



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Kambah - September 2017

Fr Peter is back from his holidays

Prayers of Intention

Phuong's Intention, Bui Chi Thanh, Frederich Lueth, Sr Maria Tran Thi Mo, Jim Healey, Brian Fairweather, Ta On, Cac Linh Hon Mo Coi, 2 Lh Maria, 2 Lh Micae, Phaolo, Isave, Maria Margarita, Phero Tran, Michael Vivolo, Noeline Wall, Ruth Rose,

Special Intentions: James Darcy Sullivan, Muriel Pinto, Phero & Binh An Gia Dinh, Micae & Cac Tien Nhan, Maree Bugno's Mother, Binh An Gia Ding, Phero & Giuse, Vincente Tran & Giuse & Maria Truong, Maria & Ba Noi, Denzel Leema, Caterina Dal Santo, Kate McGlynn, Jenny, Nguyen Thi Be, Lawrence Stephen Rebello, Herbert Pereira, Alf Gould, Thanh's Parents' Intentions.

Baptisms

There was no baptism held here at St Thomas in the Month of August.. However we do have over a dozen babies due to be baptised in the coming months.

Funerals

Brian Connell passed away and his funeral will be held here at Kambah on Tuesday 5th September at 10am.

St Thomas Update

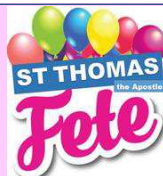
First Holy Communion will be held next Sunday 10th September during 10am. 32 young children from the parish and school will participate in this important sacrament.

Deacon

Our Own Adrian Chan be due to ordained to the Diaconate Friday 22nd September 2017, 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Please come along to show Adrian our support.



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Donations

We are currently collecting for the money tree. Scratchie donations box in foyer. Trash 'n' Treasure drop off dates will be advertised in bulletin, fete newsletter, facebook and website, key an eye out.

Fete Posters - Do you want to win a fete pack? Including all-day ride pass & fete hand, valued at \$36. Help us design this year's fete poster. Competition is open to all, students & parishioners. Send you design to parish, school or Yvettecroft@bigpond.com.

Electrician Wanted

We need someone to help with all things electrical on fete day. Please contact, Steve Proud at proudiess@gmail.com

Plant & Garden Stall - Can you help with potted plants? You can pot up any deciduous tree/shrub (eg Japanese Maples), any bulbs not yet sprouted or just started growing; parsley seedlings, lettuce varieties, most succulents. The more plants we have, the better our stall will be. Donations of pots are welcome. Please contact Andrew Satrapa 0416 231 265 or ac.satrapa@netspeed.com.au

Hot Food Stall Can you help as a stall holder? We already have a wonderful parent offered to run hot food stall, but would love 1-2 more. This is a big stall, looking after all the hot food, cooking & ticketing. For more info please contact Bek Hamilton Stephenhamilton8@bigpond.com or Corinne Smith csmith@mej.com.au.

St Thomas Primary 40th Anniversary Pavers Help us celebrate the Anniversary of the School by purchasing a paver. Have your family's name engraved on a paver to be placed in the school yard for future generations to view. \$25 each. Order forms available at the school, office or fete.

Advertising We are always looking for opportunities to promote our fete. If you have a bulletin or notice board at work and would like copies of our flyer or more info please contact Elizabeth Wilson: kambah@cg.org.au

Happy Father's day to all Father.

God our Father, in Your wisdom and love You made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



4 September "Philippines Mission Information Night"

For more than 20 years the Missionaries of God's Love has been ministering to the desperately poor of Manila. Fr Paul Uwemedimo MGL is in Canberra & will be speaking of his work & ways Canberrans can support this vital work by visiting, financial support or prayer, please come along on Monday 4 September 7pm-8:30pm St Benedict's Parish Centre Collins Wing, Tallara Parkway, Narrabundah. Contact Anthony Doyle 0429 782 018.

5 September "Celebrate Archbishop Francis Carroll's Episcopal Golden Jubilee"

Archbishop Christopher Prowse invites you to afternoon tea to celebrate Archbishop Francis Carroll's Episcopal Golden Jubilee on Tuesday, 5th September 2017 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Archbishop's House Commonwealth Avenue, Parkes - ALL WELCOME. RSVP: kylie.bereza@cq.org.au

6 September "St Thomas More Forum"

Mr Ross Fox, Director, Catholic Education, Archdiocese Canberra and Goulburn will speak on: "Fair funding for Catholic schools, a perspective on the continuing fight". 7.30pm at Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent, Campbell. Online: Cost: \$12 (online), \$14 (at the door), \$5 student/concession (online) or \$6 (at the door). RSVP (for catering purposes) by noon, Monday 4 September. Go to <https://goo.gl/nSMmG8> to register online, emailing forum@stthomasmore.org.au with your booking details. Enquiries to 0484 355 786 or forum@stthomasmore.org.au

19 February – 10 March, 2018 - One Heart and One Soul

Marie Fonseca is organising her 6th Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a four night meditation/ yoga retreat with daily mass by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. For more info: **Marie Fonseca: Phone:**02 9344 0523 **Mobile:** 0418 265117. **Email:** info@spiceodysey.net.au **Website:** www.spiceodysey.net.au **Andre Rasquinha: Mobile:** 0403 569 079 **Email:** andre@traveltalk.com.au

6 September "Blackfriars Lecture Series"

Michael Cooney; National Director of the Australian Republican Movement, will discuss Diversity, Empathy and Tradition: Challenges for Australian Leadership.

