THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN FOLLOWS
Listen to him

Better to illuminate than merely shine.

St Thomas Aquinas
Entrance Antiphon
Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today's Gospel presents the transfiguration of Jesus. We need to bear in mind that it is steeped in Jewish imagery.

Essentially the message is about God's salvation in Christ and the journey for us in attaining it. The fullness of salvation is Jesus whose path we are called to follow. Faithfulness in discipleship is about embracing all of life. For no part of it - good or not good - can be captured for ever.

Privileged as we are in being on this journey, we are touched by instances of glory which God's love bestows upon us. These moments encourage us to keep moving forward even as we experience the lows in life. Lent reminds us that suffering is part of our journey towards glory - so for Jesus, so also for us.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday's winners were: Jenny Griffith (12) and Bryan Boylan (17). 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.

GEELONG DEANERY FUTURE PLANNING
Please fill in the form to assist the Deanery with addressing people's needs.
## TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY

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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
- Jack Casey, Geoffrey Lawther, Tom O’Meara, Mary O’Meara, Sylvia McAuliffe, Mariano De Angelis, Lill Meicklejohn and Lewis Blackley.

### God calls us
The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

## 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.

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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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Counters

J. Mioduchowski

THANK YOU!

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

22 - 23 March 2014

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

23 March: Third Sunday of Lent (A)
First Reading Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8
Gospel John 4:5-42

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the land I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1)

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow him, placing our complete trust in him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land, a better place than the rat race we often live in now.