



# SEASONS

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

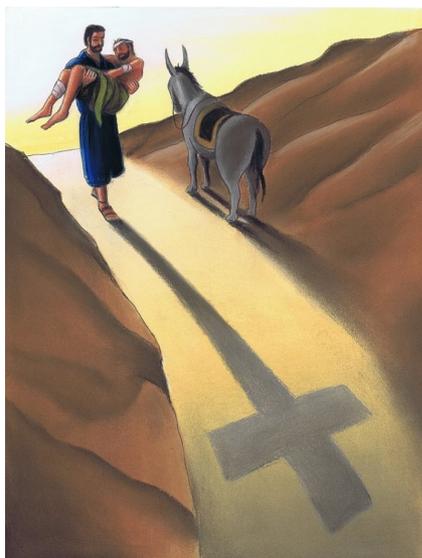
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2019

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**  
First Eucharist Class, 4pm, PCC  
  
Godstart Team  
7.30pm, PCC 
- **Wednesday**  
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**  
Rosa Mystica Prayers, 7.00pm, C



## THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Welcome to  
Fr Greg  
Bourke  
who is our  
visiting Priest  
this weekend



Think of the Good Samaritan story in terms of today's world.  
What groups need some Good Samaritans right now?  
The refugees and asylum seekers? The trafficked?  
The homeless? The hungry?

Whether it be large or small, is there anything you can do to help any of these?

At one of his General Audiences, Pope Francis reflected on the Good Samaritan.

Which man is the neighbour- the one in need or the one showing compassion to the one in need?

Love, the Lord tells us, is never abstract or distant; it "sees" and it responds. The compassion shown by the Samaritan is an image of the infinite mercy of God, who always sees our needs and draws near to us in love. The command to love God and neighbour, then, is supremely practical; it entails caring for others even to the point of personal sacrifice.

By the end of the parable, we see that the "neighbour" is not so much the man in need, but rather the one who responded to that need with compassion. Jesus tells all of us to be neighbours in this sense: "Go and do likewise". He himself is the model of the Good Samaritan; by imitating his love and compassion, we show ourselves truly to be his followers.

[Pope Francis: 'A True Christian Must Be Like a Lamb' Feb. 17, 2014]  
from: Anne Osdieck [www.liturgy.slu.edu](http://www.liturgy.slu.edu)

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### Pastoral Leadership Team

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Lys Crowe	(Pastoral Associate)
Pat McConville	(Principal)
Jacinta Griffin	(Chairperson)
Sue Carr	Carolyn Gascoigne
Paul Stinear	

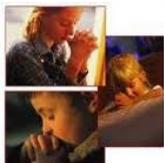
**PPLT Email:**  
[MountEliza.PPLT@cam.org.au](mailto:MountEliza.PPLT@cam.org.au)

### Weekday Liturgy

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	Liturgy 9.15 am
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	Liturgy 9.15 am
	School Liturgy 12.30 pm

### Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am



# We pray for...

**Those who died recently..**  
Mark Paton (brother of Brett)

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..** Muriel and Rosemaree Fulton, George Mitchell, Patrick Ryan

**the sick...** John Gallagher, Raymond Reynolds, 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.**



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:10-14

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:15-20

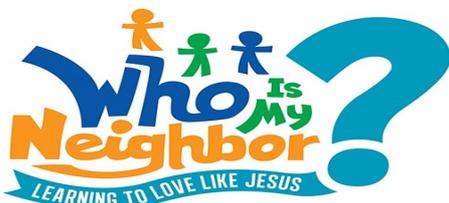
*All things were created through him and for him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

*Who is my Neighbour?*



**Next Week's Roster 20 / 21 July**

	6pm	8am	10am
<b>Lector</b>	K Dobson	K Donovan	P Griffin
<b>Comm.</b>	M Cameron	M Wunder	J Griffin
<b>Min Euch</b>	<u>Book</u> B Hunt <u>Gifts</u> J Hannan C Gascoigne	<u>Book</u> B Ribbons <u>Gifts</u> M Alaimo T Woods	<u>Book</u> C Judkins <u>Gifts</u> R Storr C McNamara
<b>AV</b>	T Hogan	L Crowe	A Ryan
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			G Hakim P Whyte
<b>Morning Tea</b>			F Fitzgerald K Hyland
<b>Counters</b>	Julian Collins M Hutchinson I Owsianka		

**Welcome,**  
**we are glad you are here**

**Readings for Next Weekend—21st July**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C**

First reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14:2-5

Second reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

### Financial Matters

**Stewardship**

Received last weekend.....\$6109

Pledged last weekend.....\$6497

Church Loose collection.....\$581

**Presbytery**

Received last week .....\$374

(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.

