



SEASONS

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

The Most Holy Trinity

16th June 2019

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

Diary

- **Sunday**
Maurie talks Maritime History
Pizza Night 5pm, PCC
- **Monday**
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**
First Eucharist Class, 4pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Refugee Talk 7.30pm, C

WELCOME
We are glad you are here

Welcome to
Fr Peter
O'Rourke
who is our visiting
Priest this weekend



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Pastoral Leadership Team

- (Parish Priest)
- Lys Crowe (Pastoral Associate)
- Pat McConvill (Principal)
- Jacinta Griffin (Chairperson)
- Sue Carr Carolyn Gascoigne
- Paul Stinear

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Weekday Liturgy

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	Liturgy 9.15 am
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	School Mass 9.15 am

Feast of St Thomas More

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Friends!

I was overwhelmed by the support, gratitude and good wishes you offered to me over the last few weeks. These meant a lot to me.

I will mention a few people who were involved over my last weekend, but my overwhelming feeling at the time and since then was that the weekend of June 1 / 2 was a great celebration of parish community. To all who contributed in any way (even just by “being there”), I hope you felt the same sense of “togetherness” as I did.

That feeling was there at all Masses over the weekend but happened in a special way at 10a.m. on Sunday morning. Thanks to all our Liturgical Ministers over the whole weekend. Your Reading, Collecting and Ministering of Holy Communion is a special service that you offer to the whole community. We take nothing for granted.

I chose the story of the Prodigal Son deliberately. I am grateful for my life and am very aware that God has been very gracious to me. But I also know that there are (too many ?) times when I have failed to respond to my God as I ought to have done, Lys’ words about the “Prodigal Father” were a powerful reminder to me that in spite of my sinfulness, my God continues to forgive. Thank God !!

Thank you to Ange Virgona and Pat McConvill for the lovely words on Sunday morning and to all who contributed to the Gifts – Travel Vouchers and a brand new “Smart” TV.

The TV is a “Smart” one but I am not ! Fortunately Irene Owsianka and Alan Ryan have generously given time to me since then to properly connect my E-mail, Computer and TV so that I can actually use and understand them. Thanks to both of you!!

Unsurprisingly, a big part of my head (and my soul) is still at St Thomas More. I’m pleased that the Vicar General met with the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team last weekend. I’m sure that Mons. Greg will have the best interests of the community at heart when decisions about leadership at STM are made.

Thank you again and let us pray for one another. *F. Laurie*



Trinity Sunday proclaims our belief in One God who acts through Jesus and draws us beyond ourselves in the Spirit. It’s not a matter of three Gods. It’s a matter of One burst of the Divine in every dimension of life – creating it, redeeming it, and making it holy.



from ‘A Monastery Almanac’ by Joan Chittister



We pray for...

Those who died recently..
Margaret Beale

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time... Joan Mitchell, Louise

Anna-Maria Kasperlik, Ellen Breen, Lorna MacGregor, Lorna Marshall, Walter Shannon, Jo Clarke

the sick... Maria Newbigin, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev

Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Fr. Michael Walsh, 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.



The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.



Year C

Next Week's Roster 22 / 23 June

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K Dobson	J Berkery-Coleman	L Braken
Comm.	M Cameron	M Wunder	C Judkins
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> L Crowe <u>Gifts</u> M Jamieson S Collins	<u>Book</u> P McConvill <u>Gifts</u> M Goss L Crowe	<u>Book</u> C McNamara <u>Gifts</u> J Jones P Royal
AV	T Hogan	B Ribbons	A Ryan
Children's Liturgy			D Parks C Parks
Morning Tea			B Clutterbuck S Harland
Counters			Sandor Egyed David & Zara Hunt

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.

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 Liturgy.



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$1648
Pledged last weekend..... \$6288
Church Loose collection..... \$650

Presbytery

Received last week \$424

(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.



Morning Tea Your hosts this week will be Anne Davey and John Bruitzman

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 Weekend's hosts will be Bernie Clutterbuck and Sarah Harland

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Sarah Anderson and another person 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.

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

Today Sunday 16th June - Maurie talks Maritime History Pizza Night at 5pm in the PCC. BYO nibbles and drinks \$10 p.p.

