THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN FOLLOWS
ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane
St John the Evangelist Church, Rippleside
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Norlane

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) (2014 - 13) 30 MARCH 2014

PARISH PRIEST Fr Ray Zammit mssp

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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

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

Light of the world
Better to illuminate than merely shine.

En trance Antiphon
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm**
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation**
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon**
The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today’s Gospel does not simply deal with a healing miracle. Beneath the surface - as is so typical of the fourth evangelist - is a whole journey from blindness to faith. Simultaneously, there is also a journey from faith to blindness. The man born blind gradually comes to a deeper recognition of who Jesus is. At the same time, the Pharisees, who have some of the facts, discard them because the whole thing does not fit into their expectations.

At this stage of our Lenten journey, we are invited to look at how much closer we are to Jesus. How do we see him in our lives? Are we closed to the different possibilities of God’s presence or are we open to being surprised by grace as we do our best to live out the Good News?

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**PARISH SUPPLOTTO**

Last Saturday’s winners were: Bryan Boylan (17) and Charlie Bowman (43). Only one number is still vacant: 20. 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**

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.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

The ladies who are presently cleaning the Church need help. Cleaning is done on a Wednesday every fortnight starting between 8.30 and 9.30 a.m. Any extra help would be deeply appreciated.
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, Les Hemingway, Darren Doyle, Victorino Po Ill, Susana Cioch.

God calls us
If we can’t see where we’re going, we’ll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

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 Croatian Community Centre
Christmas Carols on Sunday 7 December at St John’s

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Presbytery.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING
The next Coffee Morning, to be held at The Coffee Club (near Woolworths) at Corio Village Shopping Centre from 9.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., will be on Saturday 5 April. All welcome.

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,

It’s hard to believe that it is week 8 already and Easter is just around the corner! Children and teachers continue to be engaged in their inquiry units for term 1. And there is some fantastic work being produced in both Learning Communities.

This week we celebrate the many aspects of school life that are woven together to create the rich tapestry of our Catholic school. We are truly blessed with wonderful students, supportive parents and dedicated staff who are very much part of a wider caring Catholic community.

On behalf of myself and staff from St Thomas Aquinas I would like to congratulate those students from the school and Parish that are being baptised this Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with the children and families during this memorable occasion.

Have a Lovely Easter!

God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

ROSTERS 5 - 6 April 2014

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THANK YOU! 23 March 2014

Thanksgiving Collection $ 933.55
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ 120.00
Presbytery Collection $ 448.75

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

6 April: Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)
First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14
Second Reading Romans 8:8-11
Gospel John 11:1-45

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"God does not see as people see; people look at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, God will look into our hearts to see how much we loved him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.