



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

19TH MAY, 2019

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 20th MAY

9.10am Mass
7.00pm Rosary

TUESDAY 21st MAY

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY

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

THURSDAY 23rd MAY

No Service

FRIDAY 24th MAY

10.00am Mass
(incl. Prep Class)

SATURDAY 25th MAY

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 26th MAY

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass



Dear Parishioners,

A THOUGHT ON LOVE

It is easy to love people who are far away,

It is not always easy to love those who are close to us.

It is easier to give a few dollars to relieve famine in Africa than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door. In other words, it is easy to love at a distance, but not easy to love at close quarters.

But does Christ really expect me to love that woman next door who never stops gossiping, that stupid fellow I have to work beside every day, that unfriendly bus driver who never smiles, that shouting party member or social climber, that neighbour's cheeky spoiled brats...?

Ah, if only they were in China or Africa, and they needed my help, I would be moved with pity and send them something. But they are right on my doorstep.

Yes, these are the people Christ asks us to love. We must begin by loving the people near us. That is where our love for each other must start.

But, of course it doesn't have to stop there.

Fr Terry

Thought of the Day.....

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

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



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: CF Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders.

FIRST READING: Act of the Apostles 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:8-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

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GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

A Vocation View:

Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"?

No wars. No hunger.

No thirst.

No jealousy.

Only loving followers of Jesus.

Please remember the following in your prayers...

Sick: Kathleen Delany, Audrey Beams, Hugh Anderson, Pino Bruzzese, May Gornall, Jim Uglow, Sharon Stuart, Eric Eitel, Pat Raisin, Bernadette Andrews, Annette Nicolas, Charlie Santilli, Margaret Robinson, Roland Schuster, Sr. Maureen Philp RSJ, Claire Tierney, Tamara Bobrovich, Marie Walker, Charles Fain, Jon Parkinson, Antonio So Jr., Ashley Woods, Malgosia Dziuk, Daisy Xu, Geoff Beams, Rosa Maria Santos, Patricia Duffy, Mietta Ulaan, Chris Leach, Dao Le, Peter Babulo, Moira Healy, Tony Hill & Martin Broad.

Recently Dec'd:

Anita Dyson

Anniversaries:

Allen Pinto,
Fr. Mark McGuinness msc

PIETY STALL

**OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS**

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Write up in Womens Weekly!
Now at Piety Stall**

**We have a selection of testers
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\$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

LES COEURS (THE HEARTS)

Our next social group for teens and older will be held on **Friday 7th June**. It's on every First Friday of the month from **6 to 8pm**, in the Church Foyer.

SIX2EIGHT

Will be held **Friday 21st June** 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

Will be held on **Saturday 15th June**. Our meetings are held on **Saturdays** at **10.00am**. We meet at the St Thomas Retirement Village, 97 Hawthorn Road, Forest Hill. See you all there.
Enquiries: Caren on 9878 0818

BIG THANK YOU.....

To all the helpers who baked the wonderful cupcakes (over 300) for *Mother's Day*. It was most appreciated.

Caren Garlick



NEED A HAIRCUT? OR A QUICK TRIM?

Please call Esme on 0421 132 356
Competitive Prices for Ladies/Gents/
Children. Able to come to you.

CAR RAFFLE RESULT

Unfortunately none of our ticket buyers from the parish won any of the cars on offer or indeed any of the consolation voucher prizes. However, all 3 cars raffled were won by people from the Eastern Suburbs (Blackburn South, Belgrave & Burwood).

Thanks again for supporting such a great cause and the best of luck next time.

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*

Anyone wanting **Spiritual Direction** can enquire at the Parish Office on ph. 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.

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

CARDS NIGHT:

Will be held on **Thursday 6th June** in the Parish Hall
Contact: Pat & Don on 9878 4790



FIRST FRIDAY MASS & LUNCHEON

On **Friday, 7th June at 11.30am**, Mass will be celebrated in the Church, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Also, Heather Burge, will talk on her adventures on "Cycling the Silk Road"
Contact: Margaret 9894 2210 or Jackie 9886 7204.

FILM NIGHT:

On **Friday 31st May** at Pinewood Theatre. "TOP END WEDDING" an Australian light-hearted film which has had good reports. A small increase in cost—now **\$9 incl. supper.**
TIME: approx. 6.30pm
Dorothy will be in attendance after the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses on Sunday 26th May to take bookings OR book by leaving money in an envelope marked: "FILM NIGHT WITH YOUR NAME/PHONE NO." on 1st Collection Plate.
Thanks....Dorothy Murray 9893 3341



SCRABBLE NIGHT:

Will be held on **Thursday 6th June** in the Parish Hall.
Contact: Maureen on 9884 4376 or Carmel on 9894 7950



SUMMARY NOTES—PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY)

- Easter ceremonies were a strong feature, including the Youth Tenebrae service. Increased numbers of people attended. Sacraments and visiting the sick a priority.
- Much activity in school for end of Term 1 and Term 2. Swimming, preparation for NAPLAN and Sacramental program all getting underway. School Board determined a key focus to work on review and collection of data for marketing and promotion of school. Fete Committee has 6 members and preparations have started.
- Other discussion included: (a) ways parish and school can work together more closely. (b) refurbishment of Presbytery is in its early stages and moving forward. (c) Committee needed to help develop a Five Year Master Plan.
- Final report on Stewardship Program was tabled. High interest in new group members. Final pledges amounted to \$3,960 per week, up from \$3,580 per week with 279 families pledging—29 new pledges and 50 ceasing to pledge. The working team was thanked, especially leader Alan Mead and Archdiocesan supporter, Suzette Diaz.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—BLACKBURN CONFERENCE

On **Sunday 26th May** at the **10.30am Mass**,

St. Vincent de Paul will commemorate the Piety Stall for the recognition to those volunteers who have so generously given their time over the 40 years the Piety Stall has been open.

Grace Mizzi, President

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE

TALK AND TOUR MORNINGS held on Monday 3rd June and Monday 24th June. Tours begin at 9.30am.

Register at info@sion.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2021 are currently open and will close on 23rd August 2019.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019, 7.00pm—8.00pm. The information session will be followed by light refreshments and a chance to speak with key staff members about enrolment.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 25TH & 26TH MAY, 2019 - YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Hospitality Committee
6.00pm	Paul Muling	Michael Ransom	Jan Gaffy John Philp Marie Ransom	Joshua Gall Bethany Gall	
8.30am	Marg Burchell	Therese Case	Yvonne Crowe Peter Crowe Chris Raisin	Serve if You Can	Maree Prendergast
10.30am	Mary Crossan	Neil Crossan	Margaret O'Loughlin Maria Gibcus Hank Gibcus	Annabelle Spillane Isabella Spillane	Margaret O'Loughlin
5.00pm	YOUTH MASS	YOUTH MASS	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Oliver Boyer Kate Brown	

Children's Liturgy: Monica
Vestment Colours: White

Piety Stall: Team 5
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:

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 Tatiana Gibbs—0490 005 691 & Spiros Papadopoulos—0410 442 694 (scpapadopoulos@gmail.com)



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.

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BLACKBURN LAUGHTER YOGA CLUB

WHEN: Thursdays **TIME:** 11.00am—12noon
WHERE: The Crying Room, at St. Thomas' Church, Blackburn

YOGA TO YOU" CLASSES will be held on **Tuesday evenings from 6.30-8.00pm** in the Crying Room. **Cost:** \$20 p/class (\$18 concession)

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

