



SEASONS

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th June 2019

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

Diary

Tuesday
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,
10am, C & U

Baptism Preparation Mtg,
7.30pm, PCC

• **Wednesday**
RCIA Meeting,
7.30pm, PCC



• **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayers, 7.00pm, C

Welcome to
Fr Michael
Morgan
who is our visiting
Priest this weekend



**313 Canadian Bay Rd
Mount Eliza Vic. 3930
Phone: 9787 7777
Email: MountEliza@cam.org.au
Web: www.stm-mteliza.org**

Pastoral Leadership Team

..... (Parish Priest)
Lys Crowe (Pastoral Associate)
Pat McConvill (Principal)
Jacinta Griffin (Chairperson)
Sue Carr Carolyn Gascoigne
Paul Stinear

PPLT Email:
MountEliza.PPLT@cam.org.au

Weekday Liturgy

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	Liturgy 10.00 am
Wednesday	Liturgy 9.15 am
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	Liturgy 9.15 am
Funeral for Margaret Saltmarsh	11.00 am
Saturday	2.00 pm
Funeral for Maureen Carlin	

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal



This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal. Please give generously to our collection at the end of Mass so that we may be able to continue to help those in need in our community.

It also an opportunity for us all to say Thankyou to the St Vincent de Paul members of our Parish, for their generosity and the time they spend reaching out and giving dignity to the most vulnerable people in our community.

At the 10am Mass this weekend all members will pray together their consecration prayer, and re-commit themselves to the important ministry they undertake.

The Challenge of Jesus

Contemporary English is rich with words and sayings from the plays of Shakespeare. One that still has currency is the opening line of Hamlet's soliloquy. "To be or not to be, that is the question". Whether we remember any more of the speech, this line alone is enough to remind us of Hamlet's indecision, the struggle he has to commit himself to a course of action.



What a contrast Jesus is! From the moment he presents himself to his cousin John for baptism, right through until he wrestles with his fate in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus strides through the gospels with conviction and purpose. He sets about his mission with single-minded determination. Nothing deters him from proclaiming the reign of God.

There are passionate people we can admire from afar, a safe distance away from their claims. Not so Jesus. Unless we flee from him, he confronts us bluntly and challenges us to make the same daring choice he has made—to make the reign of God the whole *raison d'être* of our lives, and to do so now. Be warned: this is the Jesus we meet in today's gospel.

From 'Break Open the Word' 2019



We pray for...

Those who died recently..

Reg Fleming, James Heron, Brian Stanton, Margaret Saltmarsh.

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. Alfred Bardsley, Maria Knuckey, Lillian G. Oakes, Nan Hoban, Michael Brennan.

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

Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Fr. Michael Walsh, 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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

Next Week's Roster 6 / 7 July

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	A-M Hyde	A Davies	C Huggard
Comm.	D Wirth	S Carr	R Storr
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> M Jamieson <u>Gifts</u> B Hunt M Robertson	<u>Book</u> M Alaimo <u>Gifts</u> J Bourke M Goss	<u>Book</u> A Ferguson <u>Gifts</u> C McNamara J Jones
AV	B Dobson	L Crowe	D Coyne
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays
Morning Tea			School Holidays
Counters			Julian Collins M Hutchinson I Owsianka



Your Stewardship Receipts and Envelopes

Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Receipts and Envelopes are available in the Church foyer this week-end and next weekend.

Please collect yours today, to keep our mailing costs to a minimum. Receipts were emailed last Friday 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

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$2278
 Pledged last weekend..... \$4129
 Church Loose collection..... \$473

Presbytery

Received last week \$333

(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.*

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 Liturgy.



St Vincent de Paul
Mount Eliza Conference

Next Meeting will be Monday July 8th at 7.30pm in PCC

Thank you Marilyn Hoban

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 2nd July - **Monthly Meeting** in the Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy in Church. New members are very welcome.

Tuesday 9th July - **Sip 'n Sew Group** will meet in PCC at 2pm.

