



# St Thomas the Apostle Parish Kambak

## March 2019



### REMEMBRANCE

Please pray for the following deceased in the parish:

Rosa Hedwick Zehentner, died 17th February and Robyn Ann Morison, wife of Nev Morrison, died 19th February. **RIP**

**And for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time, January to March.**

Rita Fransen, William (Bill) Kelly, Kevin Gould, Kenneth Anthony Breen, Cynthia Audrey Baker, William James Lipscombe, John Iles, Len Schultz, Peter Krol, Valda Maria Barlow, Antonia Matuska, Olive Alice Power, Giovanni Quiro Menegazzo, Elizabeth J Hindle, Eugene Francis Apps, Sarah Ann Ruspandi, Ivy J Allen, Michael John Wilson, Thomas Leo Bentley, Ellen Simpson, Heather Francis Mead, Colleen Mary Willert, Margaret Mary Richmond, Dylan Shepard, Michael John Cashmore, Hanora Wilson, James Terrence Tully, Karen Cairney and Alfred Culloden, Andrew James Lee, Vernon Graham, Winifred Johnson, Thomas Oswald Cowley, Uno Metslov, Anthony James Moore, Zoe Maree Sculthorpe, John Ernest Hillbrick, Eleanor Victoria Condon, Francis John Tonkin, David Bradshaw. Francis Terence(Terry) McDermott, John Foley, Wendy Lee Arnott, Hilda Kathleen Apps, Desmond Klear, Patricia Mary May Schuback, William Ronald Williams, Stephen Lee, Henry Satrapa, Tom Robert Kennedy, Andras Giurita, David Richardson, Vedasta Rigodon III, Theresa Morosi, Philip John Smith, Thanh Thi(Anna) Nguyen, Maggie and Grace Glynn, Elson Davies, Douglas Franco-Gill and Eileen Davis.



*As we prepare for the season of Lent,*

*may we shine on the world like bright stars, with hearts full of love and compassion for our one human family.*

*Let our prayer, fasting and almsgiving be fruitful signs of your mercy in the world.*

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### SCHOOLNEWS

#### Sacramental Enrolment

**A warm welcome to the children and families** attending mass this weekend for this important step in preparing for their sacrament.

St Thomas the Apostle Parish is keen to support you.

**Mini Vinnies Team** enrolment at St Thomas School. This year there are 47 students in the team! This is such a testimony to the spirit of the St Thomas the Apostle Community. The students were commissioned on Monday 25th February during school prayer. Congratulations to the students who joined this giving group.

After their commissioning on Monday, a significant number of our Mini Vinnies team took to the streets to participate in the St Vincent de Paul Door knock Appeal. It was hot, hard work and the team were certainly challenged by the intensity of it. Good on them.

Mini Vinnies is having a toiletries drive across the school and will continue with the usual food collection following that.

**We can all remember** the hot classrooms when we returned to school after summer holidays.

The fantastically good news is that St Thomas school has had air conditioners installed over the holiday break and having cool classrooms has been delightful for the learning environment of the classrooms, particularly in the afternoons.

### VINNIES DOORKNOCK

The month of Vinnies doorknock is at an end and the St Thomas Vinnies group thank all who 'door knocked', especially during the hot days.

Grateful thanks to all who donated to help Vinnies deliver their helping mission to those in need.



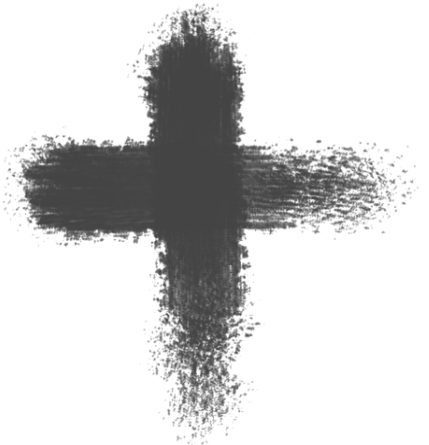
Br Jim Cronley ofmCap Franciscan

Died 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Professed 1990

Long time St Thomas the Apostle parishioners will remember Jim and his dedication to the parish over his time here before and after joining the Franciscans order of friars. Always with a practical help, Jim was active in the choir, trained altar servers, and took part in liturgy teams. Jim also visited the St Thomas classrooms, teaching calligraphy to the students, who were keen to learn this amazing skill.

Jim when back visiting the parish is later years, wrote in beautiful calligraphy the dates in the Parish memorial book.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
6th March 2019  
The start of LENT



## Join Our Lenten Study @ St Thomas.

The Wednesday morning prayer group will be following a guided Lenten study, entitled



'Compassion-Reflecting Sharing Living the Good News'. Posters will be mounted in the church when they become available.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us. The study will commence after 9.30 mass on Ash Wednesday 6 March 2019 in the parish centre.

