



SEASONS

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

3rd February 2019

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
9.30am, U
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,
10am, C & U
- Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
RCIA Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **SATURDAY**
Parish Pilgrimage Walk
9am at Sunnyside Beach
2pm assemble outside Parish
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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	Liturgy 10.00 am
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

Sunday Masses NEXT WEEKEND ONLY ONE MASS

Sunday 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

40th Anniversary Parish Pilgrimage Walk Saturday 9th February

This Pilgrimage - the vision of Ange Virgona, Maree Shelton & Judy Jones (who have all walked the Camino) - is a journey of contemplation and celebration, stillness and movement. The journey will honour the sacred places of the past and present.

This pilgrimage walk allows our eyes, minds and hearts to be open to the signs and symbols that speak to us of God's presence within our community.

How can you participate on this "journey"?

• Next Saturday

1. A parish led group walk leaving from Sunnyside beach at 9.00am
2. Self-guided walks may be taken at any time on the day. *Please note that the private residences at Grey Friars and Morningstar will only be open from 9.00am-11.30am on Saturday 9th February.* You may like to just visit these two places.
3. Pilgrimage Service at 2pm - meeting at the Parish Office, then proceeding to the Memorial Wall, concluding at the Church

• Any time during the 40th celebration year. *Please note that the private residence at Grey Friars and Morningstar will only be available on Feb 9th.*

• Private Reflection – you may use the booklet at any time for private reflection and prayer during our 40th year celebration

If you are intending to walk next Saturday don't forget to consider how you will get back to our starting point. There is ample parking at the beach and the parish..... perhaps find a friend to car pool and organise a shuttle with – e.g. one car at the beach and one at the Parish! There will also be drivers available to help, especially if you find you can only do part of the walk.

Further information is in the Pilgrimage Walk Booklet. Don't forget to bring it with you!





We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Johannes Bruitzman (father of John),
Richard Hanmer Snr.

those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Fr Peter Fulton, Adelheid Behrenbruch, Jeremy Lourey, Bill Oakes, Mavis McDonald, Laurie Gage.

the sick... Bev Johnstone, 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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31– 13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love: and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel

Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.



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.



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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$1,393
Pledged last weekend \$1,397
January Average \$3,112

Presbytery


Amount received last week \$1,068

(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.

Liturgy Rosters

Rosters are now being prepared for the various liturgical ministries at each of the weekend masses, from the beginning of March until the end of August. Please let Lys know at the Parish Office by Wednesday 6th February if you are unavailable during any of this time or if anything else has changed such as not wanting to be rostered on a particular mass time. If there is anyone new who would like to join any of the rosters please also contact Lys.

Next Week's Roster - 9/10 February

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	No Mass	No Mass	L. Gibson
Comm.	No Mass	No Mass	L. Crowe
Min Euch	No Mass	No Mass	A. Ferguson (B) J. Griffin (G) J. Jones (G)
AV	No Mass	No Mass	D. Coyne
Children's Liturgy			No Liturgy
Morning Tea			Parish Celebrations
Counters			R. Lindner D. McKenzie Y. Minton



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 write to the Plenary Council Team P.O. Box 747, North Sydney NSW 2059.

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.

Tuesday 5th February - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after 10am Liturgy. We will be asking for nominations for positions on the 2019 Committee.

Tuesday 12th February - Sip'n Sew Group will meet at 2pm in the PCC

Friday 15th February - Morning Tea & a chat at "The Sober Mule" in Peninsula Lifestyle Centre, off Bungower Road at 10.30am.

Friday 15th March - Early St Patrick's Day lunch at C.B.'s at 12.30pm

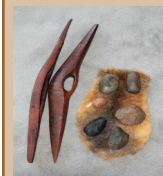
The **Welfare Officers** for February are Tom & Maree

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th February at 9.30am in the Undercroft.



Acknowledgement of Original Owners of this Land

As we do on the first weekend of each month, this weekend at all Masses, we will sing the Aboriginal Lord's Prayer.

As a Parish we acknowledge the original owners of this land, the Bunurong people. We will respect and care for these environs. And we especially remember, and pray for, the communities of Bathurst Island and Alice Springs whom we met on our Pilgrimages.

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.

Commissioning of School Staff



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. We wish them well for the year ahead.



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 & Eucharist this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact Lys Crowe at the Parish Office, before the Information Night.

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Clare and Daniel Parks will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.

Please encourage your primary school age children to join them in the Undercroft, or you might like to go with your pre-schoolers.

Baptism Welcomes



At the 10am Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Spencer and Patrick Boyd** (Parents – Dylan & Jessica) and **Isabel**

Hemsley (Parents – Andrew & Raquel).



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 Bakhita


Celebrated by
 Archbishop Peter

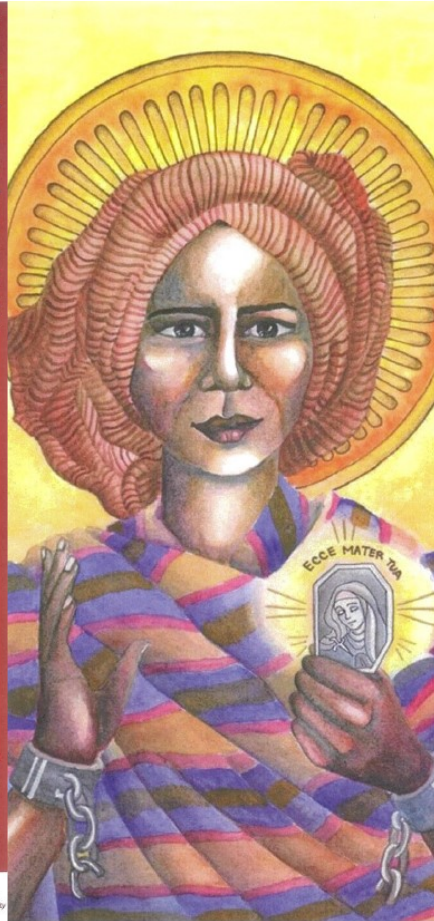
St. Patrick's
 Cathedral

East Melbourne

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**ALL
 WELCOME**

VIC-TAS Catholic ANTI-SLAVERY WORKING GROUP

South Eastern Catholic Community



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 soon.



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 Robertson before 15th February 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.