



# SEASONS

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st July 2019

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**  
First Eucharist Class, 4pm, PCC
- Wednesday**  
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Thursday**  
Rosa Mystica Prayers, 7.00pm, C  
  
Liturgy Team Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC

Welcome to  
Fr Greg  
Bourke  
who is our  
visiting Priest  
this weekend



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### Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Joe Truong (Parish Administrator)  
from 31st July 2019  
Lys Crowe (Pastoral Associate)  
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### Weekday Liturgy

|           |                |          |
|-----------|----------------|----------|
| Monday    |                | No Mass  |
| Tuesday   |                | No Mass  |
| Wednesday | Liturgy        | 9.15 am  |
| Thursday  |                | No Mass  |
| Friday    | Liturgy        | 9.15 am  |
|           | School Liturgy | 12.30 pm |

### Sunday Masses

|          |          |
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| Saturday | 6.00 pm  |
| Sunday   | 8.00 am  |
|          | 10.00 am |

## First Eucharist 2019

At all Masses this weekend we especially welcome the children who are preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time as they come to make their commitment to the preparation time and to ask us for our prayers and support. First Eucharist Masses this year will be at 6pm and 10am Masses on 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 August.



Dear parishioners,

I am Joseph (Joe) Danh Truong. I believe that you may have heard that Archbishop Peter Andrew Comensoli has appointed me to be the Administrator of St Thomas More's Parish from 31 July 2019. I am excited about coming to join your parish and school communities at the end of this month.



I come to you as a foreigner for the following two reasons. Firstly, I come from a very different cultural background to most of you. My father, along with my oldest brother and sister came to Australia as refugees in 1986. It took my father about five years to settle down in Australia. By 1991 my father successfully sponsored my mother, an older brother and myself to come to Australia for family reunion. We are refugees from Vietnam and we are proud to call Australia our new home. I have done my best to assimilate to the Australian life style and culture. But, I believe that there are lots more that you can teach me about the Aussie way!

Secondly, although I have been in Australia for 28 years, I have not been to Mt Eliza. I do not know anything about this beautiful part of the peninsula. Therefore, I will be relying upon you to help me to become familiar with this area where I will live and minister as a priest.

Since, I am coming to you as a foreigner, for the reasons mentioned above, I believe that it is important that we have a good solid period of time to get to know each other. Then, let us move into a time of discernment to see how we can work collaboratively as missionary disciples of Jesus. I am coming to your parish community with openness and enthusiasm to serve and care for all.

I entered Corpus Christi Regional Seminary for Victoria and Tasmania in 2002.

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# We pray for...

**Those who died recently..**  
Yvonne Curnow

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..** Audrey Wearne, Geoff

Hook, Maureen Sweeney, Prof. Bill Walker, Dr Raymond Hennessy, Ita Koppenol

**the sick...** Maria Taylor, John Gallagher, Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David

Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Fr. Michael Walsh, 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.**



## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Genesis 18:1-10

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:24-28

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

### Next Week's Roster 27 / 28 July

|                           | 6pm   | 8am  | 10am  |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Lector</b>             | K Dobson  | C Anwyl  | L Bourke  |
| <b>Comm.</b>              | M Cameron   | A Moloney  | P Griffin   |
| <b>Min Euch</b>           | <u>Book</u><br>D Wirth<br><u>Gifts</u><br>J Hannan<br>M Canning | <u>Book</u><br>M Goss<br><u>Gifts</u><br>M Alaimo<br>T Woods | <u>Book</u><br>R Storr<br><u>Gifts</u><br>J Jones<br>C McNamara |
| <b>AV</b>                 | T Hogan   | B Ribbons  | L Crowe   |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b> |   |  | E Batey<br>M Moncrieff  |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>        |   |  | B Clutterbuck<br>S Harland                                      |
| <b>Counters</b>           |   |  | Julian Collins<br>M Hutchinson<br>I Owsianka                    |

### Are You New to Our Parish ?



Please fill in a new parishioner form in the folder in the Church foyer.

### Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



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

### 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.

## Financial Matters

### Stewardship

Received last weekend ..... \$4180  
Pledged last weekend ..... \$1934  
Church Loose collection.....\$506

### Presbytery

Received last week.....\$235

(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.



### Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Fay Fitzgerald and Kate Hyland  
You are all warmly invited after 10am Mass to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to get to know some other members of our parish community better. Next week's hosts will be Bernie Clutterbuck and Sarah Harland

# What's Happening Here...

## STM Social Club

### Fun & Friendship For All

**New members are always most welcome!**

Membership fee is \$20. All enquiries to:  
Brian 0428 776 202 or Grevis 0414 527 172

**Today Sunday Film** Tolkien at 12.05pm at  
Mornington Cinema—purchase your own ticket.

**Wednesday 24th July - 10am Morning Coffee**  
at **LILLO Cafe**, 725 The Esplanade, Mornington  
(M145 C1) (On the corner of Hargreaves Street)  
Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479.

