



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd FEBRUARY, 2019

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 4th FEB.

9.10am Mass

TUESDAY 5th FEB.

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 6th FEB.

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement
Village

THURSDAY 7th FEB.

No Service

FRIDAY 8th FEB.

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 9th FEB.

10am Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 10th FEB.

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

LOVE

For a Christian, love is the greatest and the most important virtue of all. Without love, all our words, no matter how wise and clever they may be, are just so much noise.

Without love, even if we had faith strong enough to work a miracle, that faith would be worthless.

Without love, all our deeds, even if they were the greatest ever done on this earth, would not do us the slightest bit of good.

Love means being patient and kind. Love means never being jealous or boastful. Love means never being rude or selfish. Love means that we do not take offence easily. Love means that we are not resentful. Love means that we rejoice in the goodness of others and take no delight in their weaknesses.

Love means that we are always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

**There three things that last: faith, hope and love.
Love is the greatest of these.**

Fr Terry msc

Thought of the Day.....

Walking by faith means being prepared to trust where we are not permitted to see.



*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:

The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Anita Dyson, Pat Raisin, Bernadette Andrews, Annette Nicolas, Charlie Santilli, Helen Opie, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, Sr. Maureen Philp RSJ, 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:
Genevieve Byrne and James Heywood.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17.R.v.15

I will sing of your salvation.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:31-13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PIETY STALL

OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE!
2019 Columban Calendars
\$9.00 each

COMING SOON....
Write up in Womens Weekly!
Monastique Cosmetics
Order Forms available at Piety Stall
Proceeds to St V de Paul

Baptism Candles and Gifts

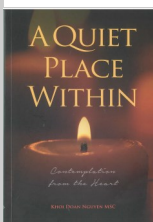
An assortment of Greeting cards

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**



Khoi Nguyen's new book—
Meditative Reflections and Poetry
is available from the

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH CLUB

Our first Six2Eight will be on Friday the 15th of February from 6 to 8pm. Hope to see you all there. All those in Grade 3—you're invited!!

Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818

STARFISH PROJECT

Our first meeting will be on Saturday 9th of February at 10am. We meet at the St Thomas Retirement Village, 97 Hawthorn Road, Forest Hill. See you all there.

Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818

CATECHETICS CLASSES:

With classes due to start in March, places are filling up fast so get your enrolments in.

E: caren.garlick@cam.org.au
or at Parish Office on 9878 0818.

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE.....

More than 31,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the Church with the Plenary Council. Most of the 1300 groups, some of several hundred people, to have responded took part in a listening and dialogue encounter, which is grounded in prayer and contemplation. Trudy Dantis, director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research, said a team of skilled researchers is working hard to keep up with the influx of submissions, which will provide the foundations for shaping the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

"A Plenary Council is much more than just a survey or a research project," Dr Dantis said. "Our scientific rigour will be accompanied by ongoing spiritual discernment to ensure that the integrity of the information provided to the Council accurately reflects the voices of the people who have contributed to the process."

Please continue to send in your thoughts and ideas to the website below:-

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

"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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP.....

Our next meeting will be held in the Presbytery on **Monday Feb. 11th at 7.30pm**. Discussion on our forward planning and involvement with the 2019 Stewardship Program are on the agenda. All parishioners are most welcome. **COME AND SEE!**

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.” (1 Cor. 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less “self-centered” and become more “God-centered”.

St. Thomas’ Social Scene What’s On.....

CARDS NIGHT:

First night for 2019 will be on Thurs. 7th Feb. In the Parish/School Hall Bring a friend!

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



BUS TRIP.....

4 DAYS TO LAKES
ENTRANCE from 15th-18th APRIL 2019.

Accommodation: RSL Glenara Motel, The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance
Cost: \$485 per person twin share, single

Supplement \$120 extra = \$605
Includes: 5 star Coach Travel
Motel Accommodation, 6 meals including cooked Breakfasts.

PAYMENT: By Sunday 24th March 2019

**Bookings: ASAP TO YVONNE & PETER
9877 3360 or 0400 082 694**



WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

SCRABBLE NIGHT:

First night will be on Thurs. 7th Feb. 2019! See you there and bring a friend!

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



STEWARDSHIP UPCOMING 2019 CAMPAIGN INFORMATION.....

Our Stewardship Program begins next week-commencing with our Welcome Weekend. The Program recognizes that ‘Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church’ and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish community.

We encourage you to be actively involved-read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the parish website: www.stthomastheapostle.com.au or Like us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stthomastheapostleblackburn/>

REFLECT, PRAY ABOUT AND DISCUSS THE THEMES AND TOPICS WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS.

We would also like to take this opportunity to formally and warmly invite you all to our **PARISH ‘OUR FUTURE’ FORUM PROGRAM: On Wednesday 27th Feb. 2019 at 10am or 7.30pm.**

This is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. You will hear about the values we hold dear, our recent achievements and the priorities we have for the future. Please mark this date in your calendar and choose to attend a session time that suits you. Full details will be available on the dedicated Program page on our parish website-which will be updated regularly throughout the Program.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM...

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 9th & 10th FEBRUARY, 2019 - YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Welcoming Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Margaret Easton	Gerald Gill, Louis Souchon, John Inverno	Joshua & Bethany Gall	NEW
8.30am	John Uren	Chrissie Menekan	Dorothy & John Murray, Maureen Munro	Serve if You Can	ROSTER
10.30am	Loreto Moore	Veronica Hawkins	Anne Marmion, Margaret O'Loughlin, Patricia Northrop	Annabelle & Isabella Spillane	COMING
5.00pm	Susan Collins	Martina Tonti-Filippini	Susan Collins, Josie Defina, Peta Fulton	Oliver Boyer, Kate Brown	SOON

**Children's Liturgy:
RESUMES 2019**

**Piety Stall: Team 5
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:

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

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

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

