SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (2014 - 29) 20 JULY 2014

The Kingdom of heaven

Better to illuminate than merely shine.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane
St John the Evangelist Church, Rippleside
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Norlane

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 in the Parish Meeting Room on a Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. until noon.
Contact: Ms Betty Hurst

GEELOONG DEANERY
For more information go to: http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au
Contact: Ms Betty Hurst

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Kaylene McKay (37) and Ros Haby (36). Three numbers are still vacant: 16 24 and 39. Thank you for your support.

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.

NIGHTSCAPE – ‘Shake the Winter Doldrums’
Come and join other ‘Nightscapees’, in the warmth of the cozy ‘Pioneer Room’, for an exciting night of Live Music, Entertainment and/or Dancing. Mark Saturday 26 July in your calendar, for an escape from the winter blues. The ‘Pioneer Room’ is on the 1st Floor, St Mary’s Parish Offices, 150 Yarra St, Geelong. $10 per head @ door / other locations OR Purchase Tickets Online (incl: via your mobile): https://register.canbook.me/nightscape (NB: 80c online booking fee applies). Call ‘Information Line’ – (03) 5280 8006 - For Enquiries / over the counter ticketing assistance OR nightscape@iinet.net.au for Enquiries / pre-event tickets. Has presence on Facebook & Twitter(@nightscapee).

PIETY STALL
Have a look at what is available. You can also place your own orders.

TRADING TABLE
Your assistance in this venture has made it a success. Please keep an eye out for anything you feel someone else could use. Fresh produce is also welcome.

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.

FOOTY TIPPING
The footy tipping social evening is to be held at the school hall on Wednesday 24 September starting at 6.30 p.m. Find out who the winners are or who will hold the wooden spoon. There will be games and prizes throughout the evening. Food: party pies, sausage rolls, sandwiches and more, soft drinks provided. Coffee, tea will also be available, plus sweets. If you are in the footy competition there is no charge, as this is included in the initial cost. People not in the competition a charge of $8.00 to cover the food costs. As this is catered for, we require numbers by Sunday 21 September. For enquiries about the night contact Charmaine or Eugene Nikolajenko on 5247 9553.

Enterance Antiphon
See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel provides us with insights into the Kingdom of Heaven. To do this, Jesus uses images from daily life. We are taught what belonging to this Kingdom means for us and for those around us.

The Kingdom is both gift and task. Belonging to it demands that we give a full-blooded response to the mission entrusted to us. Belonging is about a journey of ongoing conversion as we let go of our ways and take on the way of Jesus.

The seed of God’s word is born of God’s love for us. Even in the midst of diverse opinions and standards - darnel - our following the path of Jesus ensures that God’s word in us will constantly grow.

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TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY
St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane
Tuesday 22 July 8.45 a.m. Adoration
St Mary Magdalene
9.15 a.m. Mass
Thursday 24 July 8.45 a.m. Adoration
16th Week in Ordinary Time
9.15 a.m. Mass
Friday 25 July 5.00 p.m. Adoration
St James
5.30 p.m. Mass
Saturday 26 July 6.00 p.m. Mass
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (vigil)
Sunday 27 July 10.00 a.m. Mass
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday evening from 5.30 to 5.50 p.m. before Mass, or by appointment.

St John the Evangelist Church, Rippleside
Wednesday 23 July 10.00 a.m. Mass
16th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday 25 July 10.00 a.m. Mass
St James
Sunday 27 July 8.30 a.m. Mass
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.35 a.m. Rosary
11.00 a.m. Latin Mass
VII Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before and after Mass, or by appointment.

Remembering the Sick
Jordana Kordovic, Michael R. Navarro, Margo Trajkovski, Philomena MacBrade, Brigida Barra, Mike Anthony Grupi, Florenza Flores, Antonio Romeo, Luci Luchioni, Mary Ruzzo, Josephine Wackeman, Frank Beatie, Dorrie Jago, Alice Squires, Doris Boyle, Corrina Schintler, Salvatore Servello, Christopher Jennings, Darren Doyle, Victorino Po III, Susana Cioch, Rosemary Brandon, John Ford, Lois Daffy.

Those whose anniversary we celebrate
Giovanni Bencich, Jack Meiklejohn, Jessie Brunger, Andjelko Smilovic and Luisa Evalle.

God calls us
There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing God’s voice clearly. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS
Please mark these dates on your diary:
Footy Tipping Social on Wednesday 24 September at 6.30 p.m at the School Hall
Confirmation on Sunday 26 October at 10.00 a.m.
Parish Luncheon on Sunday 9 November at the Croatian Community Centre
Twentieth Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday 16 November with BBQ after 10.00 a.m. Mass
Christmas Carols on Sunday 7 December at St John’s Church

CHURCH CLEANING
The group who is presently cleaning the Church needs 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 Pauline Dean or Fr Ray if you can help.

OUR CALL TO MISSION
In all places and circumstances. Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. ... Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income. The problem is made worse by the generalized practice of wastefulness”.
(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 191)

SCHOOL NEWS
Dear Parishioners,
I hope you all had a fantastic break and you were able to do some great things together with your loved ones.

This term promises to be a fantastic term with some great learning opportunities for the children and families.

Our Inquiry unit of work this term is all about community. Students will be investigating how things change over time, focusing on key events that have helped shape our identity as a nation today. There are some fantastic Learning Experiences planned for our students and families this term. I will be notifying the Parish Community about these particular events in the coming weeks.

It is a Government requirement that I produce an Annual Report to the Community each year that talks about all the great things we did the previous year. Part of the requirement is that it has to be distributed in a variety of ways. I will be presenting it to the School Board Members at our next meeting. It will also be available on our website. If anyone from our Parish Community would like a copy I am happy to provide one. Please come and see me at the school.

We are delighted to announce that the City of Greater Geelong are running a Positive Parenting Program for our School Community starting Tuesday the 29 July in our Parent Room. The program is free and will look at areas of positive Parent/Child relationships. The program will run for 4 weeks and free childcare will be available during the sessions. Please see myself or Fr Ray if you are interested in attending the sessions.

God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

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THANK YOU!
13 July 2014
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
Thanksgiving Collection $ 1131.30
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ 1040.00
Presbytery Collection $ 603.40

27 July: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
First Reading 1 Kings 3:5-7, 12
Second Reading Romans 8:28-30
Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. ... The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all “good seeds,” blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow “good seeds” on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!