**Tuesday 30th July - Committee Meeting** in PCC  
at 10am.

**Tuesday 6th August - Monthly Meeting** in  
Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy in the Church.

**Films - coming up at Mornington Cinema -**  
**July 28** White Crow. Contact: Christine  
Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 59325473

The **Welfare Officers for July** are  
Aileen and Carolyn



## 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.

## Baptism Welcome

At the 8am Mass this weekend  
we have the Rite of Welcome for **Darcy Slykerman** (Parents—Scott & Kristy)



Our next Parish Fundraiser  
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will  
be on **Saturday 3rd August**.

Can you help for an hour or two? Sign-up  
sheet for helpers is in the Church foyer.

**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.

**ROSTERS** : Its nearly time to start  
preparing the new Rosters  
for the various ministries at our  
Sunday Masses. Those already on the Roster  
have been asked to indicate their availability.  
**New people are always welcome!**  
If you would like to Read/Commentate, be a  
Minister of the Eucharist, help with the AV,  
lead Children's Liturgy and /or serving morning  
tea after 10am Mass, please contact Lys before  
the end of July.

**Thank you!**

## Bring and Buy Stall - Homemade, Handmade, Homegrown - Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass—Next Weekend

**How does it work?** - Just bring along anything you have made - could be food or craft - or grown. Donate it to the stall before Mass. After Mass the stall will be open, and people will be encouraged to buy! All proceeds to the Parish. Anything leftover at the end of 10am Mass (except perishable food) will be stored to sell the following month.

**Just remember...** If you are bringing food of any kind - cakes, jams, chutneys etc, they must be labelled with **all** ingredients used, the **date** they were made, and the **name** of who made it. It would be helpful if you could please price what you donate. Those running the stall have the discretion to lower prices, if need be, in order to sell goods!

**Dates for the rest of 2019 are:** 24/25 August, 28/29 September, 26/27 October and 23/24 November.

**Next Weekend's Masses** Thankyou to those who have volunteered to be  
on the stall - **6 pm** - Marg McCorry & Volunteer please

**8 am** - Marilyn Moloney & Volunteer please

**10 am** - Volunteer please

**And we need more volunteers for the rest of the year!**

Please contact Lys Crowe or Maree Taverna if you can help.



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

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I was ordained to the priesthood in 2009 at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne, and since then I have been appointed as an assistant parish priest at the following parishes: Mill Park, Scoresby, Clayton, Mernda and Geelong. Also, I had a period of study leave during which I completed a second unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and two semesters of pastoral studies at Stirling's Theological College.

I chose the image of the Sacred Heart for my ordination prayer card. What I want to convey through the use of this sacred image is that I am ordained to serve the people of God with the love and compassion of Christ. I come to your parish community with only one gift – the love and compassion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I am currently an assistant parish priest at St Mary's of the Angels Parish, Geelong. My main responsibility is to work as a chaplain at the Geelong University Hospital and St John of God Hospital. My greatest passion is to administer and to walk with people during their time of grief and suffering due to illness or other personal reasons.

This is my first time being appointed as Parochial Administrator. Therefore, I ask for your patience and understanding as I do have lots to learn and adjust to in this new role.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Fr Laurie Pearson PE for his years of dedicated service to the people of St Thomas More's Parish. I would like to wish Fr Laurie many blessings in his retirement and am looking forward to have Fr Laurie joining us at various parish events.

Yours in Christ,

(Fr) Joseph (Joe) Danh Truong

## Baptisms

Currently Baptisms are held at 11:15am on 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 6th August.**



## Why Are We Violent?

Friday 16 August – Sunday 18 August:

**Pax Christi National Conference:**

**Keynote Speaker: Dr Susan Connelly**, a Josephite Sister, who has closely studied these issues — especially through the writings of social thinker René Girard — and has worked with the people of Timor Leste for over 20 years. She will facilitate discussion around key themes of the conference so relevant for our times: What is it that makes us violent? What is scapegoating? What role for nonviolence and forgiveness? Venue: Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern. See flyer in Church Foyer



*In recognition of the  
First Anniversary of  
Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli  
as Archbishop of Melbourne*

*you are warmly invited to the  
Mass of the Imposition of the Pallium  
celebrated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana  
Apostolic Nuncio in Australia*

*St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne  
Thursday 1 August 2019 commencing at 7.00pm*

*Followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Room,  
Cardinal Knox Centre*

*We proclaim a crucified Christ:  
(1Cor 1.23)*

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**WEEKEND** *Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!*

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**2019 Victorian weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov.**

*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au*