



SEASONS

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

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

9th December 2018

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

Diary

- **This Sunday**
Movies - *Bohemian Rhapsody*,
Mornington Cinema, 2.40pm
- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting,
9.30am, U
- **Wednesday**
Social Club Christmas Lunch,
12 noon, Norwood House
- **Thursday**
RCIA, 7.30pm, PCC



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday Funeral Mass for Ken Allen	2.00 pm
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday, Lit of the Word	7.00 pm
Friday, Lit of the Word	9.15 am
School Mass	12 noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday	5:00—5:30 pm
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Be Not Afraid to find time and space
at this busy time of the year to listen to the
whisper of the Spirit in our hearts.

This is our invitation in this 2nd week of Advent. Perhaps to spend some time again with the emptiness of the crib, as we ponder the fears and anxieties that are in our hearts.

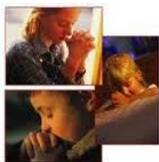
And in the words of our song during Communion this weekend - when we listen, we will hear God speaking to us of God's wonderful ways; we will hear God, guiding us all of our days.

Happy Birthday To Your 4 Year Olds



At the 6pm Mass this weekend we especially welcome all those who have been baptised in our Parish and turn 4 in the last part of this year.

Happy Birthday to Geena O'Shea, Zoe Lewry, Grace Hadley, Hunter & Georgina McCarthy, Remy Lenette, Angus King, Sierra Cattanach, Emilia Kustura, Bridget Reidy, Walter Goddard, Henry Munns, Archie Milne, Theodore Salvatore.



We pray for...

Recent died
Ken Allen

those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Jim & Ella Hutchinson, Audrey Hussey, Tyler Cassidy, Harry Knuckey, Catherine Farrell, Carolyn Royal, Fr. John Pierce, Henry Haines, Wayne Jackson

the sick...

David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew

Worthington, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greff, Michael Blick, Chloe, 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 Advent - Year C

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

All the people shall see the salvation of God.

Next Week's Roster

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	M Leamon	L Crowe	C Tirtowinto
Comm.	P Leamon	D Snooks	B Smith
Min Euch	H Steyn (B) AM Hyde (G) M Jamieson (G)	M Alaimo (B) H Grech (G) T Woods (G)	G Hone (B) J Jones (G) M Shelton (G)
AV	T Hogan	B Ribbons	L Crowe
Children's Liturgy			R Cresswell K Judkins
Morning Tea			K Rodgers B Rodriguez
Counters			R Lindner D McKenzie Y Minton



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Lou-Ann & 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.

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.

Rosa Mystica Prayer



For the next few weeks the Rosa Mystica Prayer, on Thursday evenings, will be preceded by a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 7pm. Masses will recommence from the 17th January 2019.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received 25/11/18.....\$2,473
 Received last weekend.....\$5,321
 Pledged last weekend.....\$5,442
 November Average.....\$2,970

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1,134
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



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.

What's Happening Here...



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

The last meeting for 2018 for the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday December 10th at 9.30 am in the Undercroft.

The Mt Eliza Conference would like to thank all the Parishioners and the school community for their generosity this year. We are very grateful for the help we receive.

All Christmas gift toys need to be placed in the box provided (with the label attached) by December 9th as we begin preparing our hampers and toy bags next week.

We will hold our traditional Christmas appeal after all masses on Christmas Eve.

Thank you
Marilyn Hoban



School Christmas Fundraisers

If you would like to order hams or wines for Christmas there are Order Forms and further information available in the Church Foyer.

Orders need to be returned by Tuesday 11th December.



Each year we help out with this Appeal in conjunction with St James the Less Anglican community and the Village Church Uniting community. Our turn to sit outside Village Fruits is on Wednesday 19th December.

If you can help for an hour or two on that day, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer of the Church. Thankyou in anticipation.

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.

Wednesday, 12th December - Christmas Lunch at Norwood House from 12 noon. Enquiries to Grevis 0414 527 172.

Film Group

This Sunday, 9th December - *Bohemian Rhapsody* 2.40pm at Mornington cinema. Contact Christine 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473.

The **Welfare Officer** for December & January is Colleen.



Christmas Rosters

If you are able to help as a Reader, Commentator, Minister of the Eucharist etc. at the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses, please write your name on the Roster at the back window of the church.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day. We have more than enough people which is fantastic. A reminder to everyone to come and buy a sausage or two – and tell your friends as well! – **on Saturday 29th December from 8am – 4pm at Mornington Bunnings.**

Plenary Council 2020



If you weren't able to be at the recent Parish Meeting you might like to submit your own personal responses to the Plenary Council questions before 6th March 2019. You can do this online at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or email plenary.council@catholic.org.au or write to the Plenary Council Team P.O. Box 747, North Sydney NSW 2059.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

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.

Thank You, Cherie



We will farewell Cherie Gage at the end of December after 10 years service in the Parish Front Office. During that time Cherie has been responsible for preparing "Seasons"

each week and for the Powerpoint presentation that enhances our Liturgy.

We do tend to take things for granted at times, but I have had many comments made from visitors about the quality and attractiveness of "Seasons". Thanks, Cherie.

A formal farewell for Cherie will happen at 10am Mass on Sunday, 23rd December followed by Morning Tea.

Seasons this week is sponsored by the **Options Ageing Solutions, Aged Care Consultants (Marilyn Moloney).**

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Christmas Hamper Raffle



Thankyou to everyone who so generously contributed to our Christmas Hamper Raffle. (There was enough to make up an extra New Year Hamper to raffle at our Buntings Sausage Sizzle!) 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes are hampers and our 4th prize is a knitted Santa. **Tickets are \$1 each** and are available before and after each Mass over the next 2 weekends.

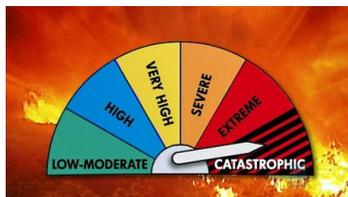
The raffle will be drawn at the 10am Mass on Sunday 16th December.



November Mass Offerings

Masses will be offered during this week for the intentions of the Wines family, John Hamilton, Anon

PARISH BUSHFIRE POLICY



With the "Advent" of the Fire Danger Period and given the warnings that risk during the approaching Summer will be extremely high, the Parish Bushfire Policy will be very similar to that of the School. Schools identified as being at high fire risk will be closed on days declared by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our School (and obviously the whole Parish complex) has been identified as at high fire risk. If

the school is closed, the Parish Office will close.

The decision to close will be confirmed by close to 12 noon the day before the planned closure. Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. No Staff will remain on site when the Parish is closed by the threat of fire.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared is to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

This Policy has the potential to impact on some Parish activities. In the unlikely event that Weekend Masses are cancelled - a decision that would be made by 12 noon on the previous day - a message to that effect will be left on the Parish phone. Such a decision would be made reluctantly, but it would be made in good time. Have a wonderful Summer and holiday period, but do make sure that your own bushfire survival plan is clear and up to date.