



SEASONS

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

24th February 2019

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

Diary

- **Tuesday**
Social Club Committee Meeting, 10am PCC
- **Wednesday**
First Reconciliation Information Night, 7.30pm, MPR
- **Thursday**
Liturgy Team Meeting 7.30pm, PCC

LOOKING FORWARD

It was pleasing to hear so much positive feedback about our parish 40th Anniversary celebrations a couple of weeks ago. And it was important that we continue to celebrate the story and the people who have brought us to this time.

Perhaps now is the time for us to really begin to look forward. Inevitably there will be changes happen in our parish in the short and medium terms. Some of these changes we will be able to control, some we may not.

SMALL STEPS

Very often it is a “small step” that sets something in motion. Might I suggest 3 small actions that might make a difference to the way we see our church and our community.

Let’s revisit our commitment to East Timor. We used to bring a packet of rice to Mass each weekend. Not that we expected to save one of the poorest nations on the planet from starvation, but as a symbolic reminder that “feeding the hungry” is one of the mandates of the Gospel, a sign that we do care..... Actually the rice that we send does in fact feed the students at one of the Colleges near Laga and people in other villages. Can we revisit that practice and bring a bag of rice (or preferably lentils) each week ? **It’s a small step.**



It’s always good to try to see “the big picture”. Stops us being too introverted. Our parish is one of many in the Archdiocese that reaches out to people in many and varied ways. Do you know about the work of Jesuit Social Services, The Heart of Life Centre, Spirituality in the Pub, MacKillop Family Services and so on ? Can we stop each week to read the Notice Board in the porch of the Church? Something there may surprise and prompt a response in us *“I never knew that!”* **It’s a small step.**

Our Liturgy has a beginning and an end. At the beginning the Commentator explains what the Mass is about so that as a community we are “on the same page”. At the end the priest urges us to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord” before which the practical needs of our community are explained. “The Notices”!! Can we commit to arrive before Mass starts and to leave when Mass is finished ? **It’s a small step.**

“Small steps”! “From little things, big things grow” (Paul Kelly.)



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday followed by morning tea	9.15 am
Funeral for Maureen Taylor	11.00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday	5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
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We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Maureen Taylor, Kevin Churchill,
Glyn Mitchelson

those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Alex Robert Hamilton, Hilda Fitzhenry, Vin Pearson,
Anne Morrow, Peter Wilson, Vincent Keeran

the sick... Chloe, 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.**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not
raise my hand against you.*

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-59
*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must
carry the heavenly image.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new command-
ment: love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Next Week's Roster - 2/3 March

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K. Dobson	K. Donovan	L. Bracken
Comm.	A-M. Hyde	A. Moloney	C. Judkins
Min Euch	S. Collins (B) J. Hannan (G) M. Canning (G)	M. Alaimo (B) B. Hansen(G) T. Woods (G)	L. Bourke (B) J. Jones (G) C. McNamara (G)
AV	J. Collins	B. Ribbons	L. Crowe
Children's Liturgy			No Children's Liturgy
Morning Tea			B. Clutterbuck S. Harland
Counters			J. McCulloch J. Griffin C. Gage

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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$2647

Pledged last weekend \$2745

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$1069

(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.



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.

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 26th February - Committee Meeting
in PCC at 10am

Tuesday 5th March - Monthly Meeting and Annual General Meeting after the 10.00 am Liturgy of the Word. Membership Fee of \$20 is due.

Friday 15th March - The Walking Group will walk along Eramosa Road West to Peninsula Link Trail (Melways 106 9A). Please meet at 10.00 am at the Moorooduc Coolstores Car Park. Enquiries to Gui on 9787 1449

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

The Autumn Edition of Australian Catholics is available at the back of the Church. Take a free copy with you today.



Baptism Welcomes

At the 10am Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Indiana & Evelyn Hawkins** (Parents – Craig & Petra).

Congratulations and Welcome to **Isabel Hemsley** (Parents – Andrew & Raquel) who will be baptised at 6pm Mass.

Prep Welcome Mass next Weekend

Next Sunday – 3rd March – at the 10am Mass all Prep students and their families are especially invited to come along as we celebrate the beginning of their school years with them.

This will be followed by a Welcome Picnic on the Oval to which all parishioners are also invited. A chance for us all to get to know the youngest members of our Parish, and their families, at this special and exciting time of their lives.



Bring and Buy Stall this Weekend

homemade, home grown, handmade

The first of our stalls for this year is this weekend. Don't forget to stop by the stall after Mass and see what you can purchase from the many clever and generous parishioners who have made or grown it! All proceeds to the Parish. The next stall will be on 30/31 March. If you would like to help as a seller at one of the Masses on any of the months, please let Lys Crowe or Maree Taverna know.

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Gian Hakim and Peter Whyte 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.



Morning Tea

After 9.15am Mass on Friday

The first of our morning teas for this year will be on **next Friday 1st March** in the Parish Community Centre. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the special hospitality of our Year 4 students.

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 & elsewhere....

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. ie: for every \$2 Ticket Sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish. The prize pool is similar to last year: 3 Cars & 11 vouchers.

Permit 10699/18 150,000 tkts issued.

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

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.



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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 March 2019 This week on The Journey, our Gospel Luke: 6:39-45, is read by our radio sound editor, Julia Goonan, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey, with her God Spot, "Give it a name", Pete Gilmore encourages us to think about "how do you want to start tomorrow". Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

'Let the Heart Listen' is a 15-week x 3 hour program for people involved in listening to and supporting others. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program runs 9.30am-12.30pm on Thursdays from 28 Feb – 27 Jun 2019 at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$680. Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com



St. Macartan's Catholic Church Mornington invites you to take part in an ecumenical service held at St. Macartan's church at 4 Drake Street, Mornington, to pray for our nation. It will be held on Thursday the 28th of March at 7:30pm. Followed by refreshments. Please join us in this wonderful opportunity to be One in Christ and pray for the needs of our nation.



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.