**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.



**Rosa Mystica Prayer Group**



Invitation to share in Marian Devotion with the Rosa Mystica Prayer Group on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Church. All Welcome.

# 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

**Sunday 14th July** - Film Group will meet at **Mornington Cinemas at 3.30pm** to see 'Yesterday' Option of dinner afterwards at Bronx Napoli. Ring Christine On 0431696084 or 59325473.

**Wednesday 17th July** - Christmas in July at the Marina Restaurant and Lounge Bar, Mullet Street, Hastings (M154 J12) at 12noon. \$26.50 pp. Enquiries to Brian on 0428 776 202



**Friday 19th July** - The Walking Group will meet next Friday at 10am at the entrance of the boardwalk in Mt Martha, Refreshments will be at a local tea house. Contact Gui 9787 1449



**Wednesday 24th July** - 10am Morning Coffee at LILO Cafe, 725 The Esplanade, Mornington (M145 C1) (On the corner of Hargreaves Street) Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479.  
**Tuesday 30th July** - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10am.

**Films** - coming up at Mornington Cinema - **July 28** White Crow. Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 59325473



The **Welfare Officers for July** are Aileen and Carolyn

## 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



## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Our next Parish Fundraiser Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be on **Saturday 3rd August.**

Can you help for an hour or two? Sign-up sheet for helpers is in the Church foyer.

## Are You New to Our Parish ?



Please fill in a new parishioner form in the folder in the Church foyer.



## 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.

**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.

## Baptisms

Currently Baptisms are held at 11:15am on 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 6th August.**

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 & elsewhere....

*In our noisy and busy lives we carry many voices of spirituality within us. Our inherited traditions are familiar yet the invitation is to encounter those from other traditions in our diverse community. In a single day, participants will journey by listening deeply to five presenters from the Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Indigenous and 'spiritual but not religious' traditions. Each will share their notions of how they listen in their spirituality traditions.*

## LISTENING FOR WISDOM

Catholic Leadership Centre  
East Melbourne  
23 August 2019  
9:30-4:30pm



Register today at [secure.sdiworld.org](http://secure.sdiworld.org)

For more information see Poster in Church Foyer.

### Speakers:

Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, Kaye Twining,  
Annie Whitlocke, Rabbi Aviva Kipen & Jessica Swann

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre at 96 Albion Road, Box Hill, is offering a "Retreat in Everyday Life – an 'at home' retreat" – over five weeks, beginning **Monday, 5 August** and concluding 2 September.

During this time, you are invited to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and on Mondays to come to Heart of Life between 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm to reflect with a spiritual companion on how God might have been present for you.

To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com), no later than Monday 29 July.



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

- ◆ Business card size
- ◆ In colour
- ◆ \$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.

## Why Are We Violent?

Friday 16 August – Sunday 18 August:  
Pax Christi National Conference:

**Keynote Speaker: Dr Susan Connelly**, a Josephite Sister, who has closely studied these issues — especially through the writings of social thinker René Girard — and has worked with the people of Timor Leste for over 20 years. She will facilitate discussion around key themes of the conference so relevant for our times: What is it that makes us violent? What is scapegoating? What role for nonviolence and forgiveness?

Venue: Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern.

For details and booking see flyer in Church Foyer

Two Parishes (St. John's & St. Francis Xavier) Four Catholic Schools, Two Priests, One Deacon, Parishioners representing over 50 different cultures and a 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination are more than enough reasons to have a

## COMBINED PARISH FESTIVAL



Theme:

One Heart  
and  
One Soul

(Acts 4:32)

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2019

Join us for 10.30am Mass at St. Francis Xavier

60 Davey Street, Frankston 3199

Followed by multicultural singing, dancing  
and a smorgas board of international cuisine.

Fr. Chinua Okeke CSSp