



SEASONS

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

17th 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 UC

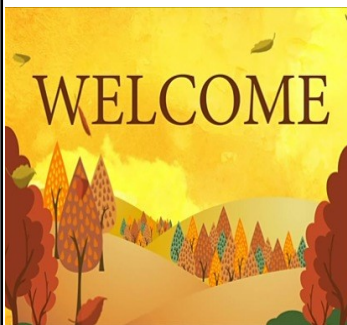
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC

Wednesday

PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC

Thursday

Social Justice Group
7.30pm, 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
School Mass	12:15 pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

As Bracing as a Bucket of Ice-Cold Water!

In today's Gospel we hear Luke's adaptation of Matthew's Beatitudes.

The Sermon on the Mount becomes the Sermon on the Plain. The crowd that gathers in hope of healing includes Gentiles from Tyre and Sidon (not mentioned in Matthew, but typical of Luke). The beatitudes, abbreviated and matched by woes, are addressed to the disciples, not to the crowd. They refer bluntly to concrete socio-economic and earthly realities – poverty, hunger, sorrow, exclusion – in contrast to Matthew's spiritual and religious concerns. More than any other evangelist, Luke has Jesus insist again and again on the need to be free from the tyranny of material possessions.

By formulating the beatitudes so succinctly then inverting them as woes, Luke leaves no room for compromise. One after the other, each saying hammers home the message. For any who might have become accustomed to soft interpretations of Matthew's beatitudes, Luke's version is as bracing as a bucket of ice-cold water.

from: Break Open the Word 2019





We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time... Lucy Tuck, Clare Sullivan, Michael Hauser, Helene Seymour, Catherine Kost, Adelina Mendonca

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26
Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!



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 \$1516
Pledged last weekend \$2051

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$837

(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 - 23/24 February

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K. McDonald	K. Donovan	K. Dobson
Comm.	D. McLoughlin	C. Anwyl	B. Dobson
Min Euch	B. Hunt (B) J. Hannan (G) C. Gascoigne (G)	M. Goss (B) H. Grech (G) T. Woods (G)	C. Judkins (B) R. Storr (G) C. McNamara (G)
AV	J. Collins	B. Smith	L. Crowe
Children's Liturgy			G. Hakim P. Whyte
Morning Tea			F. Fitzgerald K. Hyland
Counters	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 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.

Monday 15th February - Poetry Group will meet at 1.30pm 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.

Tuesday 26th February - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10am

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

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Annalisa Vallesi and Melanie Paton 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.



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

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.

Bring and Buy Stall



Next weekend is the first weekend for this year for our Bring and Buy Stall. More information and all the dates for 2019 are included on the flyer inside 'Seasons' today. If you would like to help as sellers on the Stall for one or more of the months, please contact Lys Crowe or Maree Taverna.

Thankyou EVERYONE

There are too many people to name individually, but thankyou to EVERYONE who helped in any way with the 40th celebrations last weekend. Those who set up, cleaned up, cooked, served, brought food, were part of the Pilgrimage, had a role in the Liturgy, came to the celebrations, and the Committee who made it all happen. It was a great weekend of celebrating the 40 years of our faith community.



What's happening here & elsewhere....



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held in Undercroft at 9.30am on Monday February 18th.

We would like to thank the parish and school community for their generosity leading up to Christmas.

The money raised at the Christmas Appeal enabled us to pay for 60 Hampers and the donations of toys enabled us to prepare 80 toy bags this year.

With the help of Mt Eliza Rotary and Frankston Community Providers we delivered 75 hampers prior to Christmas.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Marilyn Hoban



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.

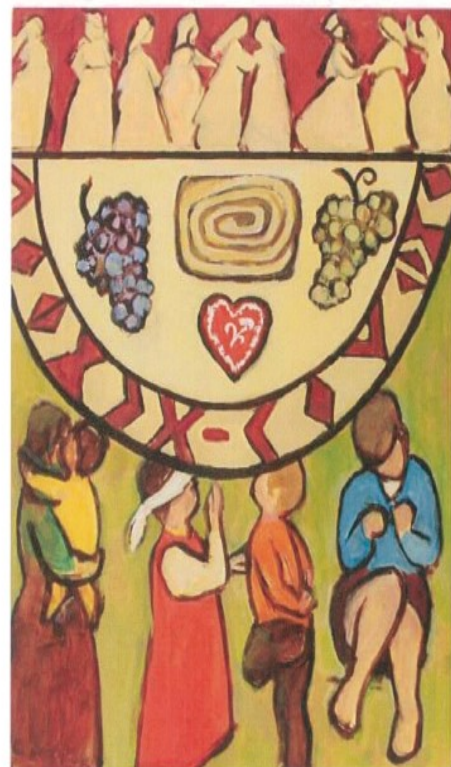
Each brick will cost \$80 – For more information please contact Marcus : marcusbenbow@gmail.com



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'



Friday 1st March

10.30am: Morning Tea

11.00am: Service

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

Everyone is most welcome to join us.