



SEASONS

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th September 2019

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

Diary

Tuesday

Sip 'n Sew, 2pm, PCC

Parish Education Board,
7.30pm, SSR

Thursday

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.00pm C

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



WELCOME

We're So Glad You're Here!

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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

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am 10.00 am

Child Protection Sunday

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children

Gracious God, you said "Let the children come to me".

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you, God, to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience, build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children flourish and are safe.

Amen

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention



We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. Jim Hunter, Mary Sheila Butler, Myrtle Haines, Maurice Doyle, Matthew Patrick Kelly,

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.

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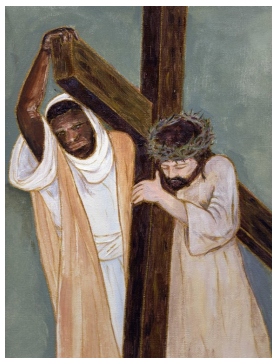
First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18
Who can comprehend the will of God?

Responsorial Psalm
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Receive him, not as a slave anymore; but as a very dear brother.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.



Next Week's Roster 14 / 15 September

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	B Dobson	S Carr	M Gleeson
Comm.	J Hannan	L Crowe	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> M Goss Volunteer	<u>Book</u> R Storr <u>Gifts</u> P Griffin L Crowe
AV	T Hogan	I Owsianka	B Smith
Children's Liturgy	New Rosters have been distributed. If you haven't received yours, please contact the Parish Office		M Paton B Paton
Morning Tea			K Rodgers L Moore F Fitzgerald
Counters			C McNamara M Alaimo B. Smith

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



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

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 Liturgy.



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$4143
Pledged last weekend..... \$4115
Church Loose collections..... \$220

Presbytery

Received last week..... \$614

(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.

Would You Like To Advertise Your Business In This Space In Seasons?

- ◆ Business card size In colour
- ◆ \$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.

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 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

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

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

Friday 20th September - *The Walking Group* will meet at 10am in Safety Beach Car Park opposite the chemist warehouse. The walk is as long or short as you wish, on a flat area along the sea-front. On a good day you will enjoy the fresh air. For refreshments we may choose one of Mount Martha's sea front tea shops

 For further information contact Gui 9787-1449

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

Upcoming Films at Mornington Cinema. The Lion King, Downton Abbey and the Girl who Can Ride. Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 59325473 

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. 

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass



Ange and Theresa Virgona, 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.

St Thomas More Social Justice Group

Reminder:
 The Senate Inquiry into Newstart and related Payments, will close on the 13th September '19
 You can send a small Submission by email, and find the terms of Reference by accessing the Senate Community Affairs References Committee www.aph.gov.au/senate
 For Info on Newstart you can Google ACOSS
 Re: Raise the rate Campaign.

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. 

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.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

Homelessness: Preparing for 2020 Parish Forum, Tuesday 24 September 6pm for 6.30-8.30pm

During 2019 churches and groups across the Melbourne metropolitan area co-operated to provide winter shelter to several hundred rough sleepers on the coldest nights of the year.

One Parish Priest says "Not only are there homeless people in our area, our Parish needs homeless guests to minister to *them*. We need to give our parishioners an opportunity to participate in providing shelter"

This forum will begin to prepare for next winter and help make connections between parishes, churches and groups that will make next year's winter shelter a success.

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Entry via car park off Lansdowne Street)

RSVP: 20 September 2019

Cost: \$20.00 - concessions available, please contact Lucia Brick. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEOEB>
Enquiries: Lucia Brick tel: 9287 5566 or email: lucia.brick@css.org.au

Catholic Social Services Victoria

What's coming up at Heart of Life...

The Hero's Journey, Sat 21 Sep 2019, 10am-4pm. With heroic figures from both literature and film as our guides, we will map the Journey of the Hero: its spiritual significance and its power to inspire. You will be invited to question your own Journey, to discern the presence of the Hero within and to pursue it fearlessly. Facilitated by psychologist and spiritual director Simon Jenkinson. \$60

Spring's Return Creative Enrichment, Weds x 4, 9-30 Oct 2019, 1pm-3pm, journeying with a reflective and creative process, you are invited to touch the new growth, colour and gifts of Spring with your heart space. Come to one or all. \$105 or \$30 per session

Contact Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne



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 1st October**

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.