



SEASONS

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th September 2019

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

Diary

- **Monday**
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.00pm C

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



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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



"working for a just, equitable and compassionate Victoria"



*This is what God asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)*

OUR MISSION

Catholic Social Services Victoria assists the Catholic Church in following the teachings of Jesus Christ to stand with and serve those who are poor, disadvantaged and marginalised; and to work for a just, equitable and compassionate society.

As a peak body for Catholic community services in Victoria we support and enhance the work of service and justice of our member organisations.

In this work we are responsive to the Bishops, our member organisations and the leaders of Religious Congregations, and we draw on the gospel values enshrined in Catholic Social Teaching.

Today is Social Services Sunday
within the Archdiocese.

On this day we are invited to acknowledge and pray for all the Catholic social services agencies across the Archdiocese that offer professional and volunteer services and support to those most needy and marginalised in our society.

More information and support possibilities can be found on the brochures available in the Church foyer or at www.css.org.au



We pray for...

Those who died recently..
 Olga Mary Brady, Abel Barbosa-Mendonca, Fr Burns Huggan PE, Marcia Fiume,

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
 Monica and Norman Prendergast, Patricia Ginnane, Michele Rogic Mildred Hamner, Edward Doherty, John McLoughlin,

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, 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm
 I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Christ came to save sinners.


Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32
There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.



The Lost Sheep by Alfred Soord, 1868-1915

Next Week's Roster 21 / 22 September

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	D Wirth	J Berkery-Coleman	L Bracken
Comm.	M Cameron	M Wunder	A Ryan
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> A Wirth <u>Gifts</u> S Collins N Davies	<u>Book</u> M Alaimo <u>Gifts</u> T Woods M Goss	<u>Book</u> A Coughlan <u>Gifts</u> A Ferguson G Hone
AV	J Collins	B Ribbons	D Coyne
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays
Morning Tea			L-A Gibson S Gibson
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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$2383
 Pledged last weekend..... \$1822
 Church Loose collections..... \$250

Presbytery

Received last weekend \$572

(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 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.

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

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



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 seafront. 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.
Downton Abbey and Ride like a Girl.
Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473



The Welfare Officers for September are Nancy and Colleen



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Katie Rodgers, Laura Moore and Fay Fitzgerald. 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.

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.



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.

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.



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 16th of September 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.

Thank you Marilyn Hoban
bmhoban@bigpond.com



Baptism Welcomes

At the 6pm Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Elyse Born** (Parents – Daniel & Rachel)

Congratulations and Welcome to **Archie Edwards** (Parents – Glenn & Sarah) who will be baptised at the 10am Mass this weekend.

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass



Melanie and Brett 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.

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



On the 18th of October *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

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.

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

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

Wall of Remembrance



Bronze plaques are available for the Wall of Remembrance, please contact Vicki in the office for an order form, or to make an appointment to come in and prepare a draft.

Plaques usually cost around \$280, depending on the wording, and images (if any).

If you haven't already reserved/purchased a brick - to which the plaque will be fixed - this will need to be arranged at the same time, at a cost of \$120.

Are You New to Our Parish ?

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