Contact Annette on 6231 9357 for more information. Booklets can be ordered through the parish office at \$8.80 each plus postage.

# Lent

## Rapid growth of junior youth ministry

Chris Gordon Daily Voice 27 Feb

### Youth Minister Sarah Larkin.

One of the great successes and hidden treasures of the Archdiocese's Youth Ministry has been the growth of primary school Youth Ministry, growing from two schools and one parish in its pilot year to nine schools and five parishes this year. Students from Year 3-6 have been invited to take part in Journey with Jesus Retreats and junior youth groups and the response has been amazing according to Youth Minister Sarah Larkin.

"I've been working at St Matthews in Page and St Vincent's, Aranda and I've been heading into the schools and working on the junior Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA) program," she said

**There's lots to contemplate this year, so this might suit you.**

### A Pilgrim's Walking Retreat – The Carcoar Camino

When: Friday 15th March 6pm to Sunday 17th March 3pm  
*COME & ENJOY A 2-DAY RETREAT FOLLOWING THE WAY OF THE PILGRIM WALKING THE SHALOM LABYRINTH AND AROUND THE BEAUTIFUL CARCOAR VALLEY*

This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises.

Cost: \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

For bookings Phone: 63673058

email: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)

online: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

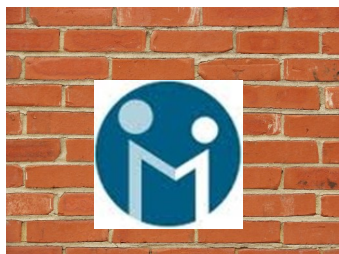
## Marymead needs your help for kids.

in raising \$1.3 million to construct two of three Care Cottages by buying a brick, or two or more! While we have enough for one, we need funding for the other two!

Once complete the Care Cottages

will provide much needed short-term accommodation for children and families both in the ACT and from regional areas of NSW. The needs of the children will vary but will include emergency and crisis accommodation for vulnerable children and families, respite accommodation for young people with disabilities and a place to call home, even for a short period, for those children with nowhere else to go.

PH: 1800 427 920 or 02 6162 5800



## 9 – March "Amicus"

A support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Knuckles restaurant upstairs Harmonie German Club at 7.00pm at table booked in name of AMICUS. Contact: Patricia 0412 351 548

St Vincent de Paul is currently looking for enthusiastic and passionate volunteers to take part in our Compeer Program. Compeer matches volunteers to people with a mental health diagnosis for friendship, social inclusion and self-esteem. No previous experience required—training provided. Please contact [compeer@svdp-cg.org.au](mailto:compeer@svdp-cg.org.au) for further information.



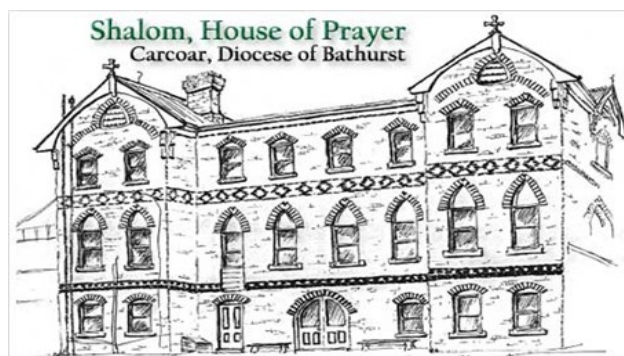
An at Home, daily time for Lent:

LENT 2019 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY.

*Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!*

*Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a video each Sunday and an inspirational email each day during Lent.*

This program is FREE and you can sign up here: [www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent](http://www.TheCatholicGuy.com/Lent)



## An Australian Woman in Ethiopia

Dr Catherine Hamlin AC

Bringing dedication and aid to the women of Ethiopia.

On January 24, Dr Catherine Hamlin celebrated her 95th birthday – a milestone.

2019 also marks 60 years since Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin first arrived in Ethiopia, forever changing the country's maternal healthcare landscape. It's remarkable that for 60 of her 95 years, Catherine has been completely committed to transforming the lives of some of the most vulnerable women in the world.

These women really are her life story.

<https://hamlin.org.au/catherine-hamlin/>

## Internet searching for Kids, suitable for kids.

A kids search engine called Kiddle.

[www.kiddle.co](http://www.kiddle.co)

It's a visual search engine offering safe kids web, and video search.

Images, video, kids encyclopaedia. Suitable for a range of ages.