

SEASONS

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th September 2018

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

Diary

- **This Sunday**
Film Group, *The Wife*,
12.20pm, Mornington Cinemas
- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting,
9.30am, U
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Parish Finance Committee,
7.30pm, PCC
- **Friday**
Walking Group, 10am,
Balcombe Estuary, Mt Martha
- **Saturday**
Parish Working Bee,
8.30am - 1pm



Who do you say I am?

The servant of today's First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, who suffers for the people, is promised God's help. He may well have sung today's Psalm, praising God for his salvation.

The Gospel presents Jesus as the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah, and Jesus speaks about his Passion and death for the first time here. St Mark places this scene at the centre of his Gospel. It is the turning point. He shows Jesus being met with confusion, misunderstanding and non-acceptance. The Christ (the 'anointed one') will not be the Messiah of popular expectation, but one who also embraces rejection.

Likewise, the true disciple is one who demonstrates his or her faith through good works (Second Reading). And of course, faith also calls for commitment, as we, too, try to follow the way of the cross.

Let us pray for the strength, this week, to embrace the ultimate 'good work' by doing our best to imitate Christ's loving sacrifice in our own lives, even in small ways. We ask, too, for the assurance of God's help, as we try to take up our own crosses day by day.

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Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Masses

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

Reconciliation

Saturday	5:00—5:30 pm
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Baptism Welcome



This weekend, at the 8am Mass, we have the Rite of Welcome for **Ezra Calabrese** (Parents – Lee & Nicola) and at the 10am Mass for **Boston Rixon** (Parents - Aaron & Natalie), **Onni & Viggo Meriläinen-Marinelli** (Parents - Rocco & Hanna-Maija), **Angus Whitecunas** (Parents - Keegan & Kylie) and **Nate Douglas-Denton** (Parents - Jason & Nicole).



We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

John Murphy, Luis & Adelina Barbosa - Mendonca, Monica Prendergast, Patricia Ginnane, Michele Rogic, Mildred Hanmer, Edward Doherty, Norman Prendergast, John McLoughlin

the sick...

Baby Patrick Cain, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew Worthington, David Dole, Len Crowe, Helen Gib-

son, John Pingiaro, Margaret Stone, Elizabeth Ware, Erika Stanek, Althea Greff, Michael Blick, Ann Shackleton, Frank Nolan, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Fr. Michael Walsh, Jake Steyn, Shane Dobson, 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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel Acclamation:

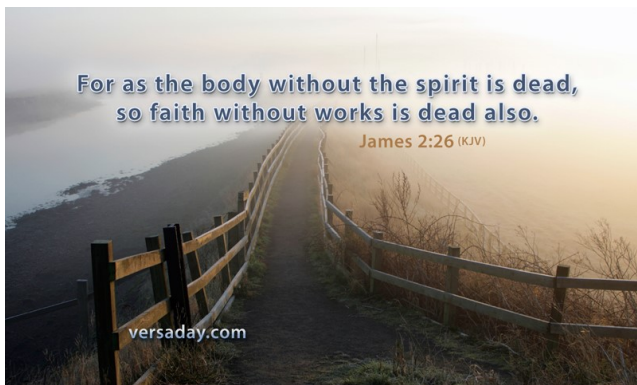
Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.



Next Week's Roster

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K Dobson	D Snooks	Volunteer
Comm.	A Hyde	A Moloney	L Crowe
Min Euch	C Gascoigne (B) B Hunt (G) M Robertson(G)	P McConvill (B) T Woods (G) M Goss (G)	G Hone (B) H Grech (G) Volunteer (G)
AV	B Dobson	B Ribbons	B Smith
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays
Morning Tea			Volunteers
Counters			C McNamara M Alaimo B Smith



Ministry Rosters For September

During this time of changeover in the Parish Office, the Rosters for September won't be done in the usual way! **There is a sign-up sheet on the back window of the Church, above the Offertory Table.**

If you are a Reader, Commentator, Eucharistic Minister, Leader of Children's Liturgy, AV Operator, host of the 10am Morning Tea after Mass, could you please add your name to the list, on the dates you are available. Thankyou.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$3,462
 Pledged last weekend \$2,229
 August Average..... \$3,013

Presbytery

Amount received last week\$915
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

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, 17th September - the **Poetry Group** will meet in the Parish Community Centre at 1.30pm. Your host this week will be Brian McAnallen. All most welcome to join us.

Friday, 21st September - The **Walking Group** will meet 10am at the Balcombe Estuary, Mount Martha, for the board walk. Walk for as long or short as you prefer. Afterward, for refreshments, we will choose one of the nice tea shops near by. It is Spring, come and enjoy the fresh air. For further information contact Gui 9787 1449.

