THE FOLLOWING IS THIS WEEK’S PARISH BULLETIN ...
Entrance Antiphon
We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm
Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today’s Feast reminds of the basic symbol of our faith. Indeed, the Cross does not simply remind us of how Jesus died. It is through the Cross that God makes Godself known to us. God’s love for us is made manifest. This is what the “lifting up” of God’s Son signifies.

What Jesus has shown us is how we too can be taken up to God - not simply fully at the end of our earthly existence but in smaller ways as we do what Jesus did. The unconditional ‘yes’ to God is what we are taught here.

Furthermore, the Cross promises resurrection. This new life is ours as we give ourselves lovingly to one another.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Bruce McGinness (18) and Susan Joyce (26). New Block starts this week. Will you be in it? 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
This is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays each month. Look in the Gospel Today is available every week.
TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY
St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane

Tuesday 16 September 8.45 a.m. Adoration Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
9.15 a.m. Mass
Thursday 18 September 8.45 a.m. Adoration 26th Week in Ordinary Time
9.15 a.m. Mass
Friday 19 September 5.00 p.m. Adoration 24th Week in Ordinary Time
5.30 p.m. Mass
Saturday 20 September 6.00 p.m. Mass 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (vigil)
Sunday 21 September 10.00 a.m. Mass 25th 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 17 September 10.00 a.m. Mass 24th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday 19 September 10.00 a.m. Mass 24th Week in Ordinary Time
Sunday 21 September 8.30 a.m. Mass 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.35 a.m. Rosary
11.00 a.m. Latin Mass XV 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 MacBride, Brigida Barra, Mike Anthony Grupi, Florenza Fiore, Antonio Romeo, Luigi Lucioni, Mary Ruzzo, Josephine Wakeman, Frank Beatie, Dorrie Jagod, Alice Squires, Doris Boyle, Corrina Schintler, Salvatore Servello, Christopher Jennings, Darren Doyle, Victorino Po III, Susana Cioch, Rosemary Brandon, Gaetana Camilleri, John Ford, Grae Gerritsen.

Those whose anniversary we remember
Emanuel Santospirito.

God calls us
Today we remember the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life. Following your vocation in today’s culture is also a paradox. Pray for all priests, religious and married couples that they be true to their vows.

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
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
Community Luncheon on Saturday 22 November in the School Hall
Christmas Carols on Sunday 7 December at St John’s

OUR CALL TO MISSION
The whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts. There is no need, then, to be overly obsessed with limited and particular questions. We constantly have to broaden our horizons and see the greater good which will benefit us all. But this has to be done without evasion or uprooting.

(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 235)

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Hasn’t this school term gone quickly! It feels like only yesterday, when I was asking our students how their term 2 school holidays were. With holidays only a week away I pray for all our children and families to stay safe and have an enjoyable, restful break.

On Tuesday we had our Family Italian Day, where students experienced various activities and learnings from an Italian perspective. The pizza and pasta was delicious! On Wednesday, we had our Adidas fun run, and it was great to see our children supporting this event by generating money for the school by getting sponsored. Once again thank you to all the families that supported this great fundraiser for our school. On Thursday we had our whole school mass. It had a special Father’s Day focus lead by our year 1/2 students. It was great to see some of our families there to support our wonderful cherubs! To conclude the week the school leaders organized a Mufty casual clothes day. All students donated a gold coin to support our ongoing support to Kaliba Primary School in the Republic of Congo. As a school we are wanting to raise money to purchase furniture for the school in Africa.

I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful families, parishioners and friends who have donated so much of their time over weekends and school hours to help and improve the school for our students this term. Your hard work has certainly been noticed by the St Thomas Aquinas community and myself. I encourage and anticipate your support will continue for the remainder of the year.

God Bless!

Michael Manganelli
Acting Principal

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THANK YOU!

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Thanksgiving Collection $ 1318.70
Direct Deposits & Cheques $ 140.00
Presbytery Collection $ 773.70

21 September: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27
Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son …” (John 3:16)

God gave us the gift of his son so that we can enjoy eternal salvation. Of all our gifts, our life is the most precious. We belong to God. This is why we must take time every day to ask God how God wants us to use the life God has given us.