



SEASONS

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

26th January 2020

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, 7.30pm, C



AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

We bless you, God of the universe,
for this land,
for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.
We bless you for our history,
with all its struggle in adversity,
its courage and hope,
Give us in our diversity
tolerance and respect for each other
and a passionate commitment to justice for all.
Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Thank You Lys..

We will farewell Lys Crowe this weekend after 7 years service as the Pastoral Associate of our Parish.

We do tend to take things for granted at times and each of us will miss you in different ways as you were many roles under the one hat. Thank you Lys.

A formal farewell for Lys will happen at 10am Mass this weekend followed by Morning Tea and an opportunity to say Farewell.

Fr. Joe

We pray for...

Those who have died recently..
Alice Feeney



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
Doreen Lloyd, Doris Clark, John McCartney

the sick... Bernard Dee, Eileen O'Beirne, Helen Steinbach, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke

Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Helen Gibson, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, 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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A—Australia Day Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18
The effect of justice will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:4-11
One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:2-12
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Next Week's Roster: 1 / 2 February

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K Dobson	C-L Hurren	L Bourke
Comm.	D Wirth	M Wunder	B Smith
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> H Steyn <u>Gifts</u> A Wirth C Gascoigne	<u>Book</u> M Alaimo <u>Gifts</u> T Woods M Goss	<u>Book</u> P Royal <u>Gifts</u> J Bourke A Ferguson
AV	B Dobson	B Ribbons	A Ryan
	Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	
	Morning Tea	Presbytery BBQ Get-Together	
	Counters	R Lindner D McKenzie Y Minton	

Financial Matters

Stewardship	Actual	Pledge
22nd December	\$1,501	\$1,466
29th December	\$1,057	\$ 891
Average December	\$2,763	

Jan-Dec 2019	\$143,468	\$148,905
(Jan-Dec 2018)	\$159,073	\$168,442)

5th January	\$5,606	\$5,670
12th January	\$1,640	\$1,530
19th January	\$2,160	\$2,426

Presbytery

22nd December	\$ 663
29th December	\$ 661
5th January	\$ 996
12th January	\$ 771
19th January	\$ 941

Please note that the majority of our contributions are done electronically via Direct Debit & Credit Card Payments

Thank you for your on-going support

Next Week's Readings - 2nd February

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



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,



Are You New to Our Parish ?



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

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am—4pm
After Hours: Please leave a message on 9787 7777

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 28th January - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 4th February - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Mass in Church. New members always very welcome.

The Welfare Officers for February are Tom and Maree Shelton



First Reconciliation 2020

Classes will be beginning soon and an **Information Night will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th February.**

If you have a child in Year 3 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact Fr Joe at the Parish Office, before the Information Night.

Next Sunday 2nd February
Parish BBQ
after 10am Mass



Fr Joe would like to invite all parishioners to the Parish House (adjacent to the church) for a social gathering and BBQ.

Please note that this will be an alcohol free event

Dear Parishioners,

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on

Monday the 3rd February 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.

President St Vincent de Paul Conference.



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.



Choir Practice

The next Choir practice will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Monday 3rd February.**

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.



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

Invitation to share in Marian Devotion with the Rosa Mystica Prayer Group on Thursday evenings after the 7pm Mass.

All Welcome.



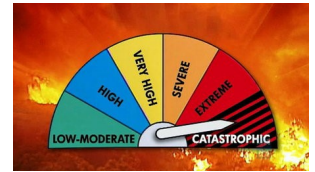
Baptism Welcome

Congratulations and Welcome to **Charlotte Settree** (Parents – Benjamin & Emily) who will be baptised at the 10am Mass this weekend.

What's Happening Here ...

PARISH BUSHFIRE POLICY

With the advent of the Fire Danger Period and given the warnings that risk during Summer are extremely high, the Parish Bushfire Policy will be very similar to that of the School. Schools identified as being at high fire risk will be closed on days declared by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our School (and obviously the whole Parish complex) has been identified as at high fire risk. If the school is closed, the Parish Office will close.



The decision to close will be confirmed by close to 12 noon the day before the planned closure. Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. No Staff will remain on site when the Parish is closed by the threat of fire.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared is to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

This Policy has the potential to impact on some Parish activities. In the unlikely event that Weekend Masses are cancelled - a decision that would be made by 12 noon on the previous day – a message to that effect will be left on the Parish phone. Such a decision would be made reluctantly, but it would be made in good time. Have a wonderful Summer, but do make sure that your own bushfire survival plan is clear and up to date.



Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

Between the months of February and May, the Parish is selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle.

Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More. By pooling our resources with other Catholic Parishes, we've been able to offer much better prizes than we could possibly fund on our own.

Tickets sell for \$2 each. We'd like to sell tickets and distribute books of tickets outside the Church after Mass, but we need volunteers to take this on. No hard sell involved - the tickets should sell themselves. If you can help, (after one Mass, either for a couple of weeks or the entire time) please call 9787 7777 and leave a message for Vicki.

More information next week.

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 4th February 2020**

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.



Our 2020 Safeguarding Committee met on 21st January with members

John Natoli, parent of Primary school children, (Coordinator)
Julie Carter (Banda), parent of Secondary school children & Deputy Principal
and Vicki Abbatangelo, parent & office support.

We are looking for more people to join the Safeguarding committee, please consider helping St Thomas More promote and action a safe environment for, and empowerment of, our Children and Young People.

The next meeting dates are 25th February and 31st March at 7.30pm

More information to follow on the Church Noticeboard in next few weeks.