8 September "Healing Mass" (5:30pm) St Benedict's Mission Centre Narrabundah invites all to a healing Mass at St Benedict's church with the special focus on the father relationship. Come along and pray for fathers both living and dead to give thanks for their fathering, to pray for God's blessing for the role fathers play and to pray for all those whose relationships with their fathers need God's healing touch. All welcome

9 September "Catechist and Friends Retreat Days St Patrick's Gundagai"

Parishioners are invited to attend the Catechist Retreat Days with Sr. Judy Bowe, mgl. The day which will commence at 10am - 4pm. Also St Joseph's Merimbula (23 September). BYO lunch. RSVP: kylie.bereza@cg.org.au

10 September "Amicus" "Amicus", a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Austrian Club at 12noon for lunch followed by Austrian Choir Concert 2pm. Contact Rosemary: 0428599342.

Pastoral Statement | August 16, 2017

Dear Friends,

In recent weeks two significant public issues concerning the Church have been canvassed in the media.

I wish to offer some brief and simple responses you may wish to make available to your people, if you feel it is appropriate.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE.

Given the fact that a postal vote on the issue is forthcoming, it is essential that people who have not yet registered on the electoral role do so immediately. This will ensure participation in the postal vote is possible. The closing date for enrolment is 24th August.

It needs to be stressed that our love and care for people in our parishes, communities and neighbourhoods who are same-sex attracted is reaffirmed. This will be a vulnerable time for some and we need to reiterate once more that we are walking alongside each other in mutual respect.

At the same time, our acknowledgement of what is now described as traditional marriage (man and woman united in love and open to the possibility of children) be reaffirmed. It is one of the greatest treasures humanity has yet produced. It needs our fulsome support at this time of moral fluidity.

THE SEAL OF CONFESSION.

The Catholic Church considers Confession as a privileged encounter of mercy between the priest (representing Jesus) and the penitent on the road to conversion.

The absolute confidentiality of the "seal" of confession is to be maintained and never to be compromised for any reason. This has always been protected in the law of Australia and long may it continue.

This matter raises significant issues pertaining to the rights of Freedom of Religion and Speech.

This issue has become current due to a recommendation of the Royal Commission that the current civil privilege in this matter be changed.

Outside of this particular discussion, it needs to be stressed that the Catholic Church insists that all offences against children be reported to the authorities.

I hope these summaries are helpful for the pastoral care of your people who may welcome such clarifications. Let us pray to the Lord in our Masses for these two areas of concern.

Yours sincerely in Christ
Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn



28 November "Queanbeyan Dinner Date"

In the "Acacia Room" Queanbeyan Kangaroo's Club, Stuart St, Queanbeyan. Parishioners are invited to organise a table and book for the big event. Bookings can be made by calling St Gregory's Parish office on 6299 4611 email queanbeyan@cg.org.au Payments for tickets can be made through website www.stgregoryparishqueanbeyan.com **Keynote speaker: renowned journalist, radio & tv host, Geraldine Doogue AO**

22 September "Retreat"

All are invited to attend a retreat at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Boddington Cres, Kambah from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. The retreat will be conducted by Fr. Rony and Fr. Joby from the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby.

23 September "Retreat"

All are invited to attend a retreat at Holy Spirit Parish Church, Burdekin Avenue Amaroo from 10.00am to 1.00pm. The retreat will be conducted by Fr. Rony and Fr. Joby from the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby. Please contact: Parveen: 0439 642 571; Tom: 0434 689 957; Winnie: 0451 015 527; Prakash: 0406 381 446. Admission free.

24 September "Mercy Walk"

The fifth Mercy Walk for Women will commence at the intersection of the Cunnigar Road and Campbellfields Road **Boorowa** at 9.00am. Check in time is 8.00am. The distance to St Clement's Monastery Galong is approximately 23 kilometres. The walk is in support of Karinya House which provides shelter and support for mothers and babies. Contact: Teena McGrath 0437 272 000 teenamcgrath@bigpond.com for details.

6 October "Home in Queanbeyan Annual Raffle"

Four great prizes, including an Exclusive VIP Package for 4 people to Bruno Mars Sydney concert + 5-star accommodation. Only 750 tickets for sale, \$20 each. The raffle will be drawn at the Annual HOME Movie Night Fund Raiser. Order raffle tickets: (02) 6284 2409 **Email: manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org**

6 October "Movie Night for Home"

"Home" in Queanbeyan is holding a fund raising movie night at the Q Theatre Queanbeyan commencing at 6.00pm. www.homeinqueanbeyan.org.

8 - October "Marian Procession"

Archbishop Christopher extends an invitation to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to attend the 2017 Marian Procession at St Clement's Monastery, Galong. 9am: Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village. 10:30: Confession. 11:30am: Mass with Archbishop Christopher. 12:30pm: Lunch. 2pm: Procession to the Grotto & sharing Sr Mary Rachel (OP)

Camino Pilgrimage - The 2017 European Tour. Join to experience some of the most treasure places of our Christian heritage & story. Rome, Assisi, Montserrat, Barcelona, Camino, Santiago, Madrid & Toledo. 15 Sep - 8 Oct. Contact Paul Skippen 0412 850 883 info@gpbs.com.au , www.caminowalk.com.au