

SEASONS

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

First Sunday in Lent— Year A

1st March 2020

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**
Lenten Gospel Reflection,
9.15am, C
Social Club Liturgy & AGM
Meeting, 10.15am, C & U
First Reconciliation Class,
4pm, Church
Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.30pm, C

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Fr Joe Truong (Parish Administrator)
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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday social club	10.15 am
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm



Temptation



This weekend we honour the tradition of forming a RICE LINE from the church to the ETM Container. Thank you for your wonderful generous donations of rice. Upon arrival in East Timor this food will be cooked at the school in big pots over a wood fire, mixed with sugar and vegetables and fed to hundreds of the children when they come to school in the morning. Many of them come to school hungry because they have no food at home. You have made a difference to the lives of hundreds of poor children in East Timor.

Les Harper (on behalf of the East Timor Community)

First Reconciliation Preparation Classes 4-5pm



Preparation Classes for the Catechist children will be
Tuesdays : March 3rd, 10th & 17th.

We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Maria Barbon

Those whose anniversaries fall at

this time.. Anne Morrow, Molly Gage, Rosemary Kimpton, Marta Egyed, Doug Lang, Mortimer Hurren, Michael Connolly, Colleen Shannon, Frank & Norma McCann

the sick... Maree Bracken, Maria Pahn, Maria



Truong, Fr Theo Rush, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Bernard Dee, Eileen O’Beirne, Helen Steinbach, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Helen Gibson, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, 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.**

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First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Next Week’s Roster: 7 / 8 March

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K Dobson	A Moloney	L Bracken
Comm.	M Cameron	S Carr	A Ryan
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> S Collins <u>Gifts</u> C Gascoigne H Steyn	<u>Book</u> M Alaimo <u>Gifts</u> T Woods M Canning	<u>Book</u> A Coughlan <u>Gifts</u> A Ferguson G Hone
AV	B Dobson	B Ribbons	L Moore
Are You New to Our Parish ? Please fill in a new parishioner form in the folder in the 	Children’s Liturgy	No Liturgy	
	Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	
	Counters	J McCulloch J Griffin J Collins	

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team (PPLT)

is recruiting new members.

Those interested, please get in touch with Jacinta Griffin, Paul Stinear, Sue Carr or Fr Joe.

Next Week’s Readings - 8th March—LENT

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend\$1,316

Pledged last weekend.....\$1,296

Presbytery

Amount received last week..... \$993

(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 3rd March 2020**



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.



Choir Practice

The next Choir practice will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Wednesday 4th March in preparation for Palm Sunday**

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

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am—5pm

After Hours: Please leave a message on 9787 7777

What's Happening Here...

STM Social Club

Fun & Friendship For All

New members are always most welcome!

Membership fee is \$30. All enquiries to:
Brian 0428 776 202 or Grevis 0414 527 172

Tuesday 3rd March - Monthly Meeting and A.G.M. in the Undercroft after the 10.15 am Mass in Church. New members always very welcome. Membership Fee of \$30 is due.

Tuesday 10th March - The Sip 'n Sew Group will meet in the PCC at 2.00pm

Friday 13th March - 'Broadway to Beleura Gala Concert' at Beleura House, 5.30pm Canapes & Champagne followed by performance at 7pm. Concession \$65. Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479

Monday 16th March - Poetry Group will meet in PCC at 1.30 pm.

Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day Lunch at C.B.'s. Book and pay \$10 deposit at end of monthly Meeting.

Friday 20th March - The Walking Group will meet at 10am in the Dava Hotel car park Mt. Martha, where we will walk to Helena St along the cliff top. Coffee afterwards at the Dava.

Monday 23rd March - Irish Music Afternoon at Tom and Maree's at 1.45pm

Upcoming Films at Mornington Cinema.

8th March = Emma and 22nd March = Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears. Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

21-24 April—Gippsland Trip We would like to confirm numbers for the 3(or2or1) nights for the trip to **Metung Holiday Park**; leaving Tuesday morning 21st April and returning Friday 24th. Any queries - contact Fiona on 5976 7064

The Welfare Officers for March are

Jim and Betty Bourke

A delicious way to support the parish.