Tuesday, 25th September

10am - **Committee Meeting** in the Parish Community Centre.

12 noon for a 12.30pm start - **Footy Tragics Lunch** at CB's Mt Eliza. Enquiries to Grevis on 0414 527 172.

Film Group

This Sunday, 16th September @ 12.20pm - **The Wife Coming up**

Sunday, 30th September - **Christopher Robyn** Mornington Cinema. Contact Christine 5975 6687 or 0431 696 084.

Celebrating Carers Week

Music Through the Ages at Mornington Estate, 1 Sunnyside Rd, Mt Eliza, **Monday, 15th October** 10am (10.30am start) - 2pm. Join us for show, lunch, complimentary drink, tea or coffee. Cost \$45pp. For enquiries and bookings contact Jim and Betty Bourke 9775 4507.

Welfare Officers for September are **Christine and Nancy**.

Parish Working Bee



A Working Bee will be held around the Parish on **Saturday, 22nd September** from 8.30am - 1pm. These days have provided a good opportunity for all parishioners to meet and share time together. If you can help, even for an hour or so, or help with the catering, please add your name to the sign up sheets at the entrance to the church. **If you have any spare tip tickets** they would be very much appreciated.

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.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Save The Date!



Please put in your diary the date for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Mornington - **Saturday 29th December**. We will have the roster sign-up sheets available shortly.



Antiques & Collectables Fair 2019

After the success of our Antiques and Collectables Fair this year, we are proposing to hold another one next year 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.



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.



Morning Tea

Your hostess this week will be Fay Fitzgerald. You are all warmly invited after 10am Mass to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to get to know some other members of your parish community better. **Volunteers needed for next week's Morning Tea.**

What's happening here & elsewhere....



MECC - Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Mt Eliza Churches Community Services (MECCS) provides a much needed service in our local community enabling people with limited financial resources, who live independently, but are unable to use public transport to get to medical and other appointments.

Through the generosity of its volunteer drivers MECCS provides a free service in the area bounded by the Mornington, Mt Eliza and Frankston post code areas.

MECCS members come from the St Thomas More, the St James the Less and the Village Uniting Church faith communities. So far this year we have responded to about sixty calls for transport assistance. This is an increase on previous years. Consequently, as the need is increasing so is our need for volunteer drivers.

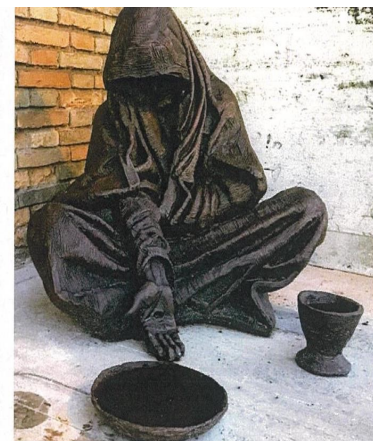
If you are able to help, or, would like more detailed information on MECCS activities you can contact Maureen or Dennis on 9787 3609

40th Anniversary Logo Voting

We have 8 designs submitted for our 40th Anniversary Parish Logo.

Thankyou to those talented people. **Now it's up to all of us to choose which one we think is best!** All the designs are displayed on the windows (facing to the outside) near where the tea/coffee is served. You will find voting forms there too!

Please have a look on your way in or out of the church over the next three weekends, and cast your vote.



Are You (Fairly) New To Our Parish?



We would love to invite you to a meal at Fr. Laurie's house to enjoy the company of other parishioners, both old and new.

Just fill in the form in the folder at the Church porch and we will be in touch.

Would you like to advertise your business in this space in Seasons?

- In colour
- Business card size
- \$50 for one week

We print 200 copies per week, and distribute to all STM School families by email. It is also available on the Parish website for six months. Please contact the Parish Office on 9787 7777 for further details.

Walk of Witness

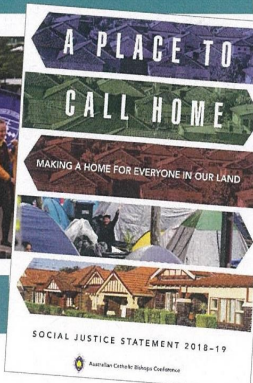
HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2018

- PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN 12.30 – 1.00pm FEDERATION SQUARE
- WALK OF WITNESS 1.00 - 2.00pm
FEDERATION SQUARE to CATHEDRAL via PARLIAMENT HOUSE
Led by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI
- SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH 2.00 – 2.30pm ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We can find no social or moral justification... no justification whatsoever for lack of housing.
POPE FRANCIS



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