

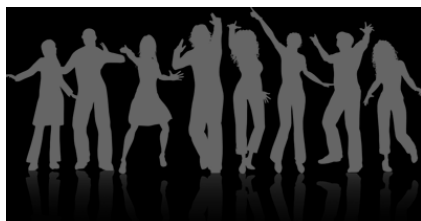
Youth Stuff

A Magazine for St T's Youth

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Youth Stuff is distributed to our young people aged 11 to 16 years. If you would like to be included on our distribution list, please email denise.lyons@cam.org.au

New Year ... New Beginnings

Hey kids,

What a strange summer we're having! Melbourne's weather has been hot one minute, and wet and miserable the next. Poor ole Queenslanders are suffering through terrible floods, and our fellow Aussies in W.A. are going through bushfires. And in Victoria, as I write this, we're having some heavy rain causing floods throughout the state. What a strange beginning we're having.

By the time you get this, you will have started school. I hope the new school year has started well for you and that you're happy with the teachers for the year. Just remember, even if you get a teacher you don't like, you might find you do like them by the end of the year.

We are always looking for new members for our Youth Group because we want you to have a safe and happy and friendly place to have fun and a place where you can bring your friends and make new friends. So, if you have considered coming to Youth Group, why don't you give it a try! We do all sorts of great things when we meet each fortnight, and we also do 'Outreach activities' so

that the parishioners can experience the fabulous things that young people can do. The dates for Term 1 are listed at the end of this mag. Come and join us and bring a friend. Every new member gets a 'showbag' and a water bottle, and each Youth Grouper gets a showbag when they bring a friend.

We want to increase our number of boys this year. We have a small committed group of guys who come but they need some more mates. So, all you guys out there, think about it.

This year, Fr. Frank has joined the parish. He's an MSC like Fr. Chris. So I'll invite Fr. Frank to come to Youth Group sometime soon so you can meet him—he's a nice guy, you'll like him.

Catcha soon,

The Editor.



Secret Message ...

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Mum: What did you learn in school today ?
 Child: Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow !
 Mother: What did you learn in school today
 Son: How to write
 Mother: What did you write ?
 Son: I don't know, they haven't taught us how to read yet !
 Mother: Does your teacher like you ?
 Son: Like me, she loves me. Look at all those X's on my test paper !
 Mother: How do you like your new teacher ?
 Son: I don't. She told me to sit up the front for the present and then she didn't give me one !
 Son: I can't go to school today.
 Father: Why not ?
 Son: I don't feel well
 Teacher: Where don't you feel well ?
 Son: In school !

**This Issue's Saint:
 Aloysius Gonzaga**

All of the saints described in this column did amazing things in their youth.

Saint Aloysius (pronounced 'L-oh-ish-shis') Gonzaga

was born on 9 March 1568 and grew up in Italy in a Castle; his family was very wealthy. From the age of 4 years, he was trained to be a soldier and a courtier. He suffered from kidney disease which he considered a blessing because he could stay in bed and have plenty of time for prayer. While he was still a young boy, he taught religion to poor boys.

When he was 18 years old, he signed away his legal claim to his family's lands, giving the title of land to his brother, and he became a Jesuit novice (The Jesuits are a religious order like the MSCs that Fr. Chris belongs to).

In 1591, he helped care for plague victims in Rome but he caught the disease and died at just 23



The Body and the Blood of Christ were a central part of Aloysius' life. Whenever he received Communion, his face would be covered in tears.

years in 1591. He was canonised in December 1726 and his feast day is 21 June, the anniversary of his death. Among other things, he is the patron saint against sore eyes and of teenagers.



Words from Fr. Chris

Chinese civilisation and culture has survived for thousands of years. When a way of living, a cultural convention or a common practice lasts for a long time, it shows that this particular way of looking at things and behaving fits our human nature and responds to our authentic needs.

All these are good reasons for reflecting on one of the best known and wisest of Chinese proverbs. It says: A journey of a thousand miles *begins* with one small step.

To make a start is often the hardest thing to do. Many of us find our first day of primary school a difficult one, but when we graduate, we are happy that we took that first step. The same will prove true for secondary school, university and work.

May we always ask God for the courage to take that 'one small step.'

Fr. Chris

Spot the 12 Differences



Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people. And they left their nets and followed him.
 (Mark 1)

on boy's pocket missing; 2. Strap on sandal missing; 3. Hair at back of ball cap missing; 4. Elbow patch missing; 5. Back of seat missing; 6. Hub cap missing; 7. Collar on girl's top colored in; 8. Boom box handle colored in; 9. Patch on pants moved up; 10. Light down; 11. Musical note moved to right; 12. Back of skateboard is longer.

Let's get cookin'

Stegosaurus sandwiches

Ingredients (serves 4):

- 2 slices wholemeal bread
- Peanut butter and jam
- 12 corn chips
- 1/2 banana, cut lengthways into 4 slices
- 8 raisins



Take one to school and

Method:

Spread 1 slice of bread with peanut butter and jam. Top with another bread slice. Cut into 4 triangles. Place the triangles, pointed-side up, on serving plates. Divide corn chips among the sandwiches to make the spikes. Place 1 banana slice at 1 end of each sandwich to make the head. Place raisins, 1 on each side, at one end of the banana to make the eyes. Enjoy!

Milo & Strawberry Sundaes

Ingredients (serves 4):

- 250gm punnet strawberries, washed, hulled, chopped
- 780gm (3 cups) vanilla yoghurt
- 2 tspn Milo + another 1/3 cup Milo

Method:

Divide 1 cup) vanilla yoghurt among four serving glasses. Divide 1/3 of the strawberries among the glasses. Sprinkle 2 tsp Milo over the strawberries in each glass. Continue layering with 2 cups vanilla yoghurt, the remaining strawberries and 1/3 cup Milo. Serve.



Recipe obtained from www.taste.com.au. Fabulous website for kids' recipes. Give it a go—got heaps of stuff on it.

Welcome to Fr. Frank!

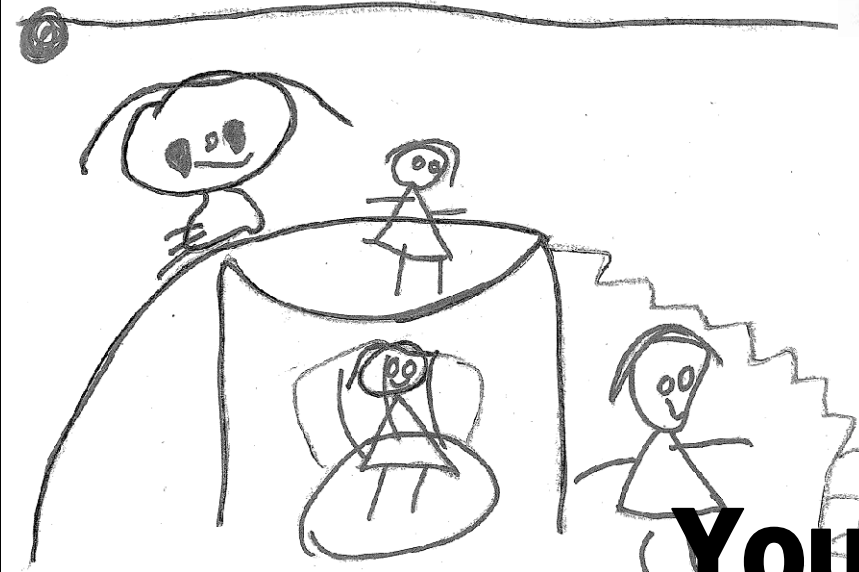
Fr. Frank has joined the parish as Assistant Priest. He has been working in a parish in Canberra for the last 6 months. Prior to that, he was in a Sydney parish for 5 years. Fr. Frank has also spent a lot of time as a missionary priest in Papua New Guinea. So next time you're at Mass, make sure you say hello to him.



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ASH WEDNESDAY: 9th March
EASTER SUNDAY: 24th April

Draw a picture and send it to Denise and it will be included here.



Little Shelley has just started school at St. T's. She drew this picture of herself and her best friend as well as her 2 new friends.

Youth Art

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Word Find: School Stuff

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| Pencils | Ruler |
| Pens | Compass |
| Scrapbook | Playground |
| Exercise book | Friends |
| Sports equipment | Carpark |
| Playtime | Sandpit |
| Recess | Footy oval |
| Lunchtime | Teachers |
| Snacks | Principal |
| Computer | Clock |



Beginnings... (Mark 1:14-20)

Gospel Words

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The new year has begun and, as I write this, Ordinary Time in the Church's year has also begun last Monday. The reading above is the first gospel reading for Ordinary Time. When I read it, I was interested to see that the leaders of our Church who decide on our readings for the year, put this reading first. It's about Jesus beginning his work. He had heard that John the Baptist had been arrested and he set to and began his work. The first thing he did was tell people that God was very close in their lives and they should say sorry to God and their friends for their wrong doing, and believe in what he was telling them—that God is wonderful and God loves each and every one of them.

God is wonderful and God loves you.

And that's what Jesus tells us too. God is wonderful and God loves you!

But Jesus knew he couldn't do his work on his own—he needed some help. So he started looking for some helpers. At the moment as I write this, all Australians are talking about the Queensland Floods. The Qld Premier (Anna Bligh) was telling us this morning that she is working with some of the best leaders of Australia's emergency services—army generals, heads of the SES and Police, the best doctors, etc. They are the best at what they do. But Jesus didn't call on the best, He didn't call on really intelligent people, or people who were fantastic public speakers. In fact, it seems that Jesus didn't even know the men he called. In the bible, there is no indication that Jesus knew the apostles before he called them. They probably knew him, but he probably didn't know them. So, why did he choose these men he didn't know, who were just simple fishermen who had no real skills except being able to catch fish? Jesus chose them because they were ordinary people, just going about their work.

Every day, Jesus calls us to do something special for him. Maybe it's just to be kind and considerate to a friend who is sad, or maybe he calls you to help Mum at home because she is really tired. Or maybe Jesus calls you to play with your little brother or sister to keep them out of Mum's way so she can make dinner. Or maybe Jesus calls you to help Dad on the weekend so he can get his weekend jobs done quickly and easily.

Think about how Jesus has called you today to bring him into the lives of your family and friends. When you realise how you're called, you'll feel really special ... because God needs you!



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The St. T's Youth Groups (Kids Club and Emmaus Teens) gather every second Friday night during school terms and is welcoming to all young parishioners aged 11 to 15. Antioch is for young parishioners aged 16 to 20 and is held every Sunday night. Enquiries regarding the Youth Group, Antioch or other Youth Ministry initiatives (including Altar Servers and classes for children not attending a Catholic primary school) can be directed to Denise on 9878.0818 or by email (denise.lyons@cam.org.au).

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Weekend Mass Times at St. T's

Saturday night: 6.30pm
Sunday morning: 8.30am and 10.30am

Children's Liturgy is held during the 10.30 Sunday Mass during school terms.

St. T's Youth Group Dates for 2011:

Term 1: Feb 11th & 25th, March 11th & 25th, April 8th.
Term 2: April 29th, May 13th & 27th, June 10th & 24th, July 1st.

Antioch meets every Sunday night
7—9pm in the back of the church

For 16+
age group

BEFORE WE GO...

Think about this:

**God has no hands but your hands to do His work,
No ears but your ears to listen,
No voice but your voice to speak His Name.**