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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (2014 - 20) 18 MAY 2014

The Way
the Truth
the Life

Better to illuminate
than merely shine.

PARISH PRIEST Fr Ray Zammit mssp
PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
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

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

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

En trance Antiphon
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in them, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In today’s Gospel the question of trusting in Jesus is raised. This is the necessary attitude of the disciple. This is the one factor that will ensure the disciple continuing the work of Jesus in the world.

With such a mammoth task ahead of us, Philip voices our deepest question. The key is always Jesus. Faith in him as the only one necessary - the Way, the Truth and the Life - is the manner in which we shape who we are, enabling us to proclaim the Good News.

The Gospel calls us to be transformed. This is the ongoing conversion that leads to authentic mission. Where are we on our faith-journey?

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**PARISH SUPPLOTTO**

Last Saturday’s winners were: Zita O’Dwyer (2) and Julia Mioduchowski (9). Thank you for your support.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**

This is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays each month. *Look in the Gospel Today* is available every week.

**CUPPA AFTER MASS**

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**SCHOOL MASS**

On Thursday, at the 9.15 a.m. Mass, we will be celebrating together with the School Community. There will be no adoration on that day.
TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY

Tuesday 20 May 8.45 a.m. Adoration St Thomas’
9.15 a.m. Mass St Thomas’
Wednesday 21 May 10.00 a.m. Mass St John’s
Thursday 22 May 9.15 a.m. Mass St Thomas’
Friday 23 May 10.00 a.m. Mass St John’s
5.00 p.m. Adoration St Thomas’
5.30 p.m. Mass St Thomas’
Saturday 24 May 6.00 p.m. Mass St Thomas’
Sunday 25 May 8.30 a.m. Mass St John’s
10.00 a.m. Mass St Thomas’

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, Darren Doyle, Victorino Po III, Susana Cioch, Rosemary Brandon.

Those who died recently
Dr Les Hemingway.

Those whose anniversary we remember
Menchi Mungcal, Mark Carroll, Martin Dee, Orlando Jimenez, Stan Berlinski and Giuseppina Costa.

God calls us
The new ministry of “Deacon” is mentioned in today’s Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord’s People today.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER
The First Collection goes towards the running of the presbytery and the support of the priest. The Second Collection, which includes the Thanksgiving envelopes, goes towards the needs and maintenance of the church.

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,

Let me begin by wishing all of our mums a Happy Mother’s Day. I hope you were all spoilt Sunday by your family and loved the gifts that came from our Mother’s Day Stall.

I would like to inform you that Miss Kellie Thomas has resigned from her position at St Thomas Aquinas School and will be leaving this Thursday 15 May. Kellie has proven to be an excellent and dedicated teacher and we are very appreciative of the positive contribution she has made during her time here. We wish her continued success on her teaching journey in Werribee. We are in the process of replacing Kellie.

Our enrolments for 2015 have officially opened and we are looking forward to increasing our school population with a bumper intake of Preps and a scattering of other children across each Learning Community. If you will be enrolling a prep for 2014 or know of others wanting to enroll children at any level please collect an enrolment form from the office.

With our numbers predicted to increase over the next few years we need to look at how we can accommodate these numbers. We also need to look at our facilities and try to work out how we can bring them up to the standard of schools for the Twenty-First Century. We are still engaged in the process of submitting an application for a grant for capital improvement for our school building.

NAPLAN testing is on this week for our Year 3 & 5 students. I wish them all the best and hope they aren’t under to much stress during this time.

God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

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THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving Collection $ 477.50
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ ---
Presbytery Collection $ 275.30

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

18 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)
First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel John 14:15-21

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“The stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone.” (1 Peter 2:7)

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills.