



SEASONS

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

3rd March 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
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Mass and AGM
at 10am, C & U

First Reconciliation Class
4pm, PCC

Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
Antiques & Collectables
Committee 10am, PCC

RCIA after 7.30pm Mass, PCC



How do you know what is in a person's heart?

For all the advances of modern science, especially the sciences of psychology and human behaviour, we human beings remain remarkably mysterious to one another. Even spouses who have spent decades in an intimate relationship can still surprise, perhaps shock, each other with unexpected disclosures or behaviours. Conscious of such complexity, we may find the biblical tradition about human nature too simplistic for our liking.

Jesus takes on board the wisdom inherited from his forebears in faith. How do you judge a person's character? How do you know what is in a person's heart? You look at their actions and you listen to their words. A person's words or actions flow from the goodness or badness in their heart. Thousands of years on, paying attention to what people say and do is still the best first thing to do, even if secrets remain.

Time and again the gospel writers report on how astonished the people were at Jesus' power to heal and at the authority of his teaching. Was it because they sensed that his words and deeds perfectly matched what was in his heart?

From Break Open The Word 2019



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	10.00 am
ASH Wednesday	9.15am & 7.30 pm
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm



Foundation (Prep) Welcome Mass

Welcome to all our Preps who are at 10am Mass this weekend. We welcome and pray with, and for, them at this special and exciting time for them and their families, as they begin their school years. Mass will be followed by a Welcome Picnic on the oval, to which all parishioners are invited.



We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Genevieve Payne, Sam Morrison

those whose anniversaries fall

at this time... Molly Gage, Marta Egyed, Mortimer Hurren, Michael Connolly, Jack Need, Ryan Spencer Hamilton, Nola Kennedy, Rosemary Kimpton, Malachy Mahon

the sick... Martina McLoughlin, Chloe, Bev

Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew Worthington, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greff, 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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Next Week's Roster - 9/10 March			
	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	G. Hannan	A. Davies	C. Tirtowinto
Comm.	J. Banda	S. Carr	L. Bourke
Min Euch	S. Collins (B) B. Hunt (G) M. Robertson (G)	M. Alaimo (B) M. Goss (G) T. Woods (G)	P. Griffin (B) A. Coughlan (G) G. Hone (G)
AV	J. Collins	I. Owsianka	A. Ryan
Children's Liturgy	Long Weekend <small>Labour Day is an annual public holiday that celebrates the eight-hour working day, a victory for workers in the mid-late 19th century. The argument for the eight-hour day was based on the need for each person to have eight hours labour, eight hours recreation and eight hours rest.</small>		
Morning Tea			
Counters	J. McCulloch J. Griffin C. Gage		

Thankyou from Cherie Gage

When we farewelled and thanked Cherie from the Parish Office at the end of last year we gave her a Luxury Escapes Voucher. Cherie would like to thank everyone for this gift, the lovely farewell which she really appreciated, and for the privilege of working with everyone in the Parish. She has booked a Luxury Escape to a beautiful cottage in Fish Creek for later in the year.



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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$1995
 Pledged last weekend \$1529
 February Average \$2649

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$1108

(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.

Eucharistic Ministers at 10am Mass

A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers at 10am Mass, that from this weekend, we will only require those who are rostered, and not 2 extras as has been the practice.

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 2nd April.** 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.

What's Happening Here...

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.

Today 3rd March - Film Group "On The Basis of Sex". 2.05 pm **at Mornington Cinema.** The story of the second women to be appointed to the Supreme Court. Just turn up and buy your own ticket and enjoy the film and coffee afterwards with friends.

Tuesday 5th March - Monthly Meeting and Annual General Meeting in the Undercroft after 10.00 am Mass. Membership Fee of \$20 is due. New members are always most welcome.

Friday 15th March - The Walking Group will walk along Eramosa Road West to Peninsula Link Trail (Melways 106 9A). Please meet at 10.00 am at the Moorooduc Coolstores Car Park. Enquiries to Gui on 9787 1449

Friday 15th March - Early St Patrick's Day lunch at C.B.'s at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Grevis on 0414 527 172

Wednesday 10th April - Ferry trip from Docklands, including morning tea and lunch: \$49 p.p. Coach to and from Docklands: \$36 p.p. Total for day: \$85 p.p. Enquiries to Fiona on 5976 7064 or 0420 764 234

