



SEASONS

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

27th January 2019

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

40 years ago this weekend.....

Diary

- **Monday**
AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Committee Meeting,
10am, UC
- **Wednesday**
RCIA, 730pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Antiques & Collectables
Committee meeting 10am, PCC



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	9:15 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

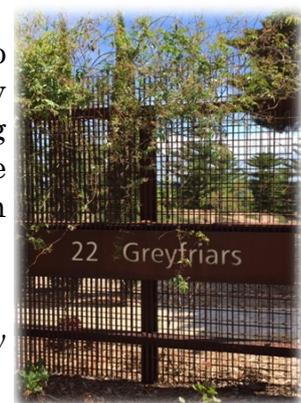
Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

In January 1979, Archbishop Frank Little wrote two letters to Fr Hilton Deakin. The first included the words, "Because of the spiritual needs of the people of that part of the Mornington Parish known as Mount Eliza...I hereby erect the new Parish of Mount Eliza. And in the second, "I appoint you as Pastor of the new Parish of Mount Eliza...You will please proceed to your new Parish at midday on Saturday 27th January 1979. I know that the people of your new Parish will welcome you and will receive from you the pastoral care they so richly deserve."

In accordance with his instructions, Fr Deakin moved to Mount Eliza on 27th January 1979. The proposed presbytery 'The Ranch' was bare of furnishing with the exception of a chair in one room. In the absence of a bed, he spent his first night on a borrowed mattress laid on the floor, and was bitten on one of his arms by a venomous spider. This resulted in pain, swelling of the arm and stiffening of the elbow; nevertheless next day Fr Deakin celebrated the first Parish Mass in Morning Star. In his homily he declared his aims to be "to help create a Eucharistic Community and to preach the Gospel".

For the first 3 months in the life of the new parish all weekend services were celebrated by Fr Deakin in the chapel of Morning Star. Then he was tersely told by the Archdiocesan Chancellor that he would have to vacate Morning Star as it was being sold. Despite his protestations the move of all the furniture and fittings was perforce carried out, over one weekend by the parishioners, down the hill to the chapel at Greyfriars. Situated in a lovely rural setting, the small chapel overlooking Sunnyside Beach on Port Phillip Bay was to be the spiritual home of St Thomas More parish for nearly four years.

Extract from 'Journey of a Faith Community 1977 - 2004' compiled by Tom Johnstone





We pray for...

Those who have died during January ... Josephine Stephenson, Maria Cincotta, Kathleen Sheehy and John Eddy (father of Sue Carr)

those whose anniversaries fell during the month of January.... Aubrey Pearson, John Koppenol, George Morrow, George Grech, Valda Pierce, Tomasine Hennessy, Maurice Carr, Sidney A. Smith, Karel Merkus, Tony Pinnuck, Brendan Dickson, Agnes McDonald, Inga Kufer, Keith Jackson, Michael Gleesa, James Breen, Dr Ralph Skinner, Elizabeth Morese, Margaret Connolly, Mary "Maisie" Horrigan, Doreen Lloyd

those whose anniversaries are this coming week....

Catherine Brennan, Doris Clark, John C. McCartney, John M. McCartney, Isadore Blake

the sick... David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew Worthington, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greff, Michael Blick, Ann Shackleton, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Fr. Michael Walsh, Jake Steyn, Adrian Gobel, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre & 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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Responsorial Psalm

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30

Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Financial Matters

Stewardship	Actual	Pledge
23rd December	\$2,328	\$1,775
30th December	\$1,098	\$1,212
Average December	\$2,733	
Jan-Dec 2018	\$159,073	\$168,442
6th January	\$5,881	\$7,231
13th January	\$2,146	\$2,281
20th January	\$3,028	\$2,915
Presbytery		
23rd December	\$1,407	
30th December	\$1,057	
6th January	\$1,210	
13th January	\$1,032	
20th January	\$1,065	

(Please note that the majority of our contributions are done electronically via Direct Debit & Credit Card Payments) Thanks

Next Week's Roster - 2/3 February

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	G. Hannan	K. Donovan	P. Griffin
Comm.	J. Banda	A. Maloney	J. Griffin
Min Euch	S Collins (B) B. Hunt (G) M. Robertson (G)	M. Hansen (B) L. Crowe (G) B. Hansen (G)	P. Royal (B) J. Griffin (G) A Coughlin (G)
AV	J Collins	B Ribbons	L. Crowe
Children's Liturgy	<i>a Heartfelt</i>		C. Parks D. Parks
Morning Tea			A. Davey J. Bruitzman
Counters	TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!		R. Lindner D. McKenzie Y. Minton



Holy Communion

During Communion adults or children who are not Catholic or not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing to any of the Eucharistic Ministers. Please indicate your wish for a blessing by crossing both arms in front of you.

Nametags: The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team invites you to wear a nametag to Mass! This is just one way of us getting to know each other better. You can BYO, or we will have some stick-on ones available each week.

What's Happening Here...

STM Social Club

Fun & Friendship For All

New members are always most welcome!

Membership fee is \$20. All enquiries to:
Grevis 0414 527 172 or to Colleen 9787 2479.

Sunday, 27th January 2019 -
Australia Day / 40th Anniversary Special in
the Undercroft at 5pm.

Pizza and DVD movie "A Day in the Life of a Parish Priest" (ie Fr. Peter Fulton), followed by Pizza, followed by a DVD of the Social Club's "Cabaret". Not to be missed!

B.Y.O nibbles and drinks, \$10pp. All parishioners most welcome. Enquiries to Colleen 9787 2479

Tuesday 29th January - Committee Meeting in
the Undercroft at 10am.

Tuesday 5th February - Monthly Meeting in
the Undercroft after 10am Liturgy of the Word.
New members always most welcome.

