THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN
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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) (2014 - 14) 6 APRIL 2014

New life promised

Better to illuminate than merely shine.

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

PARISH PRIEST Fr Ray Zammit mssp

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

FRACHTAEEAN UNTPHON

St Thomas Aquinas
Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon
Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel is yet another miracle. This time it involves Lazarus. His sisters, Mary and Martha, also have a role to play in the unfolding statement of faith.

Again, the passage is overladen with allusions to the close of the Gospel: the high point of glory is the crucifixion, in and through which eternal life is offered. In today’s Gospel, Jesus returns to the place where he will give his life.

Jesus proclaims God’s work by responding to a very human situation. Partial faith can only be completed with the recognition of who Jesus is. Jesus offers us eternal life and we, like Mary and Martha, attain this by words and actions. How do we proclaim our faith in Jesus?

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Grace Gerritsen (25) and Ros Haby (27). 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.
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
Jordan 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 III, Susana Cioch.

God calls us
Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the “down and out” find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

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

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. Please see Fr Ray if you can help.

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!

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**Michael Manganelli**

*Acting Principal*

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**ROSTERS**

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**THANK YOU!**

30 March 2014

Thanksgiving Collection $ 786.20
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ ----
Presbytery Collection $ 362.00

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**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

13 April: Palm Sunday (A)
First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

*Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'* (John 11:40)

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren’t going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.