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

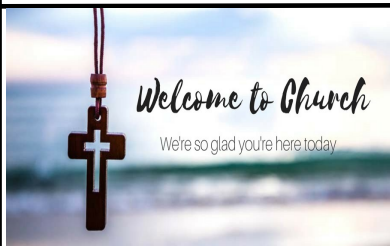
The Presentation of the Lord Year A

2nd February 2020

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,
10am, C & U
Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.30pm, C



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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	Social Club 10.00 am
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Now, Master,

you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have
prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the
pagans and the glory of your people Israel. (Nunc Demittis)

First Reconciliation 2020

Classes will be beginning soon and an **Information Night will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th February.**

If you have a child in Year 3 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact Fr Joe at the Parish Office, before the Information Night.



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.

We pray for..

Those who have died recently..

Paula Margaret Stanley

Those whose anniversaries fall at

this time.. Grace Seymour, Johannes Bruitzman, John McCartney, Fr Peter Fulton, Adelheid Behrenruch, Jeremy Lourey, Bill Oakes, Laurie Gage, Mavis McDonald

the sick... Bernard Dee, Eileen O'Beirne, Helen



Steinbach, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Helen Gibson, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, 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

The Presentation of the Lord Year A

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple

Responsorial Psalm

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

He had to be made like us in all things.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

My eyes have seen your saving power.

Next Week's Readings - 9th February

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



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



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$1,496

Pledged last weekend..... \$1,237

January Average \$2,726

Presbytery

Amount received last week..... \$799

(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: 8 / 9 February

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	D Coyne	A Davies	C Huggard
Comm.	J Hannan	C-L Hurren	C Judkins
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> S Collins <u>Gifts</u> M Canning B Hunt	<u>Book</u> B Ribbons <u>Gifts</u> M Hansen B Hansen	<u>Book</u> J Griffin <u>Gifts</u> G Hone M Shelton
AV	J Collins	I Owsianka	L Moore
Are You New to Our Parish ? Please fill in a new parishioner form in the folder in the Church foyer. <i>welcome</i>	Children's Liturgy	To be advised	
	Morning Tea	B Clutterbuck S Garland	
	Counters	R Lindner D McKenzie Y Minton	

LITURGY ROSTERS

Liturgy rosters are currently being prepared to begin on March 7/8. Parishioners are invited to assist in some ministry that contributes to our weekly celebrations of the Eucharist.

The ministries are: Lector; Commentator; Minister of the Eucharist (Book); Minister of the Eucharist (Gifts); AV Operator; Children's Liturgy (10a.m.); and Morning Tea (10 a.m.)

Parishioners who would like to be added to the roster are invited to record their name, email address and telephone number (PLEASE PRINT) and any dates they would not be available, to the sheets in the foyer or to send an email to Bernard Dobson on dobsonb@bigpond.com.

Parishioners currently on the roster are invited to indicate any changes they require and dates they would not be available on the sheet or to email Bernard.

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am—5pm
After Hours: Please leave a message on 9787 7777

What's Happening Here...

STM Social Club

Fun & Friendship For All

New members are always most welcome!

Membership fee is \$30. All enquiries to:
Brian 0428 776 202 or Grevis 0414 527 172

Tuesday 4th February - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Mass in Church. New members always very welcome.

We will be calling for nominations for the 2020 Committee. Please give this some consideration. Forms will be available at the meeting.

Monday 10th February - 1.45pm—Music Afternoon in PCC—a great afternoon of music is assured!

Monday 10th February - Dinner at TULSI Indian Restaurant at 74 Station Street, Somerville (M 107 E12) at **6pm**. Bookings & \$10 deposit at Monthly Meeting.

Tuesday 11th February - The Sip 'n Sew Group will meet in the PCC at 2.00pm

Monday 17th February - Poetry Group will meet in PCC at 1.30 pm.

Sunday 23rd February - Pizza Night in PCC at 5pm. B.Y.O. Drinks & nibbles to share. Cost between \$6—\$10 depending on what we order.

The Welfare Officers for February are Tom and Maree Shelton

Bring and Buy Stall - Home-made, Handmade, Homegrown Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass

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.

Please keep the Bring and Buy Insert in today's newsletter for reference through out the year.

Dates for 2020 are:

22/23 February,	28/29 March,	25/26 April,
30/31 May,	27/28 June,	25/26 July,
29/30 August,	26/27 September	
24/25 October,	28/29 November	



THIS SUNDAY

Parish BBQ after 10am Mass..



All are Welcome

This is an alcohol free event

Dear Parishioners,



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on

**Monday the 3rd February
in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.**

All parishioners are welcome to come along and talk to our members about the work of the Society.

On 8 & 9 February, we will be having a leaving collection for SVdP Bushfire relief as St Vinnies continues to serve those effected by bushfires.

Also Donations can be made through Vinnies Bushfire Appeal www.vinnies.org.au

Commissioning of School Staff

Next Sunday (9th February) at 10am Mass the STM School Staff will be commissioned as the new school year begins, for their important role with the children of our Parish.

Please bring a plate of morning tea to share and stay after mass and share a cuppa together, as we wish them well for the year ahead.

Welcome back, teachers!



Choir Practice

The next Choir practice will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Monday 3rd February.**

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

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

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 ...

Thankyou so much to everyone for last Sunday's farewell celebration, especially to the PPLT who organised it all. Thankyou for the gifts I received - the beautiful Pandora bracelet, the magnificent bowl (made by Paul Kost) and the very generous cheques, as well as all your messages on the big card and so many other cards and gifts too. It's been a privilege, and I'm very grateful, to have spent the last 7 years as the Pastoral Associate at St Thomas More Parish. Keep being the great community that you are! I will miss you. With love and thanks, Lys



Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

From **Nextweekenduntil the end of March**, the Parish is selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More. I.e: for every \$2 ticket sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish. By pooling our resources with other Catholic Parishes, we've been able to offer much better prizes than we could possibly fund on our own.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes : Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4ltr Auto including on-road costs valued at \$20,682

4th & 5th Prizes : Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$1,000 (x 2)

6th-14th Prizes : Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$500 (x 9)

Tickets sell for \$2 each. We will be selling tickets and distribute books of tickets outside the Church after Mass.

We encourage parishioners including school families to take a book to sell. To request a ticket - or better still - a book of tickets, call 9787 7777, or drop into the Parish office or School office. All raffle books (including unsold tickets) must be returned to the Parish office with payment **by Friday April 3rd**. Permit 10722-19/150,000 tickets issued.

Nametags:

The PPLT invites and encourages everyone to please wear a nametag to Mass as a way of us all getting to know each other. You can BYO or stick-on ones are available outside the Church each weekend.

Rice for East Timor



The current container is almost full.

Many thanks for the generous parishioners who continue to bring Rice for the ETM Container and to the generous people who make up the Baby Boxes which is much appreciate by mothers in East Timor. **Thank you**



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

Invitation to share in Marian Devotion with the Rosa Mystica Prayer Group on Thursday evenings after the 7pm Mass.

All Welcome.



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 4th February 2020**

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.



2020 Safeguarding Committee Members

We are looking for more people to join the Safeguarding committee, please consider helping St Thomas More promote and action a safe environment for, and empowerment of, our Children and Young People. The next meeting dates are 27th February (Thurs) and 31st March (Tues) at 7.30pm

More information to follow on the Church Noticeboard in next few weeks.



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