



SEASONS

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

Second Sunday in Lent— Year A

8th March 2020

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

Diary

• Tuesday

Lenten Gospel Reflection,
9.15am, C
Sip 'n Sew, 2pm, PCC
First Reconciliation Class,
4pm, Church
Parish Education Board,
7.30pm, SSR

• Thursday

Stations of the Cross, 7.30, C
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
8pm, C

WELCOME

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Fr Joe Truong (Parish Administrator)
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Sue Carr Paul Stinear

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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	
with Grandparents	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
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Transfiguration

**We too can experience transfiguration
virtue transfigures us**

First Reconciliation Preparation Classes 4-5pm



Preparation Classes for the First Reconciliation will be
Tuesdays : March 10th & 17th

We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

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Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. Jack Need, Ryan Hamilton, Nola Kennedy, John Marshall, Luke Prahley, Peggy Morrow, Ian Stewart

the sick... Maree Bracken, Maria Pahn, Maria Truong, Fr Theo Rush, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte



Rohner, 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.*

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First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.



Transfiguration

Next Week's Readings - 15th March—LENT

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42



Weekly:

- **Thursday 8.00pm** Rosa Mystica in Church
- **Friday 8.30am** Silent Prayer in Church

Financial Matters

Stewardship and Presbytery statistics for the month of March will be displayed in SEASONS 29th March issue.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while Vicki is on a Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Next Week's Roster: 14 / 15 March

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K Dobson	Diedre Snooks	L Bracken
Comm.	M Cameron	Joan Berkery-Coleman	A Ryan
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> S Collins <u>Gifts</u> C Gascoigne H Steyn	<u>Book</u> M Alaimo <u>Gifts</u> T Woods M Canning	<u>Book</u> A Coughlan <u>Gifts</u> A Ferguson G Hone
AV	B Dobson	B Ribbons	L Moore
Are You New to Our Parish ? Please fill in a new parishioner form in the folder in the <i>welcome</i>	Children's Liturgy	Clare Parks Daniel Parks	
	Morning Tea	Anne Davey John Bruitzman	
	Counters	J McCulloch J Griffin J Collins	

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 7:30pm**. The next one will be on **Tuesday 7th April 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.



Choir Practice The next Choir practices will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Wednesdays - 25th March & 1st April** for the Easter Triduum



Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am—5pm
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 \$30. All enquiries to:
Brian 0428 776 202 or Grevis 0414 527 172

Tuesday 10th March - The **Sip 'n Sew Group** will meet in the PCC at 2.00pm

Friday 13th March - '**Broadway to Beleura Gala Concert**' at Beleura House, 5.30pm Canapes & Champagne followed by performance at 7pm. Concession \$65. Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479

Monday 16th March - **Poetry Group** will meet in PCC at 1.30 pm.

Tuesday 17th March - **St Patrick's Day Lunch at C.B.'s**. Book and pay \$10 deposit at end of monthly Meeting.

Friday 20th March - The **Walking Group** will meet at 10am in the Dava Hotel car park Mt. Martha, where we will walk to Helena St along the cliff top. Coffee afterwards at the Dava.

Monday 23rd March - **Irish Music Afternoon at Tom and Maree's** at 1.45pm

Upcoming Films at Mornington Cinema.

THIS SUNDAY 8th March = Emma and 22nd March = Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears. Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

**The Welfare Officers for March are
Jim and Betty Bourke**

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team (PPLT) is recruiting new members.

Those interested, please get in touch with Jacinta Griffin, Paul Stinear, Sue Carr or Fr Joe.

A delicious way to support the parish.

St Thomas More Parish

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Buns will be supplied by

Order forms will be distributed 14/15 March

Buns will be delivered 4/5 April



Dates for donations are:

February 23rd, March 1st & 8th

Our Parish supports families affected by bushfire.

Former parishioners Cresswell family were affected by recent bushfire in Corryong.

In order to stand in solidarity with the Cresswell Family we will provide a donation box to help them during this time of crisis.



Lenten Gospel Reflection

Tuesdays during Lent
10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March
at 9.15am in the Church

we will share the Gospel together

Stations of the Cross

Thursday nights March 12, 19 & 26
at 7.30pm in Church

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available in Church Foyer

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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.



Your Stewardship Receipts and Envelopes



Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Receipts and Envelopes are available at the Church foyer this weekend.

Please collect yours today, to keep our mailing costs to a minimum. Receipts were mailed last week to those people who contribute electronically.

If you contribute by Direct Debit or Credit Card and we don't have your email address, could you please send it to us.

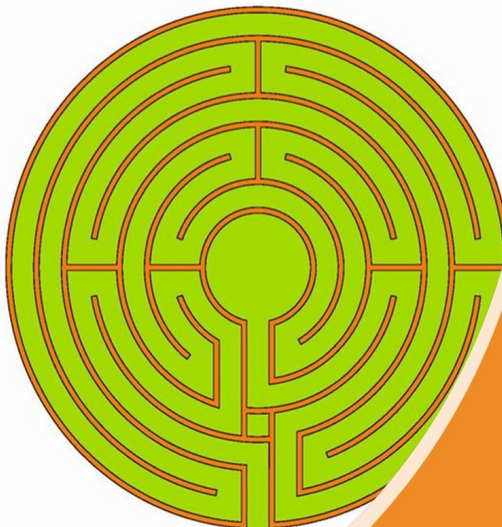
Thank you, Vicki

What's Happening Here ...

21-24 April— Gippsland Trip

A group from the Social Club will be visiting the Metung Holiday Park on 21 April for 3 nights.

If you would like to join us, call Fiona (5976 7064) for more information.



You are welcome to
The Inaugural Walk of
The Clare Centre Labyrinth

Padua College
Oakbank Rd Mornington
Sunday March 15th 2.30pm

Afternoon tea will be served after
the inaugural walk

RSVP March 12th
enquiry@padua.vic.edu.au Attention Ange Virgona
0407 535 704

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. I.e: for every \$2 ticket sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.

Tickets sell for \$2 each. All raffle books (including unsold tickets) must be returned to the Parish office with payment **by Friday April 3rd**. Permit 10722-19/150,000 tickets issued.

*Parish
Fundraising
Raffle*

2020 Safeguarding Committee

The next meeting date at 7.30pm in PCC is
31st March (Tuesday) New members and
interested people—**always welcome.**

Consistent with the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards, the Archbishop, through the Professional Standards Unit has requested that all the clergy, staff and volunteers across the diocese to have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).

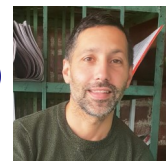
Therefore, we invite every volunteer across all parish ministry groups, to apply for a Working with Children Check, if you have not already done so.

The Working with children Check is **free** for volunteers.

If you have an existing WWCC card created for another organisation, please contact the Department of Justice to **ADD** St Thomas More Parish to your profile. The parish office can assist you with the necessary information.



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

- ◆ Business card size In colour
- ◆ \$50 for one month

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.

GET AHEAD IN ENGLISH

English tutoring available
Year 7 to Year 12

Ask me about "Table for 6"

Call Alicia Canning on 0435 665 477

Current Padua College Staff Member



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