St Thomas More Parish

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Buns will be supplied by

Order forms will be distributed 14/15 March

Buns will be delivered 4/5 April

Bushfire Outright

Lenten Gospel Reflection

All Tuesdays during Lent
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March
at 9.15am in the Church

we will share the Gospel together

Sign up sheet in Church Foyer

Stations of the Cross

Thursday nights March 12, 19 & 26
at 7.30pm in Church

World Day of Prayer Our local event is on Friday 6th March at 10am at Mornington Church of Christ, 84 Wilsons Road, Mornington.



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on **Monday 3rd March in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.**

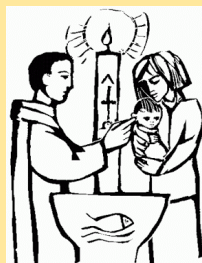
All parishioners are welcome to come along and talk to our members about the work of the Society.

Bring and Buy Stall last weekend

Thankyou to everyone for bringing and/or buying last weekend.

We raised another fantastic amount of \$ 452.50

The next stall is on 28/29 March.



Baptism Welcome

This weekend we have the Rite of Welcome at the 8am Mass for Ava, Frank, Ray and Neave Kemble (Parents – Dean & Clare).

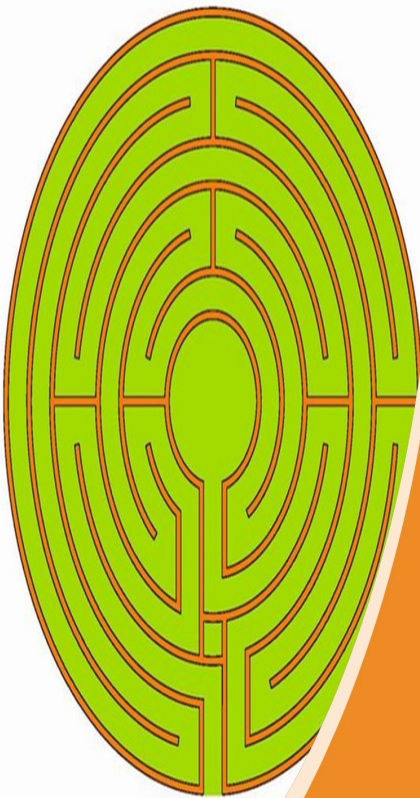
Dates for donations are: March 1st & 8th—Our Parish supports families affected by bushfire. Former parishioners Cresswell family were affected by recent bushfire in Corryong. In order to stand in solidarity with the Cresswell Family we will provide a donation box to help them during this time of crisis.



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Bernice Clutterbuck and Sarah Harland.

What's Happening Here ...



You are welcome to
The Inaugural Walk of
The Clare Centre Labyrinth

Padua College
Oakbank Rd Mornington
Sunday March 15th 2.30pm

Afternoon tea will be served after
the inaugural walk

RSVP March 12th
enquiry@padua.vic.edu.au Attention Ange Virgona
0407 535 704

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available in Church Foyer

Stewardship Receipts and Envelopes are available for collection from the church foyer this weekend. Please collect yours today, to help us keep our postage costs to a minimum. Wherever possible, we emailed receipts during the week to those who contribute electronically or by credit card. If you received a *printed* credit/direct debit receipt, please let us know your email address, so we can cut our mailing costs even further in the future. Thank you!

Parish Fundraising Raffle Tickets = \$2 each. Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More. I.e: for every \$2 ticket sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish. All raffle books (including unsold tickets) **must** be returned to the Parish office with payment **by Friday April 3rd**. Permit 10722-19/150,000 tickets

Acknowledgement of Original Owners of this Land

Being the 1st Sunday of the month we will sing the Aboriginal Lord's Prayer at all masses this weekend. As a Parish we acknowledge the original owners of this land, the Bunurong people. We will respect and care for these environs. And we especially remember, and pray for, the communities of Bathurst Island and Alice Springs whom we have met on our Pilgrimages.



2020 Safeguarding Committee

The next meeting date at 7.30pm in PCC is **31st March (Tuesday)** New members and interested people—**always welcome.**

Consistent with the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards, the Archbishop, through the Professional Standards Unit has requested that all the clergy, staff and volunteers across the diocese to have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Therefore, we invite every volunteer across all parish ministry groups, to apply for a Working with Children Check, if you have not already done so.

The Working with children Check is **free** for volunteers.

If you have an existing WWCC card created for another organisation, please contact the Department of Justice to **ADD** St Thomas More Parish to your profile. The parish office can assist you with the necessary information.



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Year 7 to Year 12

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