



# SEASONS

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

10th February 2019

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
Music Group, 2pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**  
Sip 'n Sew, 2pm, PCC
- Parish Education Board,  
7.30pm, SSR
- **Wednesday**  
RCIA, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**  
Godstart Team  
7.30pm, PCC
- **Friday**  
Antiques & Collectables  
Committee 9.45am, PCC



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### Pastoral Leadership Team

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### Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am
Thursday	Liturgy of the Word 7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am
	School Mass 12 noon

### Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

## Happy 40th !

A special welcome to all our visitors here with us this weekend - all those who have been part of the journey of these 40 years of this Parish in all the many and various ways - who have helped build this community of faith. Thankyou for all you've done, and thank you for being here today.



*A few more extracts from 'Journey of a Faith Community 1977- 2004' compiled by Tom Johnstone.....*  
At his second Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1979, Fr Deakin asked for suggestions for a name for the new parish, and three tentative ones were made. These were variations on the titles of the Virgin Mary. There followed what has been described as a "democratic discussion" about the patron of the new parish. This together with the assertion recently printed in the Mt Eliza newspaper 'The Town Crier' that "the people will decide", ill prepared the parishioners for the announcement from the Parish Priest in the Parish Bulletin the following Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February:  
*Parish Name: A lively reaction followed on last week's tentative suggestions. Also a number of facts have come to light which govern any choice. There is already a parish on the Peninsula with Star of the Sea as its patron. Titles of Our Lady abound in the same area, and another addition adds little witness we can give to the Communion of Saints. So permit me to nominate my personal choice - St Thomas More.*

Archbishop Little approved the name *Parish of St Thomas More* on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1979.

However aggrieved some parishioners may have felt concerning the peremptory decision on parish patronage, ever since that time, the choice of patron has completely won the wholehearted approbation of the parish community.

*[Editor's note: Any truth in the rumour/Parish myth that since the local Anglican community was St James the Less, then that's why the name for our community St Thomas More was chosen?!!]*



## We pray for...

**Those who have died recently..**  
Anne McGrath

**those whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Michael Pierce, Eileen Kilgariff, Hayden Jackson, Tom Connolly, Terry Sutton, Lee Rayner, Peggy Fox, Alice Murtagh, Peter Crowe, Trish Hutchinson, Leo Fennessy, Patricia Duguid, Pat May

**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.**

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

*Here am I? Send me.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Second Reading:** I Corinthians 15:1-11

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

*They left everything and followed him.*



**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..... \$4,436  
Pledged last weekend ..... \$4,913  
January 2019 Average..... \$3,112

### Presbytery

Amount received last week ..... \$1252

(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.

### Next Week's Roster - 16/17 February

	6pm	8am	10am
<b>Lector</b>	A-M. Hyde	D. Snooks	B. Rodriguez
<b>Comm.</b>	L. Crowe	M. Wunder	L-A. Gibson
<b>Min Euch</b>	J. Hannan (B) N. Davies (G) C. Gascoigne (G)	J. Bourke (B) B. Hansen (G) M. Hansen (G)	R. Storr (B) A. Ferguson (G) C. Judkins (G)
<b>AV</b>	D. McLoughlin	B. Smith	D. Coyne
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			A. Vallesi M. Paton
<b>Morning Tea</b>			L-A. Gibson S. Gibson
<b>Counters</b>			R. Lindner D. McKenzie Y. Minton

### Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2019

This year our Parish will be selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle over six weekends (between 2 March and 7 April). Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More. The prize pool is the same as last year: 3 Cars & 11 vouchers. Permit 10699/18 150,000 tkts issued.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. You can do this online at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://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 12th February - Sip'n Sew Group** will meet at 2pm in the PCC

**Tuesday 19th February - Morning Tea & a chat at "The Sober Mule"** in the Peninsula Lifestyle Centre, off Bungower Road at 10.30am. Enquiries to Carmel on 9787 3757.

**Friday 15th March - Early St Patrick's Day lunch at C.B.'s** at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Grevis on 0414 527 172

**Wednesday 10th April - Ferry trip from Docklands**, including morning tea and lunch: \$49 p.p. Coach to and from Docklands: \$36 p.p. Total for day: \$85 p.p. Bookings and payment must be made on or before the March Monthly Meeting. Enquiries to Fiona on 5976 7064 or 0420 764 234

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



## 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 one will be on Tuesday 5th March**

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.

## 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.

**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.



## Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

Invitation to share in Marian Devotion with the Rosa Mystica Prayer Group on Thursday evenings after the 7pm Mass. All Welcome.

## Thankyou to all who have helped with our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

Thankyou to all who helped with the Liturgy today, with special thanks to the choir. Thankyou to everyone who helped with our lunch especially Ian Glasgow and Joe Smith who cooked the sausages, and all those who brought slices/biscuits to share. Thankyou to all those who helped set up and carried chairs, including the children of 3/4J. Thankyou once again to Monica Hansen who designed our logo. Thankyou to all who were part of our Pilgrimage Walk especially those who volunteered to be drivers. And special thanks to our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – Ange Virgona, Maree Shelton, Maree Taverna, Lys Crowe and Fr Laurie for all their planning and the behind the scenes bits and pieces they did to make our celebrations happen. **Happy 40<sup>th</sup> everyone!**

## Antiques & Collectables Fair 2019

After the success of our Antiques and Collectables Fair last year, this years Fair will be on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.





# What's happening here & elsewhere....

## 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 – For more information please contact Marcus : [marcuslbenbow@gmail.com](mailto:marcuslbenbow@gmail.com)



### Wall of Remembrance



Bronze plaques are available for the Wall of Remembrance, please contact Vicki in the office for an order form, or to make an appointment to come in and prepare a draft.

Plaques usually cost around \$280, depending on the wording, and images (if any).

If you haven't already reserved/purchased a brick - to which the plaque will be fixed - this will need to be arranged at the same time, at a cost of \$120.



Organ and Vocal Concert to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 19th February, 2019 at 6.30pm.

This concert will feature the great French Organist Johann Vexo (former Choir Organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris) and French Tenor Damien Rivière.

Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions).  
Children under 15 free

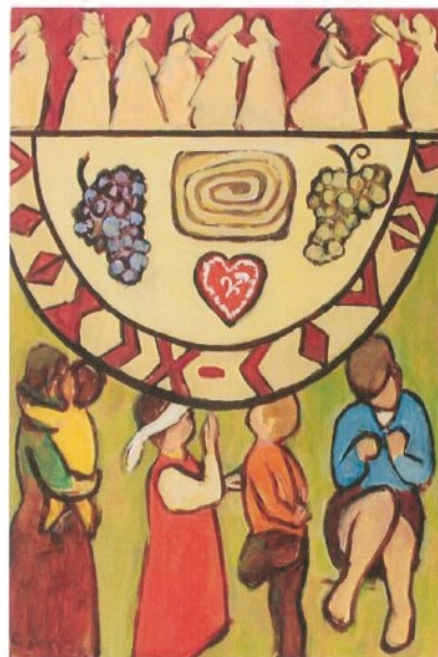
Bookings: At the door or  
<https://www.trybooking.com/ZONI>



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

**SLOVENIA**

'Come—Everything Is Ready'



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

10.30am: Morning Tea

11.00am: Service

High Street Uniting Church (16-18 High Street Frankston)

*Everyone is most welcome to join us.*