

SEASONS

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th July 2018

WELCOME

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

Diary

• This Sunday

Film Group, Tea With The Dames,
Mornington Cinema, 2.15pm

Tuesday

Social Club Committee Meeting,
10am, PCC

First Eucharist Class, 4pm, PCC

Wednesday

Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
RCIA Team, 7.30pm, PCC

• Thursday

First Eucharist Workshop 2,
7.30pm, MPR



Walking With God

For What Do We Hunger?

Today's readings speak of our deepest needs.

In the First Reading, twenty loaves, given to Elisha the prophet in thanksgiving for the first fruits, feed over a hundred with plenty left over.

The Psalm, praises our just and loving God who generously grants all our desires.

In emphasising our vocation, St Paul, in the Second Reading, reminds us that it is God who is our Father - and that he is our unity and our peace. The Spirit enables us to live out our baptism in charity with each other.

The Gospel is the account of the feeding of the five thousand. It begins the famous chapter in St John presenting Jesus as the Bread of Life, the sacrament of unity.

Perhaps this week we can be conscious that the Lord gives himself in so many ways in our lives - and gives not just 'enough', but gives in abundance.

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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday followed by Morning Tea	9:15 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday	5:00—5:30 pm
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Bring and Buy Stall Last Weekend

Don't forget to stop and have a look at the Stall this weekend and see what homemade, handmade and home grown goodies you may be able to buy from our clever and creative fellow parishioners.

This stall is on the last weekend of each month at all the Masses. You can donate anything you have made or grown, for someone else to buy, and the profits go to the Parish. **The next stall is on 25/26 August.**



We pray for...

Those who died recently
Geoff Hook, Julie Morgan

those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Luis Barbosa-Mendonca, Pamela Phillips, Emma Kelly, Peg Collard, Les Collard, Mary Macdonald

and the sick...

Andrew Worthington, Del Seletto, David Dole, Len Crowe, Marj Hansen, Helen Gibson, John Pingiaro,

Peter Rampant, Margaret Stone, Elizabeth Ware, Jake Steyn, Erika Stanek, Althea Greff, Michael Blick, Ann Shackleton, Frank Nolan, Marcia Fiume, Leonie Purcell, Gerard Carra, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Fr. Michael Walsh, 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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Kings4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

Responsorial Psalm

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

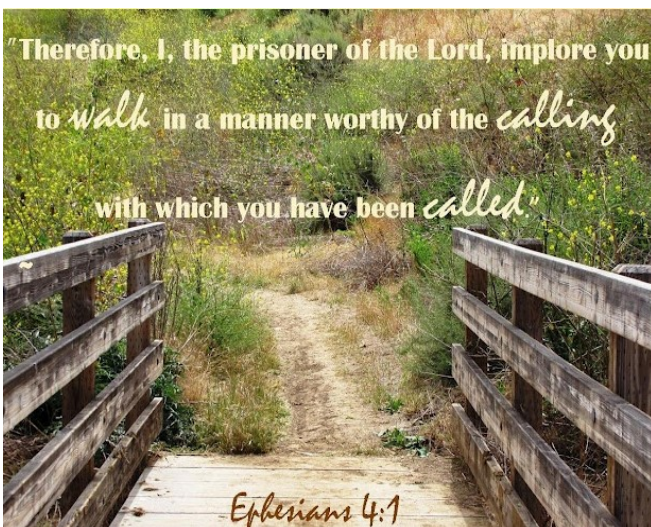
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Next Week's Roster

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	L Crowe	A. Davies	C Huggard
Comm.	K McDonald	M Gleeson	P Griffin
Min Euch	A Hyde (B) B Hunt (G) M Robertson (G)	J Bourke (B) B Ribbons (G) M Alaimo (G)	C McNamara(B) A Ferguson (G) R Storr (G)
AV	J Collins	L Crowe	B Dobson
Children's Liturgy			E Natoli J Natoli
Morning Tea			B Rodriguez I Owsianka
Counters			D Hunt Z Hunt D Cleary



Morning Tea

After 9.15am Mass on Friday

Morning Tea will be held after the 9:15am Mass this Friday, 3rd August.

All welcome to come to the Parish Community Centre to enjoy the special hospitality of some of our Year 4 students.



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.

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, 31st July - Committee Meeting in the Parish Community Centre at 10am.

Tuesday, 7th August - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy of the Word.

New members are always most welcome.

Sunday, 19th August - Lunch with Jaz music at the Balnarring Bakery (M 193 D5) beginning at 12 noon. Please book and pay a \$10 deposit after meeting. Enquiries to Grevis on 0410 527 172.

Film Group

Upcoming Films:

This Sunday, 29th July - *Tea With The Dames*, Mornington Cinema @ 2.15pm

Sunday, 5th August - *Mama Mia*

August **Welfare Officer** is Margo Munro.

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.



Choir Practice

The next Choir practice will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Wednesday 1st August**.

Plenary Council 2020

The PPLT encourages you to keep up-to-date with all the planning for this special event in the life of the Australian Church. Go to <http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> where you will find interesting and informative video clips and other information. Click on subscribe and you will receive all the updates as they become available.

PlenaryCouncil2020

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

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.



A Thousand Thanks From Irene

I've been really touched by the many fond farewell messages I've received over the past few weeks, and especially last week's lunch. Thank you very much to the PPLT, to Lys and Cherie, and of course to Fr Laurie. ...And to everyone who so generously contributed to my chair: I will certainly think of you all as I put my feet up at the end of the day.

It's been my great privilege and pleasure to work in such a caring community for all of these years.



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. 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.

What's happening here & elsewhere....



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2018 Melbourne Weekend Dates:

17th - 19th August and 9th - 11th November 2018

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

For more information and Bookings please phone Andre and Maria 0403 569 079 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au



Treasuring Our Later Years

Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. Come join our Saturday Reflection Day – 'Treasuring Our Later Years'

Where: The Heart of Life Spirituality Centre
96 Albion Road, Box Hill

When: Saturday, 11th August from 10 am – 4 pm

Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

All enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email holsc@bigpond.com or call 9890 1101 or via our website www.heartoflife.melbourne

**THE
LINDSAY O'NEILL MEMORIAL
ORGAN RECITAL 2018**

SUNDAY 29 JULY 2.30PM




ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
CNR GEORGE AND MOOR STREETS, FITZROY



JENNIFER CHOU
(Toorak Uniting Church, Melbourne)

Program including works by Hensel, Bach, Bouvard,
Wammes and Sanders

FULL \$25 CONCESSION \$20 ~ INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA
ADMISSION AT THE DOOR

Catalyst for Renewal, with The Grail, presents
An Evening with John Allen, Jr.
**Pope Francis and the Devolution of
responsibility to the Local Church.**

How can the leadership of Pope Francis guide the church in Melbourne today -
in these changing times, with changing leadership?
Are we co-responsible - and claiming our own authority
- or passive and obedient?

How can Francis help us be a local community responsible for our own church?

John L. Allen Jr is the editor of *Crux*, specialising in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He has written nine books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, and also is a popular speaker on Catholicism, both in the United States and internationally. The *London Tablet* has called John "the most authoritative writer on Vatican affairs in the English language".

Thursday, 6th September, 7.30 p.m.

St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Rd. East Bentleigh

Bookings are essential online at Try Booking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/WWRZ>

Cost \$20 (\$10 unwaged)

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