Wednesday 17th July - **Christmas in July at the Marina Restaurant and Lounge Bar, Mullet Street, Hastings (M154 J12) at 12noon.** \$26.50 pp. Please book and pay \$10 deposit. Enquiries to Brian on 0428 776 202

Wednesday 24th July - **Morning Coffee at Lilo Cafe,** 725 The Esplanade, Mornington (M145 C1) at 10am. Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479.

Films - coming up at **Mornington Cinema** - **July 14** Yesterday, **July 28** White Crow. |Christine Stewart 0431 696 084 or 59325473

The **Welfare Officers for July** are
 Aileen and Carolyn

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.

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group
 Invitation to share in Marian Devotion with the Rosa Mystica Prayer Group on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Church. All Welcome.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria re Voluntary Assisted Dying
 Copies of this letter are available in the Church foyer - a response to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* which came into effect on 19th June 2019.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
 Our next Parish Fundraiser Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be on **Saturday 3rd August.**

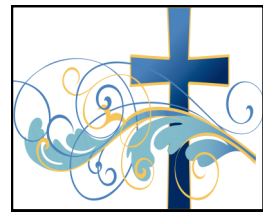
Can you help for an hour or two?
 Sign-up sheet for helpers is in the Church foyer.

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 this Weekend
 Please have a look at the stall on your way home from Mass today and see what you may be able to purchase - made or grown by creative parishioners.
 All proceeds to the Parish.



Baptisms
 These are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:15am 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 July.**
 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.



What's happening here & elsewhere....

St Thomas More School— Promoting Sustainability



As part of the school's sustainability unit, we are taking part in a whole school recycling project. We are collecting plastic bottle lids, e.g. milk bottle tops. We will forward what we collect onto Envision, a local charity that is collecting bottle top lids to make prosthetic arms for underprivileged children in India. It takes 800 bottle top lids to make one arm, so Envision have set a challenge of collecting one million bottle tops by the end of the year. Please spread the word to family and friends, all bottle top lids are welcome!

Bottle tops can be left at the Parish or School

Annual Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 28 July at 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates.

To register visit:

*www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily
or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on:
9287 5587/ lmf@cam.org.au.
Registrations close Friday 12 July.*

In our noisy and busy lives we carry many voices of spirituality within us. Our inherited traditions are familiar yet the invitation is to encounter those from other traditions in our diverse community.

In a single day, participants will journey by listening deeply to five presenters from the Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Indigenous and 'spiritual but not religious' traditions. Each will share their notions of how they listen in their spirituality traditions.

LISTENING FOR WISDOM

Catholic Leadership Centre
East Melbourne
23 August 2019
9:30-4:30pm



Register today at secure.sdiworld.org

For more information see Poster in Church Foyer.

Speakers:

Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr

(AO) is an Aboriginal elder from Nauiyu (Daly River).

Kaye Twining

is the founder of Tree of Life Spiritual Wellbeing.

Annie Whitlocke

is a Buddhist Chaplain and an end of life doula.

Rabbi Aviva Kipen

has served for 25 years in synagogues and university settings.

Jessica Swann

is a journalist, presenter and facilitator specializing in Islam/West relations.

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre at 96 Albion Road, Box Hill, is offering a "Retreat in Everyday Life – an 'at home' retreat" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 5 August and concluding 2 September. During this time, you are invited to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and on Mondays to come to Heart of Life between 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm to reflect with a spiritual companion on how God might have been present for you. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com, no later than Monday 29 July.



Reframing Retirement - Does our sense of vocation, or calling, end with RETIREMENT? We invite you to join us as we reflect on this important stage of life. The Day will be held at Heart of Life in Box Hill and facilitated by a qualified Clinical Psychologist/Spiritual Director on Saturday, 13 July 2019 from 10 am – 4pm. Cost \$60. Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne.

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

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

Catholic Mission collections on 15/16 June raised \$ 433.05.
Thank you for your generosity towards these Good Works.

