



# SEASONS

Third Sunday of Easter

5th May 2019

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

**Diary**

- **Monday**  
MECCS Agm,  
7.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**  
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,  
10am, C&U  
  
Confirmation Class,  
4pm, PCC  
  
Baptism Preparation Meeting,  
7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**  
Finance Committee Meeting,  
7.30pm, PCC



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<b>Weekday Masses</b>		
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	Liturgy	10.00 am
Wednesday		9.15 am
Thursday		9.15 am
	School -Mother's Day Mass	7.00 pm
Friday		9.15 am
<b>Sunday Masses</b>		
Saturday		6.00 pm
Sunday		8.00 am
		10.00 am
<b>Reconciliation</b>		
Saturday		5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

## Lamb of God

What could be more familiar than the words we recite or sing at the breaking of bread: “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world...”? Yet, strangely enough, the phrase “Lamb of God” only occurs in one place in the entire Bible, in the first chapter of John’s Gospel. When John the Baptist first sees Jesus, he exclaims: “Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world” (Jn 1:29). He echoes this shortly after (Jn 1:36).

By contrast, the simple title “Lamb” occurs twenty-nine times in the book of Revelation (also called the Book of the Apocalypse), several of which we hear on the Sundays of Easter. It’s a rich image. It first suggests innocence and vulnerability, as in the text “like a lamb that is led to the slaughterhouse” (Is 53:7). But for the author of Revelation this Lamb is the living, glorious, all-powerful Lord of heaven and earth. The Lamb that was slain reigns victorious.

This is the paradox of the paschal mystery. The one who was rejected has thrown open the gates of heaven. The one who died in weakness has been raised in power. The one who was pinned to the cross has unlocked the wellspring of mercy.

An inexhaustible mystery - no wonder the Church takes fifty days to explore it.

From ‘Break Open the Word’ 2019





## We pray for...

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..** Bernadette Thomas, Lucia Henley, Maud E. Dayes, Keith MacGregor

**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.**



## Third Sunday of Easter YrC

**First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

### Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 5:11-14

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessings.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

**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.



**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.

## Financial Matters

### Stewardship

Received last weekend.....\$1438  
 Pledged last weekend.....\$1264  
 April Average.....\$3208

### Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1025

(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.

### Next Week's Roster - 11/12 May

	6pm	8am	10am
<b>Lector</b>	M. Leamon	C-L. Hurren	C. Tirtowinto
<b>Comm.</b>	P. Leamon	A. Moloney	L. Crowe
<b>Min Euch</b>	M. Robertson (B)	M. Alaimo (B)	G. Hone (B)
	J. Hannan (G)	L. Crowe (G)	M. Shelton (G)
	M. Jamieson (G)	T. Woods (G)	J. Jones (G)
<b>AV</b>	T. Hogan	B. Ribbons	A. Ryan
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			A. Virgona T. Virgona
<b>Morning Tea</b>			L. Crowe K. Rodgers
<b>Counters</b>			J. McCulloch J. Griffin C. Gage

### Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Annalisa Vallesi and Melanie Paton 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.



### Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Lou-Ann and Stuart Gibson.

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. Next week's hosts will be Lys Crowe and Katie Rodgers

# 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

**Sunday 5th May - Film Group will meet Today at 2.35pm at Mornington Cinemas for "Aftermath"**

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

**Friday 17th May - The Walking Group, and anyone else interested, will meet at 10.30am at the Memorial at the top of Cook Street, Flinders (M262 A 8/9). Following the walk, we will visit the Cargo Shed; then have lunch at the Golf Course at 12.30pm. Bookings and a \$10 deposit for lunch can be made at the Meeting. Enquiries to Maree on 9787 3593 or 0418 337 950.**

**Wednesday 22nd May - Breakfast at Taggart's at 10.00am to celebrate the Club's 30th Anniversary. \$21.50 pp. Please book and pay \$10 deposit at Meeting.**

**Wednesday 29th May - Big Afternoon Tea for the Cancer Council (with C.W.A.) at Barbara and Bill's house at 2.00pm. \$5 entry, and bring a gift to auction. Enquiries to Barbara on 5975 2818**

**Films - coming up at Mornington Cinema**  
Saturday 11th May Woman at War.  
Then: Top End Wedding, Poms, The Chaperone and Red Joan. Contact Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

The **Welfare Officers** for May are Carol and Fay

## Collection - Pregnancy Assistance Frankston



Mothers' Day is coming up again! How blessed we are to maintain traditions, in religious and in secular life! For Mothers' Day we will once again be placing envelopes on the seats and in the church foyer for Pregnancy Assistance Frankston. Please feel free to make a contribution which will be very gratefully received, and put to good use for the young mums and their babies with the many material necessities of life. At PAF we always pray for all our donors and benefactors, so be assured that we thank God for you and pray His blessings for you.

## Baptism Welcomes

At 10am Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Lily Pyne** (Parents – Jasmyne & Cameron) and **Mila Culnane** (Parents – Jemma & Matthew). Congratulations and Welcome to **Peter Polas** (parents – Daniel & Jesssica) who will be baptised after 10am Mass this weekend.



The St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding Evening Meetings beginning on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Community Centre at 7.30pm.

All parishioners are welcome to come along.

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



## Bring and Buy Stall last Weekend

Thankyou to all those who brought and/or bought at last weekend's Stall.

We raised \$292 this month.

Our next Stall will be on 25/26 May.

Dates for your diary

**St Thomas More  
Social Justice Group**

**June 20th** - Damian Moloney from Australian Red Cross will be our special guest speaker.

**June 16th—23rd** Refugee Week



## Acknowledgement of Original Owners of this Land

As we do on the first weekend of 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.

# What's happening here & elsewhere....



## The Mt Eliza Churches Community Services (MECCS)

The Annual General Meeting for MECCS will be held at:  
**St Thomas More Parish Centre, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza**  
**on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Parishioners from the three Mt Eliza Faith Communities are cordially invited to attend this meeting.



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

We are aware that many of the Australian Catholic people wish to reach out to their Sri Lankan brothers and sisters at this time. For many decades ACN, as a pontifical foundation supporting suffering and persecuted Christians, has worked closely with the Church in Sri Lanka on projects around the formation of seminarians and religious, the building of churches,

faith education and more. Any offerings for the Church in Sri Lanka can be made online: [www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka](http://www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka)

Or deposited into ACN's bank account named: **Aid to the Church in Need Account number: 008601759 BSB: 012321**

\*Please ensure any deposit includes in the reference field: SL (for Sri Lanka) as well as the parish suburb and state e.g. **SL Penrith NSW**. This will ensure the offering is correctly coded & that we can send an acknowledgement to the parish. You are also welcome to email us at [info@aidtochurch.org](mailto:info@aidtochurch.org) or call 1800 101 201 to ensure your donation is received and acknowledged.

Organiser: ACN Australia, P O Box 335, Penrith NSW 2751 PH: 1800 101 201 [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org)



## ★ Fr Laurie's Farewell

★ The celebration of Fr Laurie's 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary and his last ★  
 ★ weekend in the Parish before he retires will be on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June. We will ★  
 ★ celebrate at all Masses that weekend with a cuppa after each Mass - ★  
 ★ please bring a plate of food to share. At 10am Mass we will have ★  
 ★ presentations and speeches. ★



**Baptisms** These are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at 11:15 am or at any of the Parish Masses on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.