



SEASONS

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd September 2019

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

Diary

- **Tuesday**
Social Club Committee Meeting, 10am PCC
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group, 7.00pm C
Liturgy Team Meeting 7.30pm, PCC

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



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Weekday Liturgy

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	Funeral for Adrian Vandermaat 4.00 pm
Wednesday	Liturgy 9.15 am
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	(Public Holiday) No Mass

Sunday Masses

Saturday	Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor



This week's readings challenge us to reflect on our attitude towards money. It should never displace our generous and just God from being at the centre of our lives.

In the **First Reading**, Amos attacks those who take advantage of the poor and attempts to enslave them. God will remember their evil deeds.

The Psalm calls us to praise the Lord who from the height of his throne in heaven bends down to lift up the lowly and set them in the company of princes.

The **Second Reading** stresses that God wants everyone to be saved. So we are to pray for all, especially for those with authority over others in business or government.

In the **Gospel extract**, Jesus tells us to be careful with money. Riches can rule us as a master would a slave, preventing us from using our God-given freedom to love and serve the Lord. Being faithful in small things helps us to focus on the 'genuine riches' in our lives.

This week, let's ask God to help us to be more aware of the real riches in our lives, and to be better able to love and serve the Lord through that.

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We pray for...

Those who died recently..
Adrian Vandermaat, Helen McDonald

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
John Bowring, Celestine Fennessy, Patrick Willstead, Bernice Chute, Sheila Walker, Norman Hellard, Joan Enright, Leo Ryan, Mary Irene Pearson, Thomas Kelly, Edward and Charles Doherty, John Murphy.

the sick... Helen Steinbach, Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Helen Gibson, 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.

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First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Next Week's Roster 28 / 29 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			John Bruitzman Anne Davey
Counters			C McNamara M Alaimo B. Smith

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 \$2462
Pledged last weekend..... \$2482
Church Loose collections..... \$240

Presbytery

Received last weekend \$411

(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

Tuesday 24th September - Committee Meeting
in PCC at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 1st October - Social Club Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Mass in Church.

New members always very welcome.

Tuesday 8th October - Sip 'n Sew Group will meet in the PCC at 2.00pm



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

Tuesday 5th November - F.A.M.E. at Taggarts Buffet Luncheon. \$35 pp. We need definite numbers and payment at Monthly Meeting on 1st October.

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 Lou-Ann and Stuart Gibson. 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.

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.



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.



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



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

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

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 2019 are: 26/27 October and 23/24 November.

Next Weekend's Masses Thankyou to those who have volunteered to be on the stall -

- 6 pm - No Stall due to Grand Final
- 8 am - Marilyn Moloney
- 10 am - Volunteers needed

And we need more volunteers for the rest of the year!
Please contact Lys Crowe or Maree Taverna if you can help.



What's happening here & elsewhere....



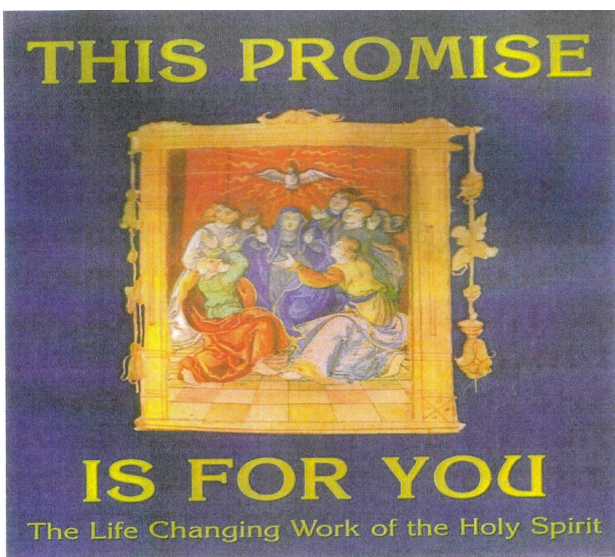
Dear Teachers & Children of St Thomas More Primary School,

On behalf of the children and people of Laga East Timor, may I say a BIG THANK YOU for your wonderful generous donations of rice and other food stuffs last Friday. Also for the great fun in the 'rice line'.

You helped fill FOUR 44gallon drums in our container with food for the poor. 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. The shipping container is now filled and ready to go to East Timor.



Many thanks for your huge generosity.
Les Harper (on behalf of the East Timor Community)



Date: Every Thursday starting 10th Oct to Nov 21st
Time: 7.30pm -9pm followed by cuppa
Venue: St. Macartans Parish Community Centre
4 Drake St Mornington

OCTOBER

Pope Francis' Extraordinary Month of Mission

October 1st A time to Reflect—
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

October 5th A time for Nourishment—
Yarra Theological Union Study Centre, Box Hill

October 12th A time to Experience—
NGV International, St Kilda Road

October 14th A time to Create—
Dorm 1, Abbotsford Convent, Abbotsford



See Church Noticeboard for more information

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

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.

