



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Kambak

April 2018



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Penelope Elizabeth Graham, Ethan Lewis Bourke, Isla Rose Regan, baptised on Sunday 18 March, and to Noah Joel Haggan, Tarquin Michael D'Ambrogio baptised on Sunday April 1st.

We welcome you to the Parish family.



REMEMBRANCE

Please pray for Fr Peter McGrath who blessed our parish with his zeal.

And for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria Fleuren, Albert Wai San Cheong, James Henry Bradley, Kathleen Tenena Duncan, Toni Somaratna, Peter Noel Somers, Michael Anthony Britt, Paul Henkel, Maria Ivone Neves, Jean Angela Graham, Damien Young, Joseph Albert Antoine, Richard Henry Smith, John Alfred (Jack) Heenan, Harry Pran Braknys, Fred van Dartel, Donald John Knox, Brendan Joseph Littlejohn, Dylan Shepard, Patricia Frances Iles, Attila Balogh, Len Schultz and Dylan Jones,



During April please remember the anniversaries of the following clergy:

Richard Kennedy 1895, Peter Costelloe 1950, Patrick Donovan 1926, Michael O'Dowd 1920, Michael O'Sullivan 1941, John O'Dwyer 1942, Thomas Cahill + 1978, Walter Patrick Fingleton sm 2012, Patrick Haydon 1949, Edwin Dowd 1954, Edward Favier 1990, Stanley O'Donnell 1959, Marcus Crowe 2006, Richard Butler 1913, Ailbe Conway 1993, Jeremiah Galvin 1976, Edward O'Donnell 1956, John Butz 2002, Jerome Hennessy 1941 and R Bertram McGee 1959.

Please pray for the following and intentions:

Phuong's intention, Bui Chi Thanh, Phaolo, Lueth Frederich, Gioanbaotixita, Cu Maria, Fr Gioanbaotixita, Giuse, Binh An Cho Tathra victims, Chi Tanh's intentions, Kevin Gould, Binh An, Fr Peter McGrath, Paul Carey, James Tully.



Parish and Archdiocesan News

Family Group Movement at St Thomas the Apostle Parish

Many St Thomas parishioners were privileged to know Fr Peter McGrath CP, who died on March 3 at about 11.25 am Sydney time, age 78.

Peter instigated and implemented the Passionist Family Group Movement in our parish over 30 years ago. It's a movement that sees parish families joining into groups to be family to each other; especially where many families live away from where they came from. Thanks too to Fr Kennedy for supporting this.

Greg and Cecilia Jackson said that Fr Peter was a very special and gifted priest, charismatic, extroverted, joyful, empathetic.

Peter had the capacity to drum up a storm. One has only to look at the growth of Peter's movement, here and overseas, to recognise this.

Thousands of families involved, caring for and supporting each other.

<http://pfgm.blogspot.com.au/> has some of Fr Peter's writings. And...

http://catholicleader.com.au/people/priests-family-keeps-growing_42945

HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL OUR School students as they move to holidays in a couple of weeks.

It's been a big start to school and especially to the new as well as youngest, lots of work and learning. Thanks to Principal Ursula Jamieson and all teachers and staff and well-deserved holiday break to all at St Thomas.

Congratulations all on First Term 2018

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage.

Sisters of St Joseph invite you on the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 23 Oct, travel through VIC & SA. Concludes Sydney 3 Nov

Cost Ex Canberra: \$3,375 (all inclusive: airfares, accom, coach travel, admission fees & meals). Single Supplement: \$700. FYI, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.



The Passion The Joy He is Risen

***I am the way, the truth
and the life. John 14:6***

Lifeline – Volunteers

It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to provide Lifeline's telephone crisis support services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, across Australia.

Lifeline Canberra relies on support from the community to answer the crisis support line. By volunteering for Lifeline not only will you be making a difference to the lives of other Australians who use the Lifeline services, but you'll also be enriching your own life. Lifeline Canberra has a course starting the weekend of 12/13 May. If you are interested visit <https://www.act.lifeline.org.au> and follow the VOLUNTEER links or phone 61716300.



