THE FOLLOWING IS THIS WEEK'S PARISH BULLETIN ...
Reaching Out

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (2014 - 33) 17 AUGUST 2014

Entrance Antiphon
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one, one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm
O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Jesus is in Gentile territory after having been rejected by the religious leaders in Israel. He is conscious of the focus of his mission “to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”. The mission to the Gentiles comes after the resurrection.

The Canaanite woman accepts all this together with her littleness. In so doing, she demonstrates her faith. It is this faith that is rewarded. Do we approach our God like her or do we presume, like the religious leaders, that we have the right? Recognising who we truly are before God is an essential step in our faith-journey.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: John Ford (16) and Joh Evertsen-Mostert (38).
Three numbers are still vacant: 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.

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.

NIGHTSCAPE
Come and join other fun lovers in the warmth of the cozy ‘Pioneer Room’, for an exciting night of Live Music, Entertainment and/or Dancing. Mark Saturday the 30 August 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/nightscape30-08-2014 (NB: 80c online booking fee applies). Call ‘Information Line’ – (03) 52 808006 - For Enquiries / over the counter ticketing assistance OR Email: nightscape@iinet.net.au for Enquiries.

SPECIAL SCHOOL AND PARISH RAFFLE
First Prize: Signed and Framed 2014 Geelong Football Club Guernsey; Second Prize: iTunes Voucher for $100; Third Prize: Coles Myer Voucher for $50. Tickets are $2 each. The Raffle will be drawn at School on 19 September 2014.

The Master’s table
Better to illuminate than merely shine.

St Thomas Aquinas
TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY
St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane

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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.

St John the Evangelist Church, Rippleside

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Remembering the Sick
Jordan Kordovic, Michael R. Navarro, Margo Trajkovski, Philomena MacBride, Brigid 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 Servallo, Christopher Jennings, Darren Doyle, Victorino Po III, Susana Cioch, Rosemary Brandon, John Ford, Lois Daffy.

God calls us
It’s so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God’s people.

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS
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 School and Parish Fete on Friday 14 November from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP
At our last Pastoral Team Meeting, it was decided that a Bible Study Group would be formed. Would you like to form part of it? This would be a small group so there would need to be some commitment to regular attendance. Please see Fr Ray if interested.

OUR CALL TO MISSION
Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples of daily heroism in defending and protecting their vulnerable families.

(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 212)

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Geelong Football Club Guernsey Raffle
I am excited to announce that the school and parish will be running a raffle where all profits will go towards purchasing a new set of basketball backboards for our school. All Families have received a raffle ticket book this week. First prize is a 2014 signed, authentic Geelong Football Club Guernsey. Second prize is a $100 iTunes voucher. Third prize is a $50 Coles/Myers Gift Voucher. If you would like more raffle ticket books please see Anne at the school office or Fr Ray.

Mercy Connect Project
We are very fortunate to have Sr Fina and Mrs Anne Ross working with our Refugee children in years Prep – Year 3 each week during literacy time.
Sr Fina and Anne are both teachers who volunteer their time to assist our refugee students in their learning by providing reading, writing and spelling support, complimenting the work done in their classrooms. This support has improved their literacy levels and nurtured their well being and self esteem. Sr Fina also helps the Preps with the PMP program in the hall.
We thank Anne and Sr Fina and the Mercy Connect coordinator Sr Mary for the extra time they give to our children to help them all succeed. May each of them and their work be blessed.

God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

ROSTERS

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Counters
J. Mioduchowski

THANK YOU! 10 August 2014

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

| Thanksgiving Collection | $ 497.15 |
| Direct Deposits & Cheques | $ 40.00 |
| Presbytery Collection | $ 236.55 |

23 - 24 August 2014

24 August: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
First Reading | Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading | Romans 11:33-36
Gospel | Matthew 16:13-20

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.” (Romans 11:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that God has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of God’s work will be left undone.