THE FOLLOWING IS THIS WEEK’S PARISH BULLETIN
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  (2014 - 35) 31 AUGUST 2014

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, Norlane

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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

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 SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday's winners were: Zita O’Dwyer (2) and Theresa King (4). Jackpot on 6 September. Thank you for your support.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3 September 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Presbytery.

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.

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MACKILLOP GROUP
This group will meet on Tuesday 2 September in the Parish Meeting Room from 10.00 a.m. until noon.
Contact: Ms Betty Hurst

BIBLE STUDY GROUP
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GOSPEL REFLECTION
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There is a sharp disagreement between Jesus and Peter. This highlights how we can be an obstacle even for ourselves. The disciple’s role is to follow Jesus and never to go ahead of him (our own designs).

Like Jesus we are called to take up our cross. Like Jesus we are called to unconditional love. The only glory that matters is union with the Father and the path is found in following Jesus cost what it may.

Entrance Antiphon
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Respensorial Psalm
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

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TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY

St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane

Tuesday 2 September 8.45 a.m. Adoration 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
9.15 a.m. Mass
Thursday 4 September 8.45 a.m. Adoration 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
9.15 a.m. Mass
Friday 5 September 5.00 p.m. Adoration 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
5.30 p.m. Mass
Saturday 6 September 6.00 p.m. Mass 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (vigil)
Sunday 7 September 10.00 a.m. Mass 23rd 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.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we celebrated book week and it was fantastic to see our children dress up and showcase their book boardcases and costumes. I would like to thank Mrs Sandra Thomas for organizing a fruitful day for our students and school community.

This week we celebrate Literacy & Numeracy Week. To celebrate we have invited parents to come and read with their children at 3.00 p.m. on selected days this week. We will be extending our celebration on Friday morning, and inviting families to participate in a variety of Literacy and Numeracy games starting at 10 a.m.

Next week the Parents & Friends will be holding a Father’s Day Stall for our students. Students will have the opportunity to buy their Dads or Special Carers a gift from the stall on, Thursday 4 September. There will also be a Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday 5 September in our school hall at 8.00 a.m., so Dads and Special Carers, please come along! I welcome any members of the Parish to join us on this morning.

Can I remind you that our School / Parish Raffle Fundraiser is drawn on 19 September. If you require more raffle books, you can get them at the school office or Fr Ray. If you are not intending on selling any can you please return them as soon as possible. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Have a joyful fortnight!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

ROSTERS

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| 6.00 p.m. | S. Joyce | E. Nikolajenko | D. Ogilvie D. Fiscali
| 8.30 a.m. | M. Cassar | E. Carey | V. Carey A. Levy
| 10.00 a.m. | B. Hurst | V. Ljubanovic | A. Partington J. Mioduchowski
| Counters  | N. Burr |

THANK YOU!

24 August 2014

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Thanksgiving Collection $ 512.30
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ 40.00
Presbytery Collection $ 231.10

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“What, then, will one gain if one wins the whole world and ruins one’s life?” (Matthew 16:26)

St Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.