



SEASONS

Second Sunday of Easter

28th April 2019

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Celebration of
40 years, 10am, U
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Committee Meeting
10am, PCC

Confirmation Class
4pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
RCIA
7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Liturgy Team Meeting
7.30pm PCC

We Welcome
Fr. Peter Conroy
who will be
celebrating with
us this weekend



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am followed by morning tea

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am 10.00 am

Reconciliation

No Reconciliation on Saturday 27th April

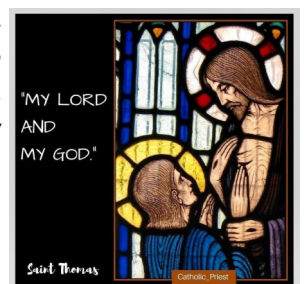
“Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

In these days of the rapid expansion of social media, how do we know what and who to believe? Stories are published with the purpose of influencing public opinion and affecting the outcome of political decision-making. National elections have been won and lost through such interventions. The course of world history may well be affected for generations to come. It has even been given a name: “fake news”. What was once considered to be a lie or an untruth is now simply a strategic tool with no morality or guilt attached to it. Just because something appears on an Internet feed, or the TV news, or in a newspaper, doesn't make it true. We have to discern very carefully before we decide who and what to believe, and before we act on it.

In the first days after the crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples were very slow to believe. They had seen the gruesome reality of the death of Jesus. They had buried him with their own hands and now the only visible evidence they had was an empty tomb. So when individuals came and announced that they had seen the Lord and that he was alive, they were understandably sceptical. Thomas was not to be convinced even by the verbal assurances of his companions. He had to see and to touch the wounds of the risen Christ before he would believe; and then Jesus said to him: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Today we are the recipients of two thousand years of faith-filled witness in the life of the Church. We, too, believe not just because we have been told. We have seen the difference that faith makes in people's lives, in our own lives. We touch the wounds of Jesus as we respond with compassion to the needs of the world around us. We believe that whatsoever we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Christ. We believe that he reveals himself to us in the love that we receive from others and the love that we are able to give to others.

We are not in the business of spreading “fake news” in order to influence people and build a world for those who are rich and powerful. For us, the message of the Gospel is good news. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. He continues to live and love, to bring healing and peace through the lives of his faithful disciples. Jesus so identifies with our broken humanity that the wound of those who suffer today are his wounds. Whenever we reach out in compassion and kindness to touch and heal those wounds, our faith comes to life, so that we can pray with Thomas; “My Lord and my God!”



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We pray for...

Those whose who died recently ..
 June Griffin (mother of Peter), Sandra Frank, Francesco Picone

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. Margaret Smith, Joe Kilgariff, Alma Postregna

the sick... Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew

Worthington, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, 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.



Second Sunday of Easter YrC

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.



Next Week's Roster - 4/5 May			
	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	M. Cameron	C-L. Hurren	P. Griffin
Comm.	A-M. Hyde	S. Carr	J. Griffin
Min Euch	M. Robertson (B)	P. McConvill (B)	J. Jones (B)
	B. Hunt (G)	L. Crowe (G)	L. Bourke (G)
	L. Crowe (G)	M. Goss (G)	C. Judkins (G)
AV	T. Hogan	B. Ribbons	A. Ryan
Children's Liturgy			A. Vallesi R. Cresswell
Morning Tea			L-A. Gibson S. Gibson
Counters			J. McCulloch J. Griffin C. Gage

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 7th May

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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend.....\$2692

Pledged last weekend.....\$2764

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1992

(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.

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 30th April - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10am.

Thursday 2nd May - Morning tea and a chat at Degani's in Mt. Eliza at 10am.

Tuesday 7th May - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy.

Wednesday 22nd May - Breakfast at Taggart's to celebrate the **Club's 30th Anniversary.**
\$21.50 pp Book at next Monthly Meeting.

The **Welfare Officer** for April is Lois

Good Friday Holy Places Collection raised \$855.60.
Thank you for your support.



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.



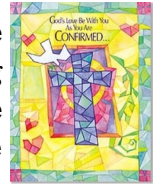
Contemplative Prayer

"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.

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.

Confirmation Commitment Masses this Weekend

At all masses this weekend we especially welcome the young people of our Parish who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



They will make their commitment to this preparation time and ask us for our prayerful support.

Confirmation Masses this year will be at 6pm Mass on 18th and 25th May and 10am Mass on Sunday 19th May.



Morning Tea after 9.15am Mass this Friday

All are welcome to come to the Parish Community Centre after 9.15am mass this Friday – 3rd May – for morning tea hosted by some of the Year 4 students from our school.



Bring and Buy Stall this weekend

Don't forget to stop and have a look at the Stall after each Mass this weekend and see what you may be able to buy that's been created by a clever parishioner!

All proceeds to the Parish.

An important statement from the Islamic Council of Victoria concerning the bombing of Churches in Sri Lanka is available in the Church Foyer. Please take a copy.



The St Vincent de Paul Society will be celebrating 40 years of service to those in need with a Morning Tea and Video presentation **on Monday, April 29th in the Undercroft at 10am.**

All parishioners are welcome to come along and join in the celebrations.

Evening meetings for the Society will begin on Monday May 13th in the Parish House at 7.30pm.

If you are a part time/fulltime worker these meeting are designed to give you the opportunity to come along and find out more about the work we do for those in need.

Thank you. Marilyn Hoban

What's happening here & elsewhere....

The Mt Eliza Churches Community Services (MECCS)

24 years ago some visionary people from the St Thomas More, St James the Less and the Village Uniting Church faith communities came together in response to an observed need for a free transport service to be provided for disadvantaged people living independently within the Mt Eliza area. This service is provided through the generosity of the volunteers using their own cars.

For the first 10 years MECCS was co-ordinated by Rosemary Gibson from the St James the Less, and, for the last 14 years the co-ordination has been provided by Maureen Mirabella from St Thomas More.

For 24 years the fulfilling of this identified community need has been an outstanding success. However, in keeping with the proportional increase of the ageing demographic, the need for MECCS services is also increasing. Consequently, MECCS is seeking to increase its membership.

MECCS has a membership of 35 people and 20 of these are actively listed as available drivers. There are no paid employees working for MECCS

Many of our volunteers have been with MECCS since its inception, and, not surprisingly are reaching an age where they are not covered by MECCS insurance policies. Therefore, the need for new members is obvious. Becoming a member of MECCS is not very onerous. All you need is to have a car and an email address.



The operational requirements are quite simple. A person requiring transport contacts MECCS via telephone. The co-ordinator sends the request details to all members using a group email. If a member is available, he/she responds using the email "reply all" so that all members know that someone has responded.

Even if you are unable to drive, you can participate in this worthwhile work by joining MECCS as a member. Membership subscriptions go towards meeting our main expense i.e. insurance costs

The Annual General Meeting for MECCS will be held at the St Thomas More Parish Centre, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza on Monday the 6th May 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm. Parishioners from the three Mt Eliza Faith Communities are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Dennis Mirabella. President MECCS

The Mary MacKillop Museum at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne tells the inspiring story of Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Museum has a special Open Day on Saturday, 4th May, from 10am to 4pm with a guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11am including a visit to Mary's birth place. A special morning or afternoon tea available between 11am & 3pm.



AN EASTER "THANK YOU" !

It was good to hear so many comments about how meaningful and reflective our Easter Ceremonies were during Holy Week.

I do want to say thank you to those who contributed to the week. There were a lot of people involved including all who volunteered as Liturgical Ministers of Word and Eucharist. But there were others "behind the scenes" who prepared the Church, arranged flowers and kept the Sacristy tidy.

The Choir were terrific once again – the result of commitment and practice which began to happen long before Holy Week.

My special thanks to Lys who put most of the Liturgies together and co-ordinated the Liturgy Team. The "spirituality" of the ceremonies to which people referred was the result of Lys' attention to detail.

This, of course, has been my last Easter as Parish Priest at St Thomas More. Although I might have retired at the beginning of this year when I turned 75, I delayed that in order to celebrate one last Holy Week and Easter with this community (and my Golden Jubilee of Ordination at the end of May),

Thank you all for making our Easter another memorable one.

Fr. Lys