



SEASONS

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

First Sunday in Lent Year C

10th March 2019

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

Diary

• Tuesday

Sip 'n Sew, 2pm, PCC

First Reconciliation Class
4pm, PCC

Parish Education Board
7.30pm, SSR

• Thursday

Stations of the Cross
7.30pm, C

Lent at
STM
this year

Our focus for Lent this year will be to follow the themes, quotes and stories set out each week in Project Compassion.

In conjunction with these themes we invite you to pray together and reflect on the Stations of the Cross.

On **Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm, in the Church**, we will reflect on the Stations of the Cross as put together by the St Columbans Mission Society,, and using Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home".

On **Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm**, we will use the Stations of the Cross written by Sr Joan Chittister OSB, an American Benedictine Sister, entitled "Way of the Cross – Gateway to Resurrection".

And on **Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm, for our Lenten Reconciliation Ritual**, we will base that around the Aboriginal Stations of the Cross, put together by Richard and Louise Campbell from NSW.

All are welcome to come along to these prayer times as together we try, as Project Compassion reminds us, to give Lent 100%.



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am
(Grandparents Day in School Gym)	

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

The quote for this **first Sunday of Lent** is from Pope Francis - "The future does have a name...and its name is hope". And isn't that so relevant for us as a Parish to reflect on at this time of our history?

Our readings today take us on a significant wilderness experience. Like the people of Israel we sometimes find that we are wandering in a world that turns away from the most marginalised and vulnerable to injustice.

The Gospel story helps us to see that we share our humanity with Jesus. All human beings from time to time find themselves struggling to cling on to hope. Jesus is no exception.

Project Compassion this week highlights 12 year old Thandolwayo, from Zimbabwe, who walks 7 kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

We might ask ourselves, how can we encourage one another in faith and hope this Lent?





We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Doug Lang, Martina McLoughlin, George Uchniak,

those whose anniversaries fall

at this time... John Marshall, Luke Prahley, Peggy Morrow, Ian Stewart, Dr John O'Brien, Bill Leneaux-Gale, Colleen Shannon,

the sick... 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.

First Sunday in Lent - Year C

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
The confession of faith of the elect.

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Eucharistic Ministers at 10am Mass

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

Next Week's Roster - 16/17 March

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	B. Dobson	A. Moloney	C. Tirtowinto
Comm.	J. Hannan	M. Wunder	L. Bourke
Min Euch	H. Steyn (B) B. Hunt (G) M. Robertson (G)	J. Bourke (B) B. Hansen (G) M. Hansen (G)	P. Griffin (B) C. Judkins (G) P. Royal (G)
AV	J. Collins	L. Crowe	D. Coyne
Children's Liturgy			H. Anderson S-J. Anderson
Morning Tea			L-A. Gibson S. Gibson
Counters			J. McCulloch J. Griffin C. Gage



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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$4426

Pledged last weekend \$4564

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$1467

(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.



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 10th March - Film Group "Greenbook"
3.50pm at **Mornington Cinema**.

Tuesday 12th March - Sip 'n Sew Group will
meet in the PCC at 2pm

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: \$40 p.p.
Total for day: \$89 p.p. Enquiries to Fiona on
5976 7064 or 0420 764 234

Film Group— Upcoming

Sunday 24th March "Sometimes, Always, Never"

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

Bulb Drive – Parish Fundraiser

Included in 'Seasons' last weekend was the Order Form and information for our Bulb Drive. Please support this Parish fundraiser. Extra forms available in the 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.



Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place on

Saturday 23 March, from 8am to 1pm.

There are plenty of jobs to be done to prepare the church and surrounds for Easter, including weeding, a few handy-person maintenance items and cleaning. Quite often we don't make it through the list of projects, however the more pairs of hands we have, the more we'll be able to achieve.

If you can spare some tip vouchers, we would very much appreciate them: whatever we don't use on the day we can keep for the next working bee. Please add your name and number to the signup sheet if you can help on the day,



2019 Antiques & Collectables Fair

Saturday 30th March.

Please see the flyer included in 'Seasons' this weekend, and read about the ways you can help to make this a really successful Parish Fundraising event.



Baptism Welcomes

At 6pm Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Hayden Bradbury** (Parents – Nathan & Rhea).

Congratulations and Welcome to **Asha & Skye Parker** (Parents – Damien & Christina) who will be baptised at the 8am Mass this weekend.

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 distribute 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.

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. Past and present students are invited to add their names to the Community Pathway by purchasing a brick paver for each child, or one for the whole family. 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

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 down.

On Saturday 23 March there will be Forum for Parishes **“Helping our Refugee Families and Friends”** at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. The Forum, a periodic service from the Welcome the Asylum Seeker program at Catholic Social Services Victoria, will review the current situation facing asylum seekers and potential changes in 2019. The forum will focus on enabling participants to increase or renew support in their parish, drawing upon the experience of parish leaders who have already achieved lasting support.

Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWMI>; enquiries to Adrian Foley, Adrian.foley@css.org.au, tel 0497 780 233.

From Parish Social Justice Group and ACRATH *Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”*

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate and many children in West Africa are enslaved to pick the cocoa beans. They will never taste the delicious chocolate their slavery helps produce.

Buy only slavery-free chocolate to ensure no enslaved children were involved in the production.

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these three certification symbols (below) on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ. It's delicious and you can buy it at ALDI, Haigh's, Oxfam and other leading supermarkets and shops.

Good news: Late in 2018 the Federal Government passed the Modern Slavery Act, which will ask big companies to report on their efforts to introduce slavery-free goods and services. Action: Watch the Pope's video at: <https://acrath.org.au/pope-francis-invites-prayer-for-human-trafficking-victims/>