Film Group— Upcoming

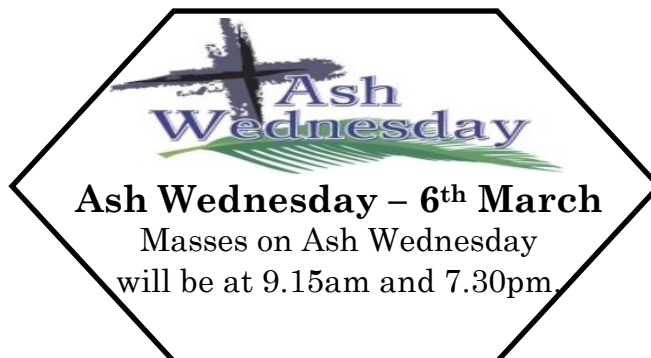
Sunday 10th March "Greenbook"

Sunday 24th March "Sometimes, Always, Never"

The **Welfare Officers** for March are Betty and Jim Bourke



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday 4th March at 9.30am in the Undercroft. All parishioners are welcome to come along and find out more about the work of the Society. Thank you. Marilyn Hoban.



Bulb Drive – Parish Fundraiser

Included in 'Seasons' this weekend is the Order Form and information for our Bulb Drive. Please support this Parish fundraiser.



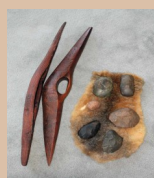
Bring and Buy Stall Last Weekend

Thankyou to all those who supported the Bring & Buy Stall last weekend by bringing and/or buying. We raised \$331.50. The next stall will be at all Masses on 30th/31st March.



Baptism Welcomes

At the 6pm Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Maddison Marshall** (Parents – Scott & Josephine) and **Asha & Skye Parker** (Parents – Damien & Christina). Congratulations and Welcome to **Indiana & Evelyn Hawkins** (Parents – Craig & Petra) who will be baptised after 10am Mass.



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.

What's happening here & elsewhere....



Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

From now until the beginning of April, 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 Prize : KIA Rio S 1.4Ltr Auto 5 dr hatch including on-road costs valued at \$22,609
 2nd & 3rd Prizes : KIA Picanto S 1.25Ltr Auto 5 dr hatch including on-road costs valued at \$19,240
 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 distributing books of tickets outside the Church after Mass from now until Sunday 7th April.

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 Tuesday April 9th.**

Permit 10849/150,000 tickets issued.

Stewardship Receipts and Envelopes are available for collection from the church entrance this weekend. Please collect yours today, to help us keep our postage costs to a minimum.

Wherever possible, we emailed receipts during the week to those who contribute electronically or by credit card. If you received a *printed* credit/direct debit receipt, please let us know your email address, so we can cut our mailing costs even further in the future, *Thank you*

St Thomas More's School Community Pathway

Bricks are \$80

We are now excited to announce that we can take orders for the STM Community Pathway bricks via Try Booking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=474883&>

Bricks can be dedicated to an inspirational teacher or a treasured classmate or maybe your family may wish to purchase a brick paver for each child, or one for the whole family. The bricks will be engraved and placed along our pathway and link students from the past, present and future.

Orders will close late June and the pathway will be installed during a subsequent working bee.

For more information please contact
 Marcus: marcuslbenbow@gmail.com



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.



St. Macartan's Catholic Church Mornington invites you to take part in :

1. an ecumenical service held at St. Macartan's church at 4 Drake Street, Mornington, to pray for our nation. It will be held on Thursday the 28th of March at 7:30pm. Followed by refreshments. Please join us in this wonderful opportunity to be One in Christ and pray for the needs of our nation.
2. Liturgical Song Writer: Peter Kearney Sunday 7 April at 2.30pm Peter will perform 2 x 35 min sessions (at \$10 per adult) which will be followed by the 5.00pm Mass. Theme: Ashes to Easter.

Lenten Men's Retreat: Overcoming Temptation & Addiction

The Dominican Friars invite young men (aged 18-40) to a weekend Lenten retreat at St. Dominic's Priory, Melbourne. The retreat will include daily Mass, confession, adoration and presentations on the ascetical and mystical heritage of the Church's spiritual tradition to enable us to be free from vice and achieve the liberation of a life lived in the truth, beauty and goodness of Christ.
 Where: St. Dominic's Priory, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell
 When: Mar 8 at 5:00pm – Mar 10 at 3pm
 Cost: The retreat cost is \$50 and includes all meals. Places are strictly limited and RSVP is essential by March 6 (email Br Sebastian on sebastian.condon@op.org.au)