sorting, storing and computer indexing our collected materials.

We warmly welcome **Bernadette Collins**, who is going to help in the future.

With sincere appreciation from Fay Uren, Hugh McCaig, Maureen Munro and the Parish Office Team.

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 29TH & 30TH DECEMBER, 2018 - YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm		PLEASE		ASSIST	
8.30am	WITH		MINISTRY		ROLES
10.30am					
5.00pm	Rita White	Thomas White	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton		

Children's Liturgy:
RESUMES 2019

Piety Stall: Team 4
Money Counters: Team 3

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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA-GLOBAL GIFTS

PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF MOTHERHOOD THIS CHRISTMAS

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in vulnerable communities.

Order Global Gift cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413

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

