



SEASONS

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd September 2018

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

Diary

- **Tuesday**
Social Club Committee Meeting,
10am, PCC
Footy Tragics Lunch, 12 noon,
CB's Mt Eliza
- **Wednesday**
40th Anniversary Committee,
7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Liturgy Team Meeting,
7.30pm, PCC



Next Sunday is Social Justice Sunday

This year's theme is

**'A PLACE TO CALL HOME: MAKING A HOME
FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND'**

*The following are some local facts from St Thomas
More Social Justice Group*



- The people on the Social Security Support Payments cannot pay their way in a user pays society. There is a large hole in the Social Security Safety Net. These people do not have an even playing field when competing for work, due to complex issues and a lack of work for unskilled and semi-skilled work.
- Our SVDP Conference at St Thomas More spent over \$100,000.00 in the last twelve months supporting many people on Newstart. By the time they pay for accommodation they have little money for food, utilities and personal needs.
- The fact is, affordable housing is considered affordable where the cost of the rent is no more than 30 per cent of the household budget. Noting someone on Newstart an affordable rental is pretty hard to find. Newstart is about \$270.00 per week plus rental assistance \$33.00 = \$303.00 per week, 30% of that is \$90.00. What can you rent for that... then pay for living expenses?
- Anglicare compares the cost of rental properties with income support payments. It found only 6 per cent of rental properties across Australia were affordable for people on income support.
- Some facts from the Frankston Council Executive Summary dated 13th August 2018 on Raise the Rate for Newstart, the campaign is being run by ACOSS and supported by Local Government throughout Australia.
- With unemployment and youth disengagement being high in Frankston City (in the March 2018 quarter the local unemployment rate was 1% higher than that for Greater Melbourne and Victoria) the inadequacy of Newstart, Youth Allowance, and related payments are

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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



We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Michael Shannon, John Bowering, Celestine Fennessy, Patrick Willsteed, Bernice Chute, Sheila Walker, Norman Hellard, Joan Enright, Leo Ryan, Mary Pearson, Thomas Kelly, Edward Doherty, John McLoughlin, Charles Doherty, John Maxwell

the sick...

Bernice Prior, 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seed sown in a spirit of peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.



Next Week's Roster

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	<i>Volunteer</i>	A Davies	<i>Volunteer</i>
Comm.	<i>Volunteer</i>	A Moloney	<i>Volunteer</i>
Min Euch	<i>Volunteer (B)</i> S Collins (G) <i>Volunteer (G)</i>	<i>Volunteer (B)</i> <i>Volunteer (G)</i> <i>Volunteer (G)</i>	<i>Volunteer (B)</i> <i>Volunteer (G)</i> <i>Volunteer (G)</i>
AV	J Collins	B Ribbons	B Smith
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays
Morning Tea			<i>Volunteers</i>
Counters			C McNamara M Alaimo B Smith

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend.....\$3,131
 Pledged last weekend.....\$3,285
 August Average.....\$3,013

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$967

Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



Fathers Day Appeal

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Priests Retirement Foundation Fathers Day Appeal. We raised \$835.00.

Caritas Australia Project Compassion

Thank you very sincerely for the wonderful and generous response you gave to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2018 Appeal 'For a Just Future'.

The Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,514,019. We have been able to provide assistance to those areas hit by disasters like the flooding in Kerala, India and Typhoon Manghkut in the Philippines.

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, 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.

Tuesday, 2nd October - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after 10am Liturgy of the Word.

New members are most welcome to join us.

Film Group

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.*

40th Anniversary Logo Voting

We have 7 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 two weekends, and cast your vote.



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.

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.



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.



Morning Tea Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for this and next week's Morning Tea after 10am Mass.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

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contributing to the levels of poverty, housing stress and homelessness currently being felt in Frankston City. (in March 2018 there were 4,705 Newstart recipients in Frankston City)

- As of July 2018 the average rent for a one-bedroom unit in Frankston was \$235.00 per week and \$310.00 per week for a 2- bedroom unit. The most recent rental affordability data from DHHS indicates that of all new rental letting in Frankston during the March quarter of 2018, only 9% were affordable for people on a lower income. (affordable being Centrelink recipients not having to spend more than 30% of their income on rent)

WHO WILL SPEAK FOR THE POOR?

As followers of Jesus we need to ask for a fair go, by writing to both Labour and Liberal local Federal Members of Parliament, or join the campaign run by ACOSS, or you can support our local Council campaign petition.

Thanks to Ron Conques for this information.

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



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 2018 are:** 29/30 Sept, 27/28 Oct, 24/25 Nov*

Next Weekend's Masses

Thankyou to those who have volunteered to be on the stall -

***6 pm - No Stall** due to Grand Final Celebrations*

8 am - Margaret McCorry

10 am - Gui Hone

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

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

Muscle For Marriage



Marriage can be tough but like anything worth having, it's worth working for! How do we build the strength and endurance to go the distance? Classical wisdom tells us that character and virtues are the key.

Run over four Wednesday evenings in October, Muscle for Marriage will help you build the discipline, courage and wisdom needed to run the race.

When: Wednesdays 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st October, 7pm - 9pm

Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Register: www.trybooking.com/WNRRN

Cost: \$50 a couple for all four sessions or \$15 a couple for one session (Includes materials and a light wine and cheese supper)

Details: Life, Marriage and Family office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au

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.