



SEASONS

Easter Sunday

21st April 2019

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

Diary

• Tuesday

Confirmation Class, 4pm PCC

• Thursday

ANZAC Day

• Friday

Antiques and Collectables
Committee Meeting, 10am PCC



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Funeral for Margaret Cochrane	11.00 am
Thursday ANZAC DAY	9.15 am
	<small>No 7pm Mass</small>
Friday Liturgy	9.15 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

No reconciliation

Saturday 20th or 27th April

Easter Greetings to all.

Resurrection as a metaphor has penetrated human society. Judaism, Islam and Christianity all believe in the resurrection at the end of time. Even those who do not believe this apply the metaphor of resurrection to arts, to politics, to any human endeavour. Countries, political parties, art forms – even football teams – are always being proclaimed by the media as a “resurrection”. It is good that the word is being used but it is dangerous for Christians. We must not allow the resurrection to be no more than a metaphor. When we hear the word “resurrection”, it often means no more than something which used to be popular has become popular again. The resurrection of Christ means much more than that. It means that a new kind of “human” life has begun, a new life beyond our imagination but not beyond our hope.

We should also remember that the resurrection of Christ involves the cross. Death and Resurrection go together in Christ. As St Paul says in the letter to the Romans: “Christ Jesus not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hands he stands and pleads for us.”

So we have to be careful about metaphors of resurrection. Yes, it is true that there are resurrections in this life. The Church herself has often seemed to die, yet has always come back to life; a fire that cannot be wholly extinguished. That’s something we need to remember during these pretty tough times in our Church’s story. We should never assume, either, that an old evil might not come back to haunt us.

The resurrection of Christ proclaims that death does not have the final word. The new life of the kingdom (or “heaven” or whatever you want to call it) which Christ enjoys is something “different”, beyond our limited human understanding or imagination, but very real indeed. And today we celebrate that “where he has gone, we will truly follow”.

Alleluia !!

Fr. Laurie





We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time... Jos Gobel, Mary Sanders

the sick... 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, Tequimata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.**



Easter Sunday - Year C

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel Acclamation:

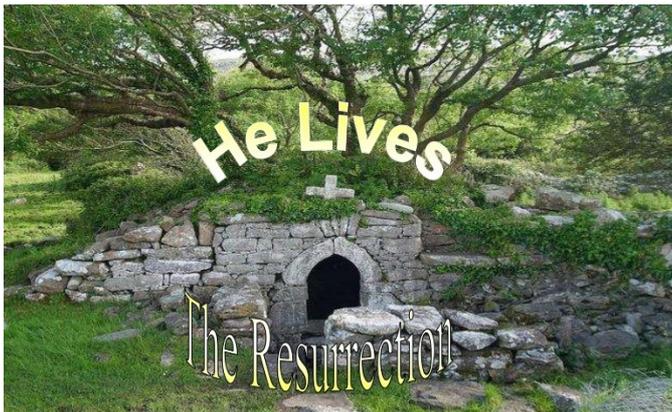
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?



Next Week's Roster - 27/28 April

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	J. Banda	D. Snooks	L. Bourke
Comm.	D. Wirth	A. Davies	J. Bourke
Min Euch	H. Steyn (B) M. Canning (G) B. Hunt (G)	T. Woods B) P. McConvill (G) S. Carr (G)	L. Bracken (B) J. Jones (G) G. Hone (G)
AV	B. Dobson	L. Crowe	A. Ryan
Children's Liturgy			G. Hakim P. Whyte
Morning Tea			F. Fitzgerald K. Rodgers
Counters			C. Landman M. Martin B. Dickson

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 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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend.....\$2558

Pledged last weekend.....\$2141

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1122

(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.

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 30th April - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10am.

Thursday 2nd May - Morning tea and a chat at Degani's in Mt. Eliza at 10am.

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

Wednesday 22nd May - Breakfast at Taggart's to celebrate the **Club's 30th Anniversary.**
\$21.50 pp Book at next Monthly Meeting.

