



SEASONS

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 September 2019

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,
10am, C & U

Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.00pm C

Welcome to
Fr. Peter Conroy
who will be
celebrating with
us this weekend.



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Weekday Liturgy

Monday		11.30am
<i>Funeral Mass for John Gallagher</i>		
Tuesday		No Mass
Wednesday	Liturgy	9.15 am
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	Liturgy	9.15 am
<i>followed by morning tea</i>		

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am



Annual Collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation

There will be a leaving collection
after all Masses this weekend.

This appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by
providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a
comfortable standard of living for them.

Acknowledgement of Original Owners of this Land



As we do on the first weekend of each month, this weekend at all
Masses, we will sing the Aboriginal Lord's Prayer.

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 met on our Pilgrimages.



We pray for...

Those who died recently..
Kevin McCarthy, John Gallagher

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
Leo Mulcahy, Ben Grootcholten, Leslie Russell, Fr John Hardy, Timothy Bruitzman, Nancy Wraight, Fiona Lindner, Reginald Leydin, Norma Jackson, Valerie Crowe,
the sick... Rebecca Hallal, Helen Steinbach,

Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, 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.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24.
You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14
All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.



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.



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend	\$1408
Pledged last weekend.....	\$1335
August weekly average	\$2457
Church Loose collections.....	\$450

Presbytery

Received last week.....	\$752
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(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 7 / 8 September

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	B Dobson	S Carr	L-A Gibson
Comm.	J Hannan	B Rodriguez	J Griffin
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> A-M Hyde <u>Gifts</u> K Dobson B Hunt	<u>Book</u> H Grech <u>Gifts</u> B Hansen M Hansen	<u>Book</u> P Griffin <u>Gifts</u> R Storr L Crowe
AV	T Hogan	I Owsianka	B Smith
Children's Liturgy	New Rosters have been distributed during the week via email. Those without email were posted.		A Virgona T Virgona
Morning Tea			B Clutterbuck S Harland
Counters			C McNamara M Alaimo B. Smith

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass



Eleanor Batey 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.



Morning Tea

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

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.

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

Tuesday 3rd September - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Liturgy in Church. New members always very welcome.

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



Wednesday 11th September - Morning Coffee and a Chat at Degani's, Benton Square (M145 G6) at 10.00am. Enquires to Grevis on 0414 527 172

Wednesday 18th September - Visit to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens (M133 K10) at 10.00am. BYO Picnic lunch or buy lunch at Café. Enquiries to Brian on 0428 776 202



Wednesday 9th October - Visit Gunnery at Flinders at 9.00am. Lunch at Flinders Golf Club. 12 to 12.30pm Enquiries to Brian on 0428 776 202

The Welfare Officers for September are Nancy and Colleen

Are You New to Our Parish ?

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



Baptism Welcome

At the 10am Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Archie Edwards** (Parents – Glenn & Sarah).



Morning Tea

After 9.15am Liturgy on Friday

Morning Tea will be held after the 9:15am Liturgy this Friday, All welcome to come to the Parish Community Centre to enjoy the special hospitality of some of our year 4 students.

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, September 2nd at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.



All parishioners are welcome to come along and learn more about the work of the Society.

Thank you Marilyn Hoban

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



Invitation to share in Marian Devotion with the Rosa Mystica Prayer Group this Thursday evening at 7pm. All Welcome.

Nametags: The PPLT invites and encourages everyone to please wear a nametag to Mass as a way of us all getting to know each other. You can BYO or stick-on ones are available outside the Church each weekend.

Bring and Buy Stall last weekend

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

We raised another fantastic amount of \$320.

The next stall is on 28/29 September.



CatholicCare Appeal on weekend of 10-11 August raised \$ 410. Thank you for our generosity. This money will be helping Victorians in need.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS 2019:

Dear Parishioners, families and friends,

I am writing to you to inform you that the Principal Appointment Process, as per the "Appointing a Parish Primary School Principal – Procedures for the Archdiocese of Melbourne" has just begun.

In line with the procedures document, I have formed a Principal Appointment Panel. The panel members that will assist me are;

- Catholic Education Melbourne Executive Director's Nominee - Mrs Maree Holmes
- An experienced, current Principal representative – Ms Tonia Tamblyn
- 2 parent / parish representatives –Mrs Christine Place and Mr Chris Young

This week the Staff and Parish Education Board have met with members of the Principal Appointment Panel, they provided insights into the knowledge, skills and expertise of a new principal for our school. The appointment is for 8 years. Principal Appointment panel will work its way through the various steps of the process over the coming weeks.

The position will be advertised in the weekend Australian newspaper and through the Catholic Online Mail system: Term 3 Weeks 8 and 9. It is a highly confidential and thorough process that will see a new principal being appointed to begin the 2020 school year, **if** all goes to plan.

If we need to readvertise, this will occur and in the event that the timeframe is extended, arrangements will be made for the beginning of the 2020 school year.

May the Holy Spirit guide the Panel's discernment and enrich our discussions. We do ask that you and your family pray for the panel and for the right applicants to apply.

Kindest regards, Fr Joseph Danh Truong

St Thomas More School— Promoting Sustainability

As part of the school's sustainability unit, we are taking part in a whole school recycling project. We are collecting plastic bottle lids, e.g. milk bottle tops. We will forward what we collect onto Envision, a local charity that is collecting bottle top lids to make prosthetic arms for underprivileged children in India. It takes 800 bottle top lids to make one arm, so Envision have set a challenge of collecting one million bottle tops by the end of the year. Please spread the word to family and friends, all bottle top lids are welcome! Bottle tops can be left at the Parish or School



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 September

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.

In order for this to happen, preparation needs to begin at least **4 - 6 weeks** before the Baptism, with a call to confirm parents' attendance at the Preparation Night. When children of school age are to be baptised an extended preparation time is required. It is important to remember that Baptism is about the initiation of a child into a community of Faith or a community of Disciples. There is no such thing as a 'private' Baptism... it is something done by the whole Church.



PADUA COLLEGE PARENTS & PARISHES EVENING – SONGS AND STORIES OF HOPE

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019, 7.30-8.45pm
CHAPEL OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MORNINGTON CAMPUS

You are warmly invited to our Parents & Parishes Reflection Evening for this year.

Last year's event was a great success and we have again invited singer/song writer **MARIA FORDE** to lead us in exploring this year's school theme of **HOPE**.

It will be a wonderful celebration, so please let us know you are coming via this TryBooking link
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=54090>
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or contact **Sarah Hansen on 5970 4293**
or email shansen@padua.vic.edu.au.