THE FOLLOWING IS THIS WEEK’S PARISH BULLETIN...
We hold a treasure
Better to illuminate than merely shine.

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Chairperson Mr Eugene Nikolajenko
Secretary Mr Vinko Ljubanovic
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ST THOMAS AQUINAS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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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

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

Entrance Antiphon
God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, I love your commands.

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
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel speaks about the wonder of the Kingdom of heaven. The first two parables, particularly, invite us to really acquire the values of this Kingdom, even at the cost of all material possessions. The Kingdom is even more precious.

All are invited to be a part of this Kingdom. The ambiguity that we have to live with invites us to completely trust the Father.

Understanding the words of Jesus is about applying them to our current circumstances. We do this as we seek to let go of all that could hinder us in embracing Kingdom values. This is our life-journey.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Graeme Ogilvie (6) and Susan Joyce (26).
Three numbers are still vacant: 16 24 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.

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.

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.
TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY
St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane
Friday 1 August 5.00 p.m. Adoration
5.30 p.m. Mass St Alphonsus Liguori
Saturday 2 August 6.00 p.m. Mass 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (vigil)
Sunday 3 August 10.00 a.m. Mass 18th 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.

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES
- Susana Cioch, Rosemary Brandon, John Ford, Lois Daffy.
- Freda Squires, Doris Boyle, Corrina Schintler, Salvatore Servello, Christopher Jennings, Darren Doyle, Victorino Po III, Florenza Fiores, Antonio Romeo, Luigi Ruzzo, Josephine Wakeman, Frank Beatie, Dorrie Jago, Alice Jordana Kordovic, Michael R. Navarro, Margo Trajkovski, Philomena MacBride, Brigida Barra, Mike Anthony Grupi, Dorrie Jago, Alice

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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. I am looking forward to hearing what our children got up to over the next couple of weeks.

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, focussing 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.

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God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

THANK YOU!  20 July 2014  READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
Thanksgiving Collection $ 615.70  3 August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ --  First Reading Isaiah 55:3-5
Presbytery Collection $ 286.60  Second Reading Romans 8:29-39

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
"We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God’s plan for our lives may be different from our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, God’s plan is always better.