This week’s Bulletin follows.
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) (2014 - 10) 9 MARCH 2014

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   ST THOMAS AQUINAS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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   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

Better to illuminate than merely shine.
St Thomas Aquinas
Entrance Antiphon
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOlPLE REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel presents Jesus as being tempted. It raises the poignant question: How do we allow God into our lives? It removes the magical expectation that things will be as we would like them.

Here we see the centrality of God’s word - expressed in Scripture - as well as a deep sense of living it out faithfully. This is what Jesus does: this is what we are invited to do.

Fighting temptation - especially in placing our demands on God - is never an easy task. God’s word strengthens us and Jesus points out the way. This openness to God’s will is central to our Lenten conversion.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Maria Hohmann (14) and Wilma Hili (29). A few numbers are still vacant: 20 21 26 and 42. 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 11 March
8.45 a.m. Adoration St Thomas’
9.15 a.m. Mass St Thomas’

Wednesday 12 March
10.00 a.m. Mass St John’s

Thursday 13 March
8.45 a.m. Adoration St Thomas’
9.15 a.m. Mass St Thomas’

Friday 14 March
10.00 a.m. Mass St John’s
5.00 p.m. Adoration St Thomas’
5.30 p.m. Mass St Thomas’

Saturday 15 March
6.00 p.m. Mass St Thomas’

Sunday 16 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 MacBride, 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
Raymond Wilby, Patrick Dean and Bill Gerritsen.

God calls us
Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Presbytery.

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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THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving Collection $ 741.35
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ --
Presbytery Collection $ 303.40

15 - 16 March 2014

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

16 March: Second Sunday of Lent (A)
First Reading Genesis 12:1-4
Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Scripture says: ‘You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’” (Matthew 4:10)

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to his Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives.