



SEASONS

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

Second Sunday in Lent Year C

17th March 2019

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

Diary

Monday

St Vincent de Paul Meeting,
9.30am U

Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC

Tuesday

First Reconciliation Class
4pm, PCC

Wednesday

Antiques & Collectables Fair
Committee Meeting 9.45am, PCC
PPLT, 7.30pm, PCC

Saturday

Working Bee 8am—1pm



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am
School Mass	12.15 pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

2nd Sunday of Lent

This week another quote from Pope Francis :
"Land is not a commodity, but rather a gift from God".

The land and our environment was highlighted in our Stations of the Cross reflection time last Thursday. ***Our next Stations of the Cross reflection time will be on Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm.***

Our readings today make reference to the promise of God and the relationship God has with the people. We hear of the loving promise made between God and Abram. On Mount Tabor God speaks of Jesus as 'beloved son' and urges Peter, James and John to "listen to him". He urges them to listen to what Jesus has been saying. Jesus is moving towards Jerusalem and his eventual death and resurrection, a path on which we, as brothers and sisters of Jesus are invited. The journey is intended to help us discern our priorities, and to recognise that our responsibility for others goes beyond our immediate community.

The story of the transfiguration of Jesus is a stark reminder of how we might look at our sisters and brothers with the eyes of God who looks at Jesus his son, and says, "this is my beloved". The disciples on Mount Tabor returned to the foot of the mountain with a different perspective having seen with their own eyes something of the relationship between Jesus and his father. **Each of us is called to a new way of looking and seeing, understanding that all creation is within the loving gaze of God.**

Our Project Compassion story this week revolves around connection with land and connection with people. Indonesian sister, Tati, sees in her Indigenous Dayak culture and land a way of living sustainably while maintaining the integrity of her community. She has a more holistic vision of how her community can thrive through celebrating their enhanced capacity for forest conservation and sharing the art and culture of their people. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment, Tati aspires to a future for her family which is free from poverty.





We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

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those whose anniversaries fall at this time... Norah Connolly, Fr Maurice Adams, Unah Burr, Else Bloch

the sick... Rob Storr, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew Worthington, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greff, 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 in Lent - Year C

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm
 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

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: Luke 9:28-36
As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Next Week's Roster - 23/24 March

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	A-M. Hyde	K. Donovan	J. Griffin
Comm.	M. Cameron	M. Wunder	C. Judkins
Min Euch	J. Hannan (B) N. Davies (G) C. Gascoigne (G)	M. Goss (B) T. Woods (G) M. Hansen (G)	G. Hone (B) M. Shelton (G) P. Royal (G)
AV	J. Collins	B. Ribbons	D. Coyne
Children's Liturgy			B. Paton M. Paton
Morning Tea			K. Rogers F. Fitzgerald
Counters			J. McCulloch J. Griffin C. Gage

Eucharistic Ministers at 10am Mass
 A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers at 10am Mass, that we now only require those who are rostered, and not 2 extras as has been the practice.

 **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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship
 Received last weekend..... \$2555
 Pledged last weekend \$2551
Presbytery
 Amount received last week \$1144

(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..

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 2nd April

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...

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.

Monday 25th March - Poetry Group at 1.30pm in PCC - All Welcome

Tuesday 26th March - Committee Meeting at 10am in PCC

Tuesday 2nd April - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy of the Word.

Friday 5th April - PLOS / Broadway to Beleura, Beleura House (bus from Mornington Golf Club 5.45pm)

Wednesday 10th April - Ferry trip from Docklands \$89 p.p. Enquiries to Fiona on 5976 7064 or 0420 764 234

Film Group— Upcoming

Sunday 24th March "Sometimes, Always, Never"

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

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.

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Hamish and Sarah-Jane Anderson will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.

Please encourage your primary school age children to join them in the Undercroft, or you might like to go with your pre-schoolers.

Bulb Drive – Parish Fundraiser

Extra Order forms and information for our Bulb Drive are available in the foyer. Please support this Parish fundraiser.



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.



Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place on

Saturday March 23, from 8am to 1pm.

There are plenty of jobs to be done to prepare the church and surrounds for Easter, including weeding and spreading mulch, a few handy-person maintenance items and cleaning. Quite often we don't make it through the list of projects, however the more pairs of hands we have, the more we'll be able to achieve.

If you can spare some tip vouchers, we would very much appreciate them: whatever we don't use on the day we can keep for the next working bee. Please add your name and number to the signup sheet if you can help on the day,



The next meeting of the

St Vincent de Paul Society

will be held on

Monday 18th of March

in the Undercroft at 9.30 am.

All parishioners are welcome to come along and find out about the work of the Society.

Thank you. Marilyn Hoban

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

Baptism Welcomes

At the 6pm Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Mia McGrath** (Parents – Aaron & Laura) and **Ryley Mellech** (Parents – Steven & Kim).



Congratulations and Welcome to **Spencer and Patrick Boyd** (Parents – Dylan & Jessica) and **Hayden Bradbury** (Parents – Nathan & Rhea) who will all be baptised after the 10am Mass.

What's happening here & elsewhere....



Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

From now until the beginning of April, 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. Ie: for every \$2 ticket sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish. 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.

- 1st Prize : KIA Rio S 1.4Ltr Auto 5 dr hatch including on-road costs valued at \$22,609
 2nd & 3rd Prizes : KIA Picanto S 1.25Ltr Auto 5 dr hatch including on-road costs valued at \$19,240
 4th & 5th Prizes : Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$1,000 (x 2)
 6th-14th Prizes : Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$500 (x 9)

Tickets sell for \$2 each. We will be selling tickets and distribute books of tickets outside the Church after Mass from now until Sunday 7th April.

We encourage parishioners including school families to take a book to sell. To request a ticket - or better still - a book of tickets, call 9787 7777, or drop into the Parish office or School office. All raffle books (including unsold tickets) must be returned to the Parish office with payment **by Tuesday April 9th**. Permit 10849/150,000 tickets issued.

St Thomas More's School

Community Pathway



The School Parents Association are very excited to announce they will be taking orders for personalised, engraved bricks, which will be used to create a special STM Community Pathway going from the new playgrounds to the school oval. The bricks will be engraved and placed along that pathway to link students from the past, present and future. Staff and Alumni are also welcome to purchase bricks so if you know of any neighbours, friends or family who would like to buy one, please let them know.

Each brick will cost \$80 – For more information contact Marcus : marcuslbenbow@gmail.com

Antiques & Collectables Fair



Thankyou to those who signed up last weekend to help with the **Antiques & Collectables Fair on Saturday 30th March**. We still need more help especially to help load and unload trestles on Friday and Monday mornings, before and after the Fair. If you can help in any way over the weekend, even for an hour, it would be most appreciated. Please include your name on the sign-up sheet this weekend.



Vast collection of antiques & collectables for sale.

Many stall holders from around Victoria.

Bring your wares for an expert evaluation
 \$10 fee
 commencing at 12noon
 Bookings Essential

Antiques and Collectables Fair

Saturday 30th March 2019
 9am - 3pm

St Thomas More School Hall/Gym
 313 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt Eliza
 unlimited free parking
 coffee van on site
 Admission - adults \$5



Further information,
 Stall Holders application,
 & Evaluation Bookings
 Michael Robertson 0409 165 536