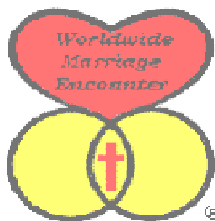
Wisdom from the School Newsletter

SMILING MIND One of the key problems faced by people – adults as well as children – in their daily lives is our increasing inability to focus on what we are doing. This can be because our brains have become over-stimulated due to constant exposure to electronic media or because the constant competing demands created by the busy-ness of life leads to stress which in turn as a consequence leads to lack of concentration. Smiling Mind is a not-for profit mental health organisation which has created a range of meditational programs designed to promote mindfulness, which is a technique designed to bring calmness to life and to enhance the capacity of the brain to focus on whatever task might be at hand by means of a series of simple, brief meditations. The programs can be accessed via a free app, so anyone – parents, teachers and students - can use them in the classroom or at home. There are different programs from 7 years to adult. In Family Week at St Thomas the Apostle, families were invited to have a look at Smiling Mind and to see how it might work for their families. Veronica Harris Wellbeing Counsellor add-

Marriage Encounter Weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples

27th – 29th April Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or via Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



Living in the light of the Resurrection:

A retreat in the spirit of Taizé

Experiencing God in our joys and sorrows 6-8 April 2018, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW 2566

Facilitated by the Friends of Taizé
Bookings: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre – 02 8795 3400 or visit <http://carmeliteretreats.com.au/>

Cost: \$250.00 (Concessions available). Private facilities, fully catered Friday evening to Sunday lunch.

For more information: Annemarie (0421 492 554) for the weekend's programme and Canberra carpooling options.

This is an ecumenical event organised by the Canberra Friends of Taizé group, comprised of members of the Uniting Church, Catholic, Anglican and other Christian churches – everyone is welcome.

The Canberra Friends of Taizé group meets regularly for prayer every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting Church at 5.30pm.



Tathra bushfire victims—St Vinnies Appeal. Donate via the Vinnies website: www.vinnies.org.au/donate and select ACT from the drop down menu.

Toasting the fruit of the vine Source: *The Southern Cross*.



The ceremonial sprinkling of holy water on the first load of grapes delivered to Sevenhill Cellars marked the start of the 2018 vintage at the Jesuit-owned winery in South Australia's Clare Valley. Source: *The Southern Cross*.

Sevenhill parish priest Fr Paul Fyfe SJ conducted the vintage blessing last month when 2.8 tonnes of Gewürztraminer grapes harvested earlier that day were tipped into the winery's crusher. Winery staff and members of Sevenhill's Jesuit community gathered for the annual ceremony, which draws on a tradition that can be traced to the times of the Old Testament when grapes were given a special honour as the first fruits of the harvest.

Fr Fyfe delivered a message of thanks and hope:

"Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for from your goodness we have received the fruit of the vine, the work of human hands. It will become for us the wine of your Kingdom."

The Jesuits planted vines at Sevenhill to produce sacramental wine for their own use and it was also sold to churches in the emerging colonies.

Sacramental wine remains an essential part of Sevenhill's operation and the winery has also developed a highly-regarded reputation for its table wines that are produced from estate-grown fruit.

Sevenhill Cellars marketing manager Paul McKee said early indications were that the 2018 vintage in the Clare Valley would produce high-quality wines, with "attractive varietal character". 27 March

Footsteps Of St Paul - Pilgrimage To Greece.

Fr. Peter De Souza, invites you on a 14-day pilgrimage Departing 28th May.

Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora
\$5,690 (early-bird). Includes 3 Night Cruise (all meals), Return Airfares, Local Transfers, 4 Star Hotels, (Breakfasts & Dinners)
03 8562 2246 or

pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au



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6259 8998 or jo.saccasan@karinyahouse.asn.au

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Church Cleaning

Phone Rosanna 62318127 to lend a welcome hand with the church cleaning. New people needed.