St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Norlane

For this week’s Bulletin,

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God’s Kingdom first

Better to illuminate than merely shine.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (2014 - 09) 2 MARCH 2014

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Chairperson Mr Eugene Nikolajenko
Secretary Mr Vinko Ljubanovic
Sacramental Coordinator Ms Betty Hurst

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Telephone 5275 3560
School Principal Mr Michael Manganelli
Secretary Ms Anne Papke

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Contact: Mr Larry Pankhurst

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB
This is an initiative of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. The Group, made up of Vinnies members, parents, teachers and parishioners, meets to provide breakfast for the schoolchildren.
Contact: Ms Julia Mioduchowski

LEGION OF MARY Queen of the Family Praesidium
Meetings are held every Thursday at 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.
Contact: Mr John McCarthy

MACKILLOP GROUP
This Group gets together at the School Hall every last Friday of the month from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Contact: Mr John McCarthy

GEELONG DEANERY
For more information go to:
http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au

St Thomas Aquinas
Entrance Antiphon
The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm
Rest in God alone, my soul.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel invites us to reflect on where we place God’s Kingdom in our lives. Go, our loving Father, cares deeply for each one of us. And so, whilst we are obliged to plan and act responsibly in life, we are called to do so with a sense of abandonment to God’s plan for us.

This is real trust in God as we take up all of life - yes, even the negative painful parts - and endeavour to respond in a Gospel way. Our Founder and Mary MacKillop had this kind of focus in their lives. Because of this, they were sensitive to human needs around them. They also went on to do something to address these needs with love.

Where do we place God’s Kingdom?

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Pauline Dean (23) and Jillian Ryan (28). A few numbers are still vacant: 26 38 42. A new Block has started. Please confirm your participation. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
From 1 July 2012, 10% of the Thanksgiving Offering will be directed to the School Building Fund. This same amount can then be claimed as a tax deduction. It is a way of supporting our School.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
This is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays each month. Look in the Gospel Today is available every week.

HELPING AN ORPHANAGE IN VIETNAM
In 2013, the sum of $800.00 was raised, thanks to your to your great support. This orphanage provides care for children and adults, with disability or disfigurement, who were cast out by their families. Funds are being raised through the sale of home-made spring rolls at $8 for a box of 16. Please see Hung Nguyen.

CUPPA AFTER MASS
Please stay after Mass at St Thomas’ and have a cuppa and a chat with your fellow parishioners.

PIETY STALL
Have a look at what is available. You can also place your own orders.

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES
Recently, we have relocated the plaques to a more appropriate sacred area. Plaques of the same size can be organised in memory of loved ones. The basic charge is the cost of the plaque. A donation to the Church can also be made. For further enquiries, please see Fr Ray.

TRADING TABLE
This is an exciting new initiative that we can all take part in. Let’s use our talents to produce things that others can use. Let’s donate unwanted gift items which can be purchased at a reasonable price. Funds raised will go to special projects.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION
The footy fixture for season 2014 is out and available at the back of the church. Take a copy home, fill it out and return to Eugene Nikolajenko or Joan Snowdon by Sunday 9 March. All entries must be in before the first bounce commencing Friday 14 March. You must select your winners for the entire season. This will test your skills. Cost to enter is $25.00 which includes prizes galore at our footy social night. Loads of fun. Contact Joan Snowdon at St John’s and Eugene Nikolajenko at St Thomas’.
TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY

Tuesday  4 March   8.45 a.m. Adoration St Thomas’
          9.15 a.m. Mass St Thomas’
Wednesday 5 March  10.00 a.m. Mass St John’s
         5.30 p.m. Mass St Thomas’
Thursday  6 March  8.45 a.m. Adoration St Thomas’
          9.15 a.m. Mass St Thomas’
Friday   7 March  10.00 a.m. Mass St John’s
          5.00 p.m. Adoration St Thomas’
          5.30 p.m. Mass St Thomas’
Saturday 8 March  6.00 p.m. Mass St Thomas’
Sunday  9 March  8.30 a.m. Mass St John’s
          10.00 a.m. Mass St Thomas’
          10.35 a.m. Rosary St John’s
          11.00 a.m. Latin Mass St John’s

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday evening from 5.30 to 5.50 p.m. before Mass, or by appointment.

Remembering the Sick
Jordana Kordovic, Michael R. Navarro, Margo Trajkovski, Philomena MacBrriDe, Brigida Barra, Mike Anthony Grupi, Florenza Flores, Antonio Romeo, Luigi Lucioni, Mary Ruzzo, Josephine Wakeman, Frank Beatie, Dorrie Jago, Alice Squires, Doris Boyle, Corrina Schintler, Salvatore Servello, Christopher Jennings.

Those whose anniversary we remember
Rosa Ormeno and Margaret Snowdon.

God calls us
“The Lord will light up all that is hidden in the dark.”
(1Cor 4:5) He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in the world. Be people of light.

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS
Please mark these dates on your diary:
First Holy Communion on Sunday 22 June at 10.00 a.m.
Confirmation on Sunday 26 October at 10.00 a.m.
Parish Luncheon on Sunday 9 November at the Croatan Community Centre
Christmas Carols on Sunday 7 December at St John’s

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM
Thank you to those who volunteered. There is still need for more volunteers. If you can help, please see Fr Ray after Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY - DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year.

Our Parish is participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2014. Tickets are at $2 each and the draw will be on 24 May 2014. These are the prizes:
1st Prize: Toyota Corolla Ascent Sport 5 Door Auto Hatch
2nd Prize: Toyota Corolla Ascent 5 Door Auto Hatch
3rd Prize: Toyota Yaris YR 5 Door Auto Hatch
4th & 5th Prizes: Coles Myer Gift Cards (Each prize worth $1,000.00)
6th - 14th Prizes: Coles Myer Gift Cards (Each prize worth $500.00)
Help is needed for the sale of books of 10 tickets each.
SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

We had our ‘Meet & Greet’ Evening on Tuesday 25 February where we had a fantastic turnout from parents. They were informed of many exciting things that are happening at the School including our new school app, which can be downloaded from iTunes. The session followed a shared BBQ where families and school staff gathered to meet each other and speak about the children’s academic progress. It was a delight to witness a fantastic community spirit by all!

At St Thomas Aquinas we want our students to engage with learning in a meaningful way so they will truly enjoy their life and their schoolwork both now and into the future. While we certainly want them to read well, speak well, write well and be good with numbers, we also want them to have the skills, knowledge and disposition to make decisions that are just, compassionate and wise. We want them to stand up and speak for what he or she believes, to care about himself or herself and the world, to be creative and confident; and to come upon problems they encounter in life and look for positive and constructive solutions. I’m very proud to be part of a school that encourages this type of thinking for our students. Furthermore I encourage that this type of learning extends outside the School and into the community.

God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

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READING FOR NEXT WEEK

9 March: First Sunday of Lent (A)

- First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
- Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
- Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“No one can be the slave to two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.” (Matthew 6:24)

Do you have other “gods” in your life (job, money, power, ego, possessions)? Do you put them before the Lord? A stewardship lifestyle means putting God first, in all things! It means living stewardship 7 days a weeks, 24 hours a day and not just the time that I go to Church or participate in my parish ministry. It means re-prioritizing and putting God first.