The **Welfare Officer** for April is Lois

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.

As part of the Parish of St Thomas More's 40 years celebration,



the **St Vincent de Paul Society** is celebrating **40 years of dedicated service** to the less fortunate in our area with a morning tea..

Monday April 29th at 10am in the Undercroft
All parishioners are welcome to come along.

Marilyn Hoban



Baptism Welcomes

Congratulations and welcome to **Miranda Geelen**
(Parents – Carl & Jessica)
and **William & Lacey Rooney**
(Parents – Andrew & Nicole)
who will all be baptised after the 10am Mass this Sunday.



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.

Bring and Buy Stall - Homemade, Handmade, Homegrown - Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass—NEXT WEEKEND

How does it work? - Just bring along anything you have made - could be food or craft - or grown. Donate it to the stall before Mass. After Mass the stall will be open, and people will be encouraged to buy! All proceeds to the Parish. Anything leftover at the end of 10am Mass (except perishable food) will be stored to sell the following month.

Just remember... If you are bringing food of any kind - cakes, jams, chutneys etc, they must be labelled with **all** ingredients used, the **date** they were made, and the **name** of who made it. It would be helpful if you could please price what you donate. Those running the stall have the discretion to lower prices, if need be, in order to sell goods!

Dates for the rest of 2019 are: 25/26 May, 29/30 June, 27/28 July, 24/25 August, 28/29 September, 26/27 October and 23/24 November.

Next Weekend's Masses Thankyou to those who have volunteered to be on the stall -

6 pm - Sharon Collins

8 am - Marilyn Moloney

10 am - Maree Shelton

And we need more volunteers for the rest of the year!

Please contact *Lys Crowe* or *Maree Taverna* if you can help.



Bulb Drive Thankyou to everyone who participated in our Bulb Drive Fundraiser. **We raised \$417.20.** **Bulbs are available to be collected this weekend in the foyer of the Church.** Special thanks to Maree Taverna for her co-ordination of this fundraiser.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

From the Parish Social Justice Group

Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”



What slavery-free Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter weekend? If you purchased slavery-free chocolate for family and friends, show them the certification label and tell them why you chose to buy it. Tell them no enslaved child on the other side of the world was used in the production of the chocolate you bought. Happy Easter. And keep spreading the word.

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>



The Mt Eliza Churches Community Services (MECCS)

24 years ago some visionary people from the St Thomas More, St James the Less and the Village Uniting Church faith communities came together in response to an observed need for a free transport service to be provided for disadvantaged people living independently within the Mt Eliza area. This service is provided through the generosity of the volunteers using their own cars.

For the first 10 years MECCS was co-ordinated by Rosemary Gibson from the St James the Less, and, for the last 14 years the co-ordination has been provided by Maureen Mirabella from St Thomas More.

For 24 years the fulfilling of this identified community need has been an outstanding success. However, in keeping with the proportional increase of the ageing demographic, the need for MECCS services is also increasing. Consequently, MECCS is seeking to increase its membership.

MECCS has a membership of 35 people and 20 of these are actively listed as available drivers. There are no paid employees working for MECCS

Many of our volunteers have been with MECCS since its inception, and, not surprisingly are reaching an age where they are not covered by MECCS insurance policies. Therefore, the need for new members is obvious. Becoming a member of MECCS is not very onerous. All you need is to have a car and an email address.

The operational requirements are quite simple. A person requiring transport contacts MECCS via telephone. The co-ordinator sends the request details to all members using a group email. If a member is available, he/she responds using the email “reply all” so that all members know that someone has responded.

Even if you are unable to drive, you can participate in this worthwhile work by joining MECCS as a member. Membership subscriptions go towards meeting our main expense i.e. insurance costs

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

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

Dennis Mirabella. President MECCS April 2019



Wishing all our Parishioners and visitors
a very Happy Easter.

Wishing you love, peace and hope
at this special time.

Fr. Laurie, Lys, and Vicki