



SEASONS

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August 2019

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

Diary

- **Tuesday**
Social Club Committee Meeting, 10am PCC



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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

Congratulations to all those who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend..

at the 6pm Mass - Ruby Conn, Annabel Hall, Cathal Lynch, Max Unger, Oran Snowball, Matteo Manna, Madeleine Danaher, Luke McKernan, Eliza Aldag, Zane Mauro



and at the 10am Mass - Milla Vandermeer, Andrew Chard, Jacob Tarquinio, Sebastien Lancia, Amber & Amelia Collins, Ella Andaloro, Lawson Jacovou, Ivy Clutterbuck, Antoinette Cenacchi, Isabelle Ferlin, Mabelle Lambe, Isla Gibson

Today is Migrant and Refugee Sunday

For this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis has insisted that 'It's not just about migrants'. How we welcome migrants and refugees affects all of us and helps to shape the sort of society we want to be, and the sort of people we want to be. We cannot establish God's kingdom here and now, but we can do more to make our homes, our local community, and our nation more welcoming to those who come to our shores. Living on an island continent, it is easy for us Australians simply to put out of our mind those fleeing persecution, those who no longer have a place to call home...let's open our hearts and take some extra practical steps individually and collectively to provide a home for those who deserve more than the closed door of our fear and isolation. Let's always call to mind what it would be like for us if we were on the other side of the door, knocking, or if we were on the other side of the national border, pleading.

Fr Frank Brennan SJ



We pray for...

Those who died recently..

Sue Matthews, Irene Schmitz

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Doris A Hill, Gerard Carra, John Bourke, Ethel May Blake, Valerie Crowe, Helene 'Nell' Hellard, Corrie Grootscholten, Eric Fox, John D Doherty, Sr Mary Teresita, Charles Parnis

the sick... Rebecca Hallal, Helen Steinbach, John

Gallagher, Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, 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, Tequimata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.



Next Week's Roster 31 Aug / 1 Sept

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	J Hannan	K Donovan	C Judkins
Comm.	M Cameron	A Moloney	L Bourke
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> S Collins <u>Gifts</u> M Jamieson M Canning	<u>Book</u> M Alaimo <u>Gifts</u> B Hansen T Woods	<u>Book</u> L Bracken <u>Gifts</u> C McNamara J Jones
AV	J Collins	B Ribbons	L Crowe
Children's Liturgy			E Batey M Moncrieff
Morning Tea			B Clutterbuck S Harland
Counters			C McNamara M Alaimo V Abbatangelo



Dear parishioners