



SEASONS

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

First Sunday of Advent Year C

2nd December 2018

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

Diary

- **This Sunday**
Movies - *The Old Man and the Gun*,
Mornington Cinema, 12.25pm
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,
10am, C & U
Baptism Preparation,
7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
InterChurch Advent Prayer
& Supper, 7.30pm, C
- **Thursday**
PPLT Meeting & Dinner,
6.30pm, PCC



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday Lit of the Word (Social Club)	10.00 am
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday, Lit of the Word	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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Be Not
Afraid

As the Liturgy Team met to plan Advent this year, we threw around many ideas and thoughts and, in the end, we decided we wanted to celebrate Advent this year in the context of all that is going on around us especially in our Parish community and in the whole Australian Church at this time.

It's the beginning of a new Liturgical Year, and in the first half of this new year in our Parish we celebrate 40 years since we began, and we will also celebrate Fr Laurie's 50th anniversary of Ordination, *and* his retirement, and all of this means change for us all, and change is often unpredictable, and can cause us to be fearful.

As a wider Australian Church we are preparing for the Plenary Council in 2020, and this too causes us to reflect on change and to image and re-imagine what our Church might look like in the future. It's uncertain, and can be unsettling.

We were reminded a couple of weeks ago in the homily to be not afraid in these changing times, and as a Liturgy Team, it seemed to us that this too is an Advent/Christmas message. An important message for us to focus on and spend time reflecting on during *this* Advent.

In this first week of Advent we are challenged in our Readings, to stand tall, to take heart and to get on living the life that God wants. Can we be not afraid and stand tall, take heart and get on with it? Or what do we need to change, or let go of, so that we can?

Our crib is empty as Advent begins. What fears do you bring to the crib in this waiting time? What's your prayer as you, as we, wait and prepare for change? Can we "sit with the emptiness", the not-knowing and the unpredictability of wondering what the year will bring?

Our invitation in this First Week of Advent is to listen to God saying to us individually, as a Parish, and as an Australian Church, "Be not afraid: stand tall, take heart and get on with living the life I want for you".



We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

R Fisscher, M Leydin, C Wearne,

L Lamm, L Beard

the sick...

David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew Worthington, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth

Ware, Althea Greff, Michael Blick, Chloe, Ann Shackleton, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Fr. Michael Walsh, 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.

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth David.

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O' Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Next Week's Roster

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	D McLoughlin	A Moloney	J Griffin
Comm.	AM Hyde	S Carr	P Griffin
Min Euch	S Collins (B) B Hunt (G) J Hannan (G)	P McConvill (B) S Carr (G) M Goss (G)	J Jones (B) L Bourke (G) C Judkins (G)
AV	B Dobson	B Ribbons	A Ryan
Children's Liturgy			A Vallesi D Wells
Morning Tea			LA Gibson S Gibson
Counters			R Lindner D McKenzie Y Minton



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.

November Mass Offerings



Masses will be offered this week for the intentions of John & Theresa O'Brien, Anonymous, M Hutchinson

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend.....\$2,473

Pledged last weekend TBA

Presbytery

Amount received last week\$1,099

(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.

Interchurch Advent Prayer



A date for your diary! The annual Advent Interchurch Prayer, **hosted by us**, will be on **Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm** in the Church. We have again invited St James the Less Anglican Church and The Village Uniting Church communities to join us for prayer and supper together. Please come along and as we share this prayer time together as Advent begins for us all. Please bring a plate of supper to share.



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Fay Fitzgerald & Kate Hyland. 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.

What's Happening Here...



Happy Birthday To Our 3 Year Olds

At the 10am Mass this weekend we especially welcome all those who have been baptised in our Parish and turn 3 in the second half of this year.

Happy Birthday to Jude Angelico, Austin Jacovou, Ella Bertuch, Harvey Marziano, Hamish Wolverton, Angus Bolton, Harper Pederson, Angus McGrath, Abigail Hegarty, Theodore Jewson, Annie Millerd, Isabel Chard, Harry Wilson, James Bracchi, Maya Stonehouse, Heath Sharvin, Xavier Muscat, Noah McCartney-Rogic, Macy Holland.



Godstart 4 Year Old Mass

Next weekend at the 6pm Mass we have invited all the children who have been baptised in the Parish who turn 4 this year. **Please bring a plate of pre-dinner nibbles** to share with them, their families and each other.

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, 4th December - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy of the Word.
[New members are always most welcome.](#)

Friday, 7th December - A reminder for those with tickets to **Mikado on the Rocks** - Beleura House at 5.30pm.

Wednesday, 12th December - Christmas Lunch at Norwood House from 12 noon. Bring a friend if you wish. Cost \$50pp. Bookings and payment to Grevis 0414 527 172.

Film Group

This Sunday, 2nd December - *Old Man and the Gun* 12.25pm at Mornington cinema. This is Robert Redford's last film. Contact Christine 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473 (I have a new land line number).

Upcoming Movie:
Bohemian Rhapsody

Morning Tea After 9.15am Mass This Friday

Come along to the Parish Community Centre next Friday morning as we celebrate Christmas with our Year 4 hosts. All welcome. Thankyou to all the Year 4's who have hosted the morning teas each month this year.

School Christmas Fundraisers

If you would like to order hams, wines or bakery items for Christmas there are Order Forms and further information available in the Church Foyer.

Bakery Orders need to be returned by Wednesday 5th December and Wine and Ham Orders by Tuesday 11th December.



Vinnies Giving Tree Appeal

Thank you to all who have taken a label from the tree in the foyer.

The gifts, with the label attached, need to be received by Sunday 9th December 2018 so that they can be delivered with the Christmas hampers being delivered to the families during the following week.



Plenary Council 2020

If you weren't able to be at the recent Parish Meeting you might like to submit your own personal responses to the Plenary Council questions before 6th March 2019. You can do this online at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or email plenary.council@catholic.org.au or write to the Plenary Council Team P.O. Box 747, North Sydney NSW 2059.



Baptism Welcomes

Congratulations to **Patrick, Sophie & Thomas Hernan** (Parents – Gabriel & Maria) who will all be baptised after the 10am Mass this weekend.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

Nametags: The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team invites you to wear a nametag to Mass! This is just one way of us getting to know each other better. You can BYO, or we will have some stick-on ones available each week.



Bring and Buy Stall

Thankyou so much to everyone who contributed to our Stall last weekend by bringing and/or buying.

We raised \$550. Our total raised for the year is \$3673.50. A fantastic Parish fundraising effort, thanks to everyone. Our first stall for next year will be on 23/24 February.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day. We have more than enough people which is fantastic. A reminder to everyone to come and buy a sausage or two – and tell your friends as well! – on

Saturday 29th December from 8am – 4pm at Mornington Bunnings.



Thank You, Cherie

We will farewell Cherie Gage at the end of December after 10years service in the Parish Front Office. During that time Cherie has been responsible for preparing "Seasons" each week and for the Powerpoint presentation that enhances our Liturgy.

We do tend to take things for granted at times, but I have had many comments made from visitors about the quality and attractiveness of "Seasons". Thanks, Cherie.

A formal farewell for Cherie will happen at 10am Mass on Sunday, 23rd December followed by Morning Tea.

F. Lawrence

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.

Rosa Mystica Prayer



For the next few weeks the Rosa Mystica Prayer, on Thursday evenings, will be preceded by a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 7pm. Masses will recommence from the 17th January 2019.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thankyou to everyone who so generously contributed to our Christmas Hamper Raffle. (There was enough to make up an extra New Year Hamper to raffle at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle!) 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes are hampers and our 4th prize is a knitted Santa. **Tickets are \$1 each** and are available before and after each Mass over the next 3 weekends.

The raffle will be drawn at the 10am Mass on Sunday 16th December.



Acknowledgement of Original Owners of this Land

As we do one weekend each month, this weekend at all Masses, we will sing the Aboriginal Lord's Prayer.

As a Parish we acknowledge the original owners of this land, the Bunurong people. We will respect and care for these environs. And we especially remember, and pray for, the communities of Bathurst Island and Alice Springs whom we met on our Pilgrimages.

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

- Business card size in colour
- \$25 per 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.

Seasons this week is sponsored by the **Options Ageing Solutions, Aged Care Consultants (Marilyn Moloney).**



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