



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26TH MAY, 2019

YEAR C

MASS/LITURGY CALENDAR

MONDAY 27th MAY

9.10am Mass
7.00pm 1st Reconciliation

TUESDAY 28th MAY

10.00am Mass
7.00pm 1st Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 29th MAY

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

THURSDAY 30th MAY

No Service

FRIDAY 31st MAY

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 1st JUNE

10.00am Reconciliation
6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 2nd JUNE

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass
5.00pm Mass
(incl. 1/2CL, NM & ET)



Dear Parishioners,

SIGNPOSTS ON THE FOOTPATH OF PEACE

“To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

To despise nothing in the world except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.

To be guided by what you admire and love, rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbour's except their kindness of heart and gentleness of manners.

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and everyday of Jesus Christ.

These are little signposts on the footpath of peace. The person who seeks God has already found Him.” *(Henry van Dyke)*

Fr Terry

FR. KHOI NGUYEN msc

Fr. Khoi is leaving for Chicago this Thursday to attend a Formator's Course—he will return in early July. We wish him a safe and enjoyable time—he might come back with an American accent!

Thought of the Day.....

Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.

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

LITURGY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C



A Vocation View:

*It is not that talents
add up to a vocation;
but that a Vocation
brings talents. The
Spirit of God lives
within you!*

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

Sick: Kathleen Delany,
Audrey Beams, 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,
Moirra Healy, Tony Hill &
Martin Broad.

Recently Dec'd:

Hugh Anderson

Anniversaries:

Stanley (Stan) James
Breed

Funeral:

Wednesday 29th May at
11.00am—Hugh Anderson

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has
freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Act of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

It has been decided by the Holy spirit and
ourselves not to burden you beyond what is
essential.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8 Rv4

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of
heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father
will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and
remind you of all I have said to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the
Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever,
alleluia.

PIETY STALL

OPENING TIMES:
BEFORE & AFTER MASS

Monastique Cosmetics!
Write up in Womens Weekly!
Now at Piety Stall
We have a selection of testers
For you to try
Proceeds to St V de Paul

CONFIRMATION CARDS & GIFTS
AVAILABLE

Melbourne Catholic Magazine
(May Edition) \$4.00 each

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

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

ST. THOMAS' PARISH - REFURBISHMENT STEERING GROUP

Following on from the Stewardship Program, expressions of concern regarding the current living space in the Presbytery—lack of privacy and not meeting professional standards—we are looking to refurbish the Presbytery. There are many new configurations that we could do but before we do anything we would like to get ideas from you.

A box with a number of writing pads and pens will be placed in the Church Narthex, for parishioners to write down their ideas/suggestions as to the possibilities and needs of all those involved in the parish community.

This is a rare opportunity to redesign our Presbytery into a parish centre that will support ALL, over the next twenty years.

Thanking you in anticipation, Anne Marmion for the Refurbishment Steering Committee

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.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Three Indonesian Sisters are seeking accommodation from July to December 2019. They are attending English classes at YTU Box Hill. **If anybody can help in this matter, could you please contact Fr. Terry.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"....do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14.27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

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 this 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. **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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—BLACKBURN CONFERENCE

Dear Parishioners—we would like it be know that our Piety and Book Stall has been faithfully serving the parish for 40 years, quite a milestone, and there are still some parishioners in the dedicated team still giving of their time supporting us.

St V de P is very grateful for all the support as all the proceeds are passed on to us at our Blackburn Conference and we do thank them for their good work and hope it will always be there for the Parish.

A Commendation Certificate will be given at the conclusion of the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 26th May.

Grace Mizzi, President

ENVISION HANDS.....BIGGEST PROJECT YET

The **"Enabling the Future" Organisation**, is on a mission to create 100 prosthetic hands out of bottle caps, with 3D printers, which will then be donated to children in need overseas. It will be using recycled plastic from bottle tops, thus also benefiting the environment.

Please check out the following website (and other social media outlets) for further information:

<http://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>

Dean Fonseca—one of our Seminarists—is asking all parishioners of St. Thomas' and beyond, to assist in donating plastic bottle tops, whereby a HIV Clinic in Fitzroy is collecting them and on forwarding to a collection station at the Catholic Care office. A container will be placed in the Church Foyer for collection of the 'plastic bottle tops'.

Thank you for your support

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD DISPLAY - 8TH & 9TH JUNE 2019

At all the masses on the above weekend (except 5.00pm), there will be a display for sale of a collection of handmade Olive Wood rosaries, crucifixes, nativity scenes and many more items, which have been made by Christian families in Bethlehem.

Proceeds will help some of the Christian families in Bethlehem to remain in their homeland.

**NO ROSARY ON
MONDAY 27TH MAY
DUE TO FIRST RECONCILIATION.**

**ST THOMAS THE
APOSTLE PARISH
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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF THE 1ST & 2ND JUNE, 2019 - YEAR C

Mass	Commentators	Lectors	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Hospitality Committee
6.00pm	Philip Brooks	John Inverno	Gudran Muling Paul Muling Margaret Easton	Alicia Wright Lachlan Wright	
8.30am	Joan Morgan	Therese Case	Maureen Munro Fidelma D'souza Louis Souchon	Serve if You Can	Ray Johnson
10.30am	Alan Mead	Yvonne Reidy	Patricia Northrop Mary Crossan Neil Crossan	Chanel Thompson Lorena Garza	Yvonne Reidy
5.00pm	SCHOOL MASS 1/2CL, NM & ET	SCHOOL MASS 1/2CL, NM & ET	Susan Collins Josie Defina Peta Fulton	Joseph Negro Therese Canoneo	

Children's Liturgy: Elinor
Vestment Colours: White

Piety Stall: Team 1
Money Counters: Team 4

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:

The St. Thomas the Apostle Playgroup will not run over the next few weeks. Playgroup will re-start in the first week of Term 3. For any enquiries please contact Tatiana Gibbs on 0409 005 691

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.

HEART OF LIFE—PONDERING GRIEF

SAT. 22ND JUNE 2019-10.00AM TO 4.00PM

This Reflection Day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transitions. Facilitated by Linda Espie-psychotherapist, supervisor, educator and author specialising in loss, grief and trauma. Cost: \$80 incl. materials. Further information: ph No: 9890 1101 or email: holsc@bigpond.com

SCHAEFER CREATIONS

Offering : Tiling; Natural Stone; Paving; Rendering & General Maintenance.

Call Will Schaefer on 0438 891 133

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.....*