Friday 21st June - The Walking Group will meet at 10am in Safety Beach Car Park opposite the chemist warehouse. The walk is as far or short as you wish, on a very flat area along the sea front. On a good day you will enjoy the fresh air and keep fit at the same time. For refreshments, we will choose at the time.

Contact Gui 9787 1449

Tuesday 25th June - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10am.

Films - coming up at Mornington Cinema - Poms, and Rocketman. Christine Stewart 0431696084 or 59325473

The **Welfare Officers for June** are Gui and Helen

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.



The next meeting will be on
**June 24th at 7.30pm in the
Parish Community Centre.**

Our "Mass for the Poor" will be held
on the weekend of the 29/30 of June.

We need your help and support to
continue our work.

Thank you Marilyn Hoban

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of St Thomas More

At all Masses next weekend we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day (22nd June).

We will have a cuppa after each Mass so please stay around for a while and have a chat with fellow parishioners as we celebrate together.



Please bring a plate of food to share.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria re Voluntary Assisted Dying

Copies of this letter are available in the Church foyer - a response to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* which comes into effect on 19th June 2019.

from the Parish Social Justice Group Refugee Week - 16th-23rd June

Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) writes: "This week is an opportunity for the Catholic community to join together around the country to pray and be involved in coordinated direct action asking for a fair process for people seeking asylum, and for compassion and respect for the dignity of each person to be front and centre of Australian attitudes, policy and processes.

Compassion for the stranger who has fallen on hard times is at the heart of Jesus' life and message. Pope Francis has made care for people seeking asylum central for the Catholic community. He has visited camps, begged for refugees to be given a home and prayed at places where they have suffered. We hope to shape a Catholic community united in this kind of compassion."



Reach out. Give life.

This weekend as a leaving collection, our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.

This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. You will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Ghana as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to life-saving projects for children in need - please come prepared to give generously. **Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana**

What's happening here & elsewhere....

REFUGEE WEEK 2019 JUNE 16 - JUNE 22

St. Thomas More Social Justice Group supporting the work of



and The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

invite Parishioners and others to an evening in the Church on

Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm

to hear **Damien Moloney** speak about his experiences with **displaced people and refugees** and the places they spend their time before they are relocated around the world.

Damien Moloney started working for Médecin Sans Frontiers (Doctors without Borders) as a logistician in 2008 with his first mission to Mozambique to assist the population that was displaced after the Zambezi River flooded. Since then he has done 16 missions with MSF.



Further information on flyers available in the Church foyer.

RSVP: TO Bernard : Email: dobsonb@bigpond.com OR Text 0409 943 854

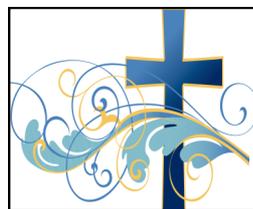
Spirituality in the pub

An initiative of Catalyst for Renewal

The Resurrection of Jesus:
What happened, & what matters?
Frank Moloney, sdb
Wednesday, 26th June, 2019 at 7.30pm
VENUE: SANDRINGHAM HOTEL,
Separate adjacent room for SIP meeting

Baptisms

These are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:15am 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 2nd July**.

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.

St Thomas More School— Promoting Sustainability



As part of the school's sustainability unit, we are taking part in a whole school recycling project. We are collecting plastic bottle lids, e.g. milk bottle tops. We will forward what we collect onto Envision, a local charity that is collecting bottle top lids to make prosthetic arms for underprivileged children in India. It takes 800 bottle top lids to make one arm, so Envision have set a challenge of collecting one million bottle tops by the end of the year. Please spread the word to family and friends, all bottle top lids are welcome! Bottle tops can be left at the Parish or school offices.

STM COMMUNITY PATHWAY

Please support our school by purchasing an engraved brick for our STM Community Pathway. *The bricks will be engraved and placed along our pathway and link students from the past, present and future.*

Forms are available in the Church Foyer (or complete your order online via Try Booking <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=474883&>)

by Friday 21st June.

For more information please contact Marcus Benbow : marcusbenbow@gmail.com

