ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)  (2014 - 48)  30 NOVEMBER 2014

Entrance Antiphon
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
At present, we are planning Parish Sacramental Programs for 2015. Those who wish to participate are invited to give their details to Fr Ray or Betty Hurst.

PARISH SUPPLOTTO
Last Saturday’s winners were: Nigel Burr (10) and Heidi Evett (44). A new Block has started. Some numbers are still vacant. Will you be in it? Thank you for your support.

PIETY STALL
More new Christmas Cards have arrived, so why not pop in to the Piety Stall before or after Mass. This is the last weekend for placing orders for 2015 Columban Calendar. This can be done on the form provided at the church foyer. The cost of the calendar is $9.00 each.

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.

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND
From 1 July 2012, 10% of the Thanksgiving Offering has been 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today’s Gospel reminds us of our place in history: between the first coming of Jesus - as we prepare to celebrate Christmas - and his second coming.

We are called to always be ready for the second coming of Jesus. The key is our response to God’s great love for us in becoming human in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. And, we do this by proclaiming God’s love through our lives and relationships: in short, through everything we do.

We know his presence among us. So we are called to be aware - to stay awake - of the nearness of that Presence, and to share this gift with others. Life is always about mission. Come Lord Jesus. Come and be born in our hearts.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING
The next Coffee Morning, to be held at The Coffee Club (near Woolworths) at Corio Village Shopping Centre from 9.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., will be on Saturday 7 December. All welcome.

MACKILLOP GROUP
The Group will not be meeting on Tuesday.
OUR CALL TO MISSION

My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off; it is not an "extra" or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world.

(Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 273)