



SEASONS

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Yr C

14th April 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

Wednesday

PPLT, 7.30pm, PCC



WELCOME
We're So Glad You're Here!

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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am

HOLY THURSDAY	8.00 pm
GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy	3.00 pm

Sunday Masses

EASTER VIGIL Saturday	8.00 pm
EASTER Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Palm Sunday

Our quote this week is from St Francis of Assisi:

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

As we make the journey with Jesus this week, the Readings call us to a revolution of heart, to take seriously our vocation as disciples of Jesus and as Isaiah reminds us to be faithful to this call and “listen like a disciple.”

Our Project Compassion story features Nguyet. Nguyet and her family experienced isolation and exclusion largely based around her disability. Their lives changed when Nguyet’s neighbour introduced her to the Caritas Australia supported program – Capacity Building for Parent Associations supporting Children with Disabilities. A new world opened up for her and she discovered her creativity and her capacity to reimagine her future. She began by making colored paper flowers and dreamt of selling these to improve the livelihood of her family. Now Nguyet is selling T-shirts, accessories and home-cooked refreshments made by her sister, as well as helping her parents with their business selling building materials. Nguyet is giving life 100%.



As we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are also keenly aware of the humility of his life, and his refusal to remain silent in the face of the traditional attitudes and culture of rejection and exclusion experienced by the poor and marginalised – an unpopular practice then and now! Jesus’ life epitomises the cost of discipleship.

This week, more than any, rams home the call and cost of discipleship. Like Isaiah we can say “The Lord has given us a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.”

Are we open to hearing the voice of our God who calls us to speak and listen like a disciple?



We pray for...

Those whose who died recently...
 Lisa Whyte, Len Bennet, Margaret Cochrane.

those whose anniversaries fall at this time...
 Laurie Pendlebury, James Bourke, Terence Phillips, Chas Pay, Patricia Bourke, Dr Harry Hodgson, Harold Hoare, Robbie Sinclair, Frank Bracken, Harry O'Beirne

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

Palm Sunday - Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$6141

Pledged last weekend..... \$7117

Presbytery

Amount received last week..... \$1315

(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.

Easter Triduum Liturgies

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

Ministers of the Eucharist

Anne Wirth (Gifts)
 Carolyn Gascoigne (Gifts)
 Lys Crowe

Readers

David Wirth
 Deirdre Snooks

Commentator

Mary Cameron

Young Person

Niah Taverna-MacDonald

Foot Washing

Sharon Collins
 Barbara Hunt
 Barry Hansen
 Marj Hansen
 Peter Griffin
 Maree Shelton
 Sam Failla
 Gibson Family x 5

AV Operator

Julian Collins

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Ministers of the Eucharist

Lys Crowe
 David Wirth
 Carolyn Gascoigne

AV Operator

Bernard Dobson

Readers

Kath Dobson
 Deirdre Snooks
 Jacinta Griffin

Commentator

Julie Banda

Easter Vigil 8pm

Ministers of the Eucharist

Padua Students to bring up gifts

Mary Cameron
 Lys Crowe
 Sharon Collins
 Carolyn Gascoigne
 Barbara Hunt

Readers

Julie Banda
 David Wirth
 Bernard Dobson

Commentator

Anne-Marie Hyde

AV Operator

Julian Collins

Easter Sunday 8 am

Ministers of the Eucharist

Marj Hansen (Book)
 Helen Steyn (Gifts)
 Barry Hansen (Gifts)

Reader

Need volunteer

Commentator

Andrew Moloney

AV Operator

Bob Ribbons

Easter Sunday 10 am

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jacinta Griffin (Book)
 Anita Ferguson (Gifts)
Need Volunteer(Gifts)

Reader

Peter Griffin

Commentator

Lou-Ann Gibson

AV Operator

Need volunteer

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

Monday 15th April - Poetry Group at 1.30pm in PCC. Everyone Welcome.

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

April - No Walking Group outing this month

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

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.

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.

Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this Parish Fundraiser. Helpers come in many forms; the organisers of the paperwork, the before/after Mass sellers, the ticket book sellers & buyers and the volunteers who verify and scrunch our tickets prior to despatch. We raised \$ 2284 for our Parish. Once again, well done and a great effort by all. And Good luck to all!



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.

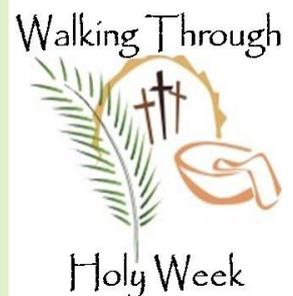
Nametags: The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team invites you to wear a nametag to Mass! This is just one way of us getting to know each other better. You can BYO, or we will have some stick-on ones available each week.



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.

Holy Week / Easter Liturgies Timetable

Previously included 'Seasons' was a copy of the Liturgy times for Holy Week/Easter. Extra copies are available in the church foyer.



Radio Port Philip Presents -

Two Hours of Reflection

RPP Peninsula Radio 98.7 fm (or 98.3 fm) will be presenting between 8am - 10am a Good Friday Catholic program for reflection. On Easter Sunday as normal, 8am - 9am.

Would you like to advertise your business in this space in Seasons?

- In colour
- Business card size
- \$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.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

From the Parish Social Justice Group

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE



'We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today, as there was before, or perhaps more' – said Pope Francis last month.

Australians spent around \$210 million on Easter chocolate last year. This year it will be about the same, or more. Companies will produce what we ask for. Please use your buying power and purchase slavery-free chocolate. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of the enslaved children who are forced to pick the cocoa beans used in a lot of chocolate.

Good news: Catholic agencies and institutions are leading the way in Australia in demanding slavery-free supply chains, including in the production of chocolate. Don't leave it up to the big companies.

Action: Please buy and eat only slavery-free Easter eggs and chocolate this Easter. Look for one of these three symbols on the chocolate wrapper and make a difference. Convert to slavery-free.

JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

The Catholic Bishops' Conference said last Christmas about our brothers and sisters in need in offshore detention: "Enough is enough. Let's find them a home."

On Palm Sunday (14 April), there is a Palm Sunday Prayer and Reflection for those seeking asylum at the Cathedral, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne at 1 p.m., which will be followed by the Public Walk for Justice for Refugees at 2 p.m. starting at the State Library on the corner of Swanston and La Trobe streets.



Mass for Expectant Mothers

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 2 June at 11.00am**. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au.

Please note that **registration closes on Friday 24 May**.

Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Jesus & the origins of misogyny in the Catholic Church—Speaker: Christopher James Geraghty—Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm at Sandringham Hotel, cnr. Beach Road and Melrose Street (Melway 76 G9)

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 : marcusbenbow@gmail.com

