



SEASONS

Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

Easter Sunday — Year B

4th April 2021

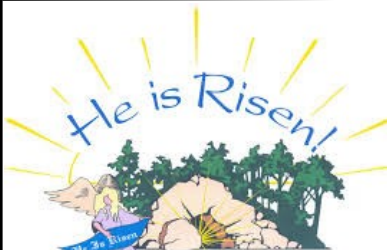
PCC=Parish Community Centre U=Undercroft
C=Church MPR=School Multipurpose Room
SSR=School Staff Room

Diary Upcoming:

Thursday April 15
Social Justice Group,
7.30pm, PCC

Saturday April 17
Readers Workshop,
10am, Church

Saturday/Sunday April 24/25
Bring and Buy stall at all masses



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During the Week

No Weekday Masses

Tuesday
Moirra Renouf Funeral 11.00 am
Wednesday
William 'Bill' Hunt Funeral 11.00 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 8.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am
10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Dear Friends,

Without the resurrection, Jesus might have been remembered as an impressive teacher, healer and reformer who advocated for the poor and the broken-hearted. His followers might have continued to respect their founder with great respect as a good moral person. But Jesus influence would have diminished with his death and the passage of time.

The resurrection transformed the meaning of Jesus life and it radically changed the lives of his followers. They became bold and fearless; they experienced deep interior joy and they found new meaning and purpose. This same power is given to us through the mysteries we've celebrated together over recent days. I pray that each of us are strengthened and renewed through the resurrection and that we continue to live the joy and hope of Easter throughout the coming year.

My sincere thanks to all those who have assisted in so many ways to help us celebrate in recent days. To both the "Marthas" who have been busy cleaning and preparing the Church, and to the "Mary's" who prayerfully build up our community with your active participation and involvement in the liturgies-Thankyou. I have felt well supported and encouraged since my arrival in January. Let us enjoy these days of Eastertide and continue to live this joy and hope throughout the year as the resurrection transforms us like it changed Jesus first followers.

Reflection

Our journey through Lent is over, we have removed our purple cloths, we have decorated our church and altar with flowers and we can now sing our Gloria and Alleluia with joy and celebration. The Lord is risen!

The Easter gospel names three people: Mary Magdalene, Peter and the 'disciple who Jesus loved.' By not being named, this disciple is in fact all of us, each of us are the 'disciple whom Jesus loves.' Mary, faithful to the end goes to the tomb and although it is dark, sees the stone has been removed. She quickly run and tells the others what she seen has and experienced; an empty tomb, burial cloths, and a head covering in another place. Having told the others, they too go to them tomb. They also see, but they more than just see. They see and believe. They see and believe with their hearts. The mystery of the resurrection is able to be seen because God gives us the eyes of faith.

Today with Christians all over the world, let us follow Mary's example, let us too stand at the empty tomb and believe and then have the courage to proclaim the good new resurrection. This Easter, may what we believe in our hearts, profess with our lips, be seen in the work of our hands and the quality of our daily lives. Alleluia.



We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... William 'Bill' Hunt

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Nancy Smith-Johnston

The sick... Mike Seymour, John Xavier Clifton, Shirley Spry, Dennis Mirrabella, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Helen Steinbach, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Adrian Gobel, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Chronos/Ranelagh Gardens Nursing home **and the parishioners**



of St Thomas More Parish, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

MOIRA RENOUF Funeral will be here at St Thomas More on Tuesday 6th April at 11.00am.

WILLIAM 'BILL' HUNT Funeral will be here at St Thomas More on Wednesday 7th April at 11.00am.

Nametags: We have had a few inquiries about the wearing of nametags like we use to before COVID. While we are still under COVID guidelines, we will not be offering labels and pens to write your names on:- however if you have a nametag at home, please wear it to Church. This is just one way of us getting to know each other better.

Reader's Workshop

The celebration of Mass is at the heart of our life as Catholics. Through the Liturgy of the Word we hear the living voice of God speaking to us at Mass through the lectionary.

We're currently looking for new volunteers to assist with proclaiming readings at Sunday and Weekday Masses. To assist parishioners in this sometimes daunting task, we'll be running a workshop on **Saturday, 17th of April at 10am.**

This workshop is for all new volunteer readers and all existing readers are welcome to join for a refresher. The workshop will explore why readings are chosen and combined, and highlight how readings fit into the liturgical year. Parishioners will learn how to interpret the text to help them proclaim more effectively. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office .



Parish Sacramental Program Reconciliation & First Eucharist

An Information Night will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th May



If you have a child in Year 3 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact the Parish Office on 9787 7777 or email mounteliza@cam.org.au before the Information Night.

Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office



Safeguarding Committee

John Natoli 0418 208 778
Julie Carter 0420 923 859



Stewardship

Received last weekend \$ 1,394

Pledged last weekend \$ 938

March weekly average \$ 2,577

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$ 672

(Please note that the majority of our contributions are done electronically via Direct Debit & Credit Card Payments) Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Existing Volunteers are asked to provide to the Parish Office :

1. A copy of their Working With Children Card and
2. Sign the Code of Conduct Declaration Form after reading the Code of Conduct.

[Code of Conduct Document](#) to read

[Code of Conduct Declaration Form](#) to sign

[How to apply for WWCC Card instructions](#)

BRING AND BUY STALL IS RETURNING

Homemade, Handmade, Home grown Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass

How does it work? *Just bring along anything you have made - could be food or craft - or grown. Donate it to the stall before Mass. After Mass the stall will be open, and people will be encouraged to buy! All proceeds to the Parish. Anything leftover at the end of 10am Mass (except perishable food) will be stored to sell the following month.*

Just remember... *

- If you are bringing food of any kind - cakes, jams, chutneys etc, they must be **labelled** with all **ingredients** used, the **date** they were made, and the **name** of who made it.*
- It would be helpful if you could please price what you donate. Those running the stall have the discretion to lower prices, if need be, in order to sell goods!*



Dates for 2021 are:

24/25 April, 29/30 May, 26/27 June, 24/25 July,
28/29 August, 25/26 September, 30/31 October, 27/28 November.

If you would like to help as a seller at one of the Masses on any of the months, please let Maree Taverna know. (via Parish Office)

Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza Fundraiser Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

This year our Parish will be selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle over four weekends (**between 10 April to 2 May**). Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More.

ie: for every \$2 Ticket Sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.

The prize pool is 1 car and 19 gift vouchers. Permit 10110/21—100,000 tkts issued.

**If you would like to help sell tickets at the Weekend Masses
please contact Vicki in the Parish Office.**

STM Social Club

New members are always most welcome! Membership fee is \$30

Please contact : **Carolyn Gascoigne on 0448 871 970**

Because of virus restrictions, there will be no Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft for the time being and no A.G.M. in 2021. Committee positions from 2020 will remain, except for Brian and Carmel who are retiring.

Membership fees from 2020 will carry into 2021. Those with fees outstanding from last year, or anyone who would like to join the Club, can contact the Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559.

All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.

New members would be very, very welcome

The **Walking Group will resume on Friday 16th April**, with a Heritage Walk along Main Street, Mornington. A leisurely walk of about one hour, followed by morning tea Meet at 10.00am at the Monument on the corner of Main Street and The Esplanade. For enquiries, contact Christine on 0431 696 084.



The Welfare Officer for April is Lois Bracken

QR Code Registration System

To be able to use the QR code system you will need a have a smart phone with camera and internet connection.



Request for volunteers:

Can you help / assist people lining up to Register with the QR Code system before each Mass? This will help reduce the queue waiting times.

Do you have any TIP Vouchers from your Council Rate Notices you could donate to the Parish to keep our grounds looking their best?

**Are You New to Our Parish ?
Please take and fill-in
a new parishioner form
in the Church Foyer**



Holy Communion



During Communion adults or children who are not Catholic or not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Please indicate your wish for a blessing by crossing both arms in front of you.



The Bishops of Victoria have suspended the Sunday Mass Obligation for all Catholics in Victoria until further notice. **Mass is broadcast** via the Ten Network (6am Sunday) for any one who would like to participate. OR www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass
OR <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
OR <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Next Week's Readings **Second Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35
2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion
#projectcompassion 1800 024 413



Letter from Fr Rui

Dear Les and parishioners of St Thomas More Mt Eliza and other parishes on the Mornington Peninsula

I want to say have a good Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We pray that The Pascal of Christ gives us many graces.

I agree with you that it is sad to end the journey. But we all understand that the actual situation, affected by pandemic, has devastated everything. In the Diocese of Baucau, we are lock-downed: no celebrations, no schools etc, we are not permitted to go to Dili, etc after Timor-Leste got local transmission of covid19 in the beginning of March, 2021.

The 21 years is a long journey and many memories . I remember 21 year ago, definitely I began my salesian life, studying philosophy in Jakarta, Indonesia. So many works you did and memories are written. So many poor Timorese people got help by your kindness, so many kids had facilities for education by your support etc ...

On behalf of the people from Laga, have no other words to say to you, except, THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND THANK YOU. Every commodity or material you share with the poor is always a grace for them. May God return more graces to you all.

I guarantee you, me, the Salesian Community of Laga and the people of Laga will continue to pray for you all from Mt Eliza Parish and parishes of the Mornington Peninsula Australia. We pray for your parents, family and all the benefactors and the family. We will not forget to pray for you.

If I have the opportunity, I will come to you to give my gratitude to every one of you by myself. And thank you for continuing to help the kids for scholarships.

We will continue in touch.
My best greetings

Fr. Rui
Laga (written 29 March 2021)