THE FOLLOWING IS THIS WEEK’S PARISH BULLETIN...
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (2014 - 31) 3 AUGUST 2014

From our smallness
Better to illuminate than merely shine.

Entrance Antiphon
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm
The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
After learning so much about God's lavish love, God's Kingdom and our response to God, the Gospel today focuses on Eucharist.

The call to the disciples is to care for the needs of the people. The five loaves and two fish indicate the smallness of what they can offer. Yet, through Jesus, this becomes an extraordinary meal. The collection of the scraps indicates that the meal is not finished yet.

Eucharist is not only who we gather to celebrate. Eucharist is the source and summit of life. Eucharist is a call for us to become what we receive as we reach out to one another in love. It is thus that we truly follow Jesus.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday's winners were: Elizabeth Morris (20) and Kaylene McKay (37).

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.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 August 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Presbytery.

MACKILLOP GROUP
This group will meet on Tuesday 5 August in the Parish Meeting Room from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. There is an opportunity for games or simply a chat. Tell your friends about it.
OUR CALL TO MISSION
As long as the problems of the poor are not radically resolved by rejecting the absolute autonomy of markets and financial speculation and by attacking the structural causes of inequality, no solution will be found for the world’s problems or, for that matter, to any problems. Inequality is the root of social ills.

(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 202)

SCHOOL NEWS
Dear Parishioners,

Our core value throughout the whole year at St Thomas Aquinas School is respect.

Respect is an important, but sometimes puzzling concept. We feel entitled to it for ourselves and others, but can earn or lose it by our actions. Respect is a starting point for all our relationships.

Respect means: treating each other with dignity; showing a caring attitude to everyone; speaking and dealing with others in a courteous manner; and, honouring the rules of family, school and society.

Respect is shown by: speaking politely to others; developing an attitude of caring for others; treating others with dignity; treating people how you would like to be treated; respecting the rules of your family, school and society; respecting the right to privacy; respecting your own rights; caring for all property and the environment; and, taking responsibility for yourself, your behaviour and your learning.

Our students take the time to reflect on what this value means to them and how they need to show it within our community. We show recognition of this by awarding a student each week with Mercy Value award.

God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

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Counters
- R. Wilby
- P. Wilby

THANK YOU!
27 July 2014

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
- Thanksgiving Collection: $583.60
- Direct Deposits & Cheques: $40.00
- Presbytery Collection: $213.40

10 August: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
- First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
- Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
- Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
"Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?" (Isaiah 55:2)

Of all the ways we are asked to be generous, giving our money can be the most challenging. God understand this. Remember though that we are called to be generous with all our gifts, including our money. We are called to give from our “first fruits” and not from what is “leftover”.