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WEEKEND MASSES: Sunday 17th November 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Saturday Vigil.....6:00pm
Sunday8:30am & 10:00am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5:00pm to 5:30pm
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:
Year C - Ordinary Time

Monday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday	6:00pm	LOW	Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word

Fr Peter will be away next week on retreat. Liturgy of the Word will be held on weekdays in his absence.

Arthritis ACT provides services for people with chronic pain, mobility or balance issues. If you would like more information about services please contact local volunteer Linden Moffatt on 0404 142 427 or please collect brochure from the foyer. Please share with family & friends.

As you are all aware there have been a lot of repairs going on within our Church. Thank you all for your patience. Unfortunately the water has come back up in the Sacristy. The insurance has been informed & the plumber is on the job.

What's next: The water is again turned off & toilets & taps are not to be used, please use the facilities in the meeting room. Investigations have begun to try & find the cause of this leak. Lucky the damaged cupboard had not yet been repaired, these repairs will be delayed until we have a resolution, as has the replacing of the pavers & filling of the holes.

Restoration: Water to sinks at the back of the church at our own cost is also delayed.
For your own safety please stay away from cordoned off areas.

Costs: Parish costs insurance excess 2 x \$500, roof make safe \$500, roof repair \$6,800 & pipe diversion \$1,700. We are hopeful that this further damage will be covered by insurance.

St Thomas has a Quest Payment System. The EFTPOS tap & go machine is back. You can donate \$10 by tapping your EFTPOS card to the machine. Want to donate more simply tap your card again. All money goes to St Thomas to help with running the Parish (& repair costs). Last weekend \$160 was donated. Many thanks to those who tried the machine. Have a go.

Vatican City (CNS) Pope Francis. Mass is the highest form of prayer & not an appropriate moment for small talk. At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat". Silence is so important.

In response to this message from Pope Francis it is imperative that we observe silence in our Church especially before & after Mass. It is a **MUST** that we should have respect for all those who enter the Church to spend time praying & preparing themselves for Mass & time for reflection after Mass. Most importantly the reverence of being silent in the presence of the Lord in the

VINNIES NEWS

Rather than being an occasion to look forward to, Christmas can serve to exacerbate the stress of not being able to make ends meet. If you are able to donate food, toys or appropriate gifts for teenagers that may help a family or individual to celebrate Christmas please contact a parish Vinnies member or leave your donation in the basket on the left side of the Altar. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will be appreciated by those receiving your gifts.

The Piety Stall at the back of our church has an excellent range of cards reflecting the spirit of Christmas and the birth of Christ. They are in packs of 5 & 8 and are very cheap to purchase. Amicus, a support group for widowed, divorced & separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at Queanbeyan RSL Bowling Club. Yass Rd Queanbeyan. 7pm, Sat 23rd Nov for Dinner. To join us please call Paul 0419 411 691.

2019 FETE NEWS . \$35,000 raised.

The St Thomas the Apostle Fete has once again come & gone. The weather was great & the day went extremely well. Many thanks for everyone who, came to, helped out at, or donated to our fete. Particular thanks goes out to the Fete Committee without whose tireless work throughout the year it would not have come together. \$35,000 is a fantastic effort. To quote Ursula on Fete day, **"This community rock's."** A huge effort with a huge reward.

St Thomas Christmas Get together.

The PPC invites you to join us on Sun 15th Dec. After 10am mass. BYO drinks & salad to share. Sausages & Bread will be provided. Not a fund raiser, just a chance to get together before Christmas for a picnic in the gardens. Please sign up on sheet in foyer for catering purposes.

22-23 November "The Bread of Life Retreat"

6pm Fri to 3pm Sat at Shalom, 7 Carcoar St, Carcoar & explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing & fun time as you learn how to bake the best sourdough, learn some new Ignatian meditation & prayer techniques, go on some lovely walks & enjoy some scrumptious food.

This retreat is for everyone to enjoy & the best part is there is no need to have any technical baking skills or advanced training, or holiness, or to be churched to attend. You can just come as you are & do as much or as little as you want. Suggested Donation \$200 (includes meals & acc) Phone: 02 63673058; Web: shalomcarcoar.com Email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

Upcoming Events & Other Info

Please see **notice board** for more info, & don't forget **previously advertised events.**
 Archdiocesan website: www.cgatholic.org.au
St Thomas the Apostle Upcoming Events

- **St Vincent de Paul Meets** Mon 7:30pm - Parish C
- **Becoming a Catholic - RCIA** Mon 7:30pm Parish C FYI Contact Murray on 0400 009 923
- **PPC Meeting** 6pm Wed 13 Nov Parish Centre
- **Bible Study / Prayer Groups**

- Wed's 10am Parish C Annette 6231 9357
- Thu's 10am Moya's Home 6231 6015
- **Parish Christmas Lunch** Sun 15 Dec,
- **Advent Reconciliation** 6pm Thu 19 Dec Wanniasa

Other Information in the Diocese

- **Buy a Brick for Marymead.** - marymead.org.au
- **2020 Plenary Council** plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
- **Evenings for the Engaged** marriage preparation program, Contact Mark & Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

The 1st Tuesday of each month our parish will pray the holy rosary in different languages during the holy hour. Mass 6pm, Silent Reflection 6:30pm -7pm, Rosary 7pm-7:30pm. All welcome.

Advent Reconciliation will be held at St Anthony's of Padua in Wanniasa. Thu 19th Dec at 6pm .

Advent Reflection and Carols
St Monica's, Evatt, 7 December 2019
 'Come Let Us Adore Him'
 This is a Christmas program with a difference! Please join us for carols, reflection & more from 3pm-6pm in the St Monica's School Hall, 1 Deffell St, Evatt. Come & be blessed!

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Weekly Collection & Repair Fund Nov.

Required / wk: \$	950	Required / wk: \$	1,200
1st: \$	988	2nd Collection: \$	1,224

Roof & Pipe Repair Fund

Target: \$	10,000	Raised	\$ 7,774
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Pope Francis (4 Nov) Let us ask the Lord to pour His Spirit upon Christian couples & families, so that, as they generously open their doors to Christ & to their brothers & sisters, they may bear authentic witness to a life of faith, hope & charity.

Roster for 4th Weekend of Month (23-24 November)

	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolyte	Ken Rose	Andrew Satrapa	Bryce O
Altar Servers	Abby Bartkowiak Georgina Jenkins	Help Needed	Gab Esguerra Help Needed
Readers	Lia Battisson Leonie Lucey	Ringrose –Voase Family.	Janelle & Warwick Jones
Music	Couples for Christ	Margaret, Bernie & Sandy	Phil Maier Tom Langron
Counters	Graeme	And	Dianne
Cleaning	Burston, Fallace Families & Zenobia Williams		