The **Welfare Officer** for January is Colleen.



Contemplative Prayer

"Let tiny drops of silence fall gently through your day" Silent prayer in the Church each Wednesday from 8:30 am to 9:15 am, followed by Mass.



Plenary Council 2020

If you weren't able to be at the Parish Meeting in November you might like to submit your own personal responses to the Plenary Council questions before 6th March 2019. You can do this online at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or email plenary.council@catholic.org.au or write to the Plenary Council Team P.O. Box 747, North Sydney NSW 2059.

Commissioning of School Staff

Next Sunday (3rd February) at 10am Mass the STM School Staff will be commissioned as the new school year begins, for their important role with the children of our Parish.

Please bring a plate of morning tea to share and stay after mass and share a cuppa together, as we wish them well for the year ahead.

Welcome
back,
teachers!



First Reconciliation 2019

An **Information Night** will be held at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 27th February** with classes beginning the following week. 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 Lys Crowe at the Parish Office, before the Information Night.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Thankyou to everyone who helped with this day at the end of December. Special thanks to Maree Taverna and Anne-Marie Hyde who co-ordinated it all. A fantastic Parish Fundraising effort in raising \$1746.

New Year Hamper Raffle

Thanks, too, to everyone who contributed and then bought tickets in this Raffle. Congratulations to Mary Cameron who won it! Another \$488 was raised from this.

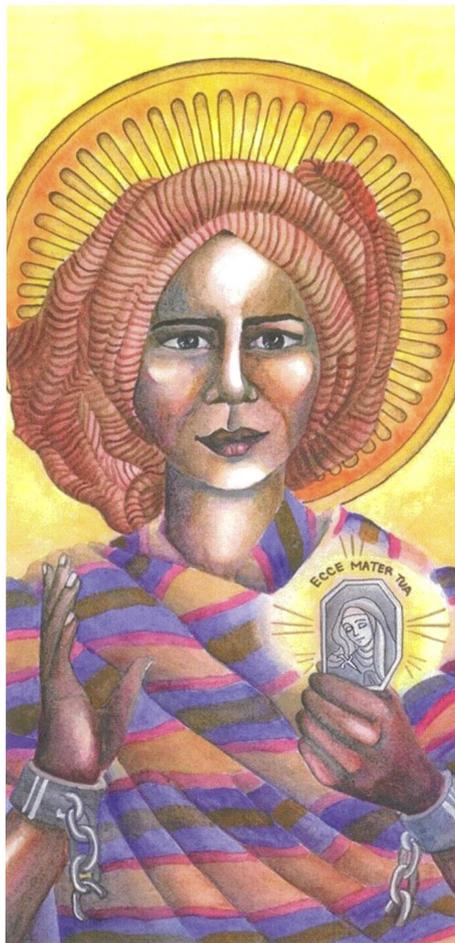
40th Anniversary Celebrations - 9/10 February

Saturday 9th is our Parish Pilgrimage Walk – Booklets are available this weekend.

Sunday 10th is our Celebration Mass at 10am Please note that this is the only mass this weekend – there is no 6pm on Saturday 9th or 8am on Sunday 10th. This mass will be followed by a Sausage Sizzle lunch and we are asking for volunteers please to make some slices/biscuits to have with tea/coffee after our sausages! If you can help, please write your name on the sheet outside the church today.



What's happening here & elsewhere....



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
**PRAYER,
 REFLECTION &
 ACTION
 AGAINST
 HUMAN
 TRAFFICKING**

Thursday
 7 February 2019

7.30pm
 Vigil Mass

Feast of
 St. Josephine Bahkita

Celebrated by
 Archbishop Peter

St. Patrick's
 Cathedral

East Melbourne

Inquiries:
justice@cam.org.au

**ALL
 WELCOME**



St Thomas More's School Community Pathway

The School Parents Association are very excited to announce that starting from Term 1 2019, they will be taking orders for personalised, engraved bricks, which will be used to create a special STM Community Pathway going from the new playgrounds to the school oval. Past and present students are invited to add their names to the Community Pathway by purchasing a brick paver for each child, or one for the whole family. The bricks will be engraved and placed along that pathway to link students from the past, present and future. It is a fantastic way to mark your family's time at STM Primary School and will create a lasting connection for your child to the school.

Staff and Alumni are also welcome to purchase bricks so if you know of any neighbours, friends or family who would like to buy one, please let them know. Bricks can be dedicated to an inspirational teacher or a treasured classmate who attended STM Primary School. The aim is to include as many generations of staff and students and parishioners in the pathway as possible.

Each brick will cost \$80 – orders will be taken starting from 30th January 2019.



Antiques & Collectables Fair 2019

After the success of our Antiques and Collectables Fair last year, this year's Fair will be on **Saturday 30th March**.

The committee are in the process of taking Expressions of Interest from all those who were stall-holders last year as well as others. If you, or anybody you know, would like to express your interest in booking a stall, please contact Michael Robinson ASAP on 0409 165 536.



Baptisms

These are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:15 am or at any of the Parish Masses on the 2nd, 4th or 5th Sundays. **A compulsory preparation night for parents takes place on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Community Centre at 7:30 pm. The next Baptism Preparation Evening will be held on the 5th February 2019.** Children to be baptised, and their families, are then invited to a Welcome Mass prior to Baptism where they are

introduced to the Parish Community and welcomed by them. In order for this to happen, preparation needs to begin at least **4-6 weeks** before the Baptism, with a call to confirm parents' attendance at the Preparation Night. When children of school age are to be baptised an extended preparation time is required.

It is important to remember that Baptism is about the initiation of a child into a community of Faith or a community of Disciples. There is no such thing as a 'private' Baptism... it is something done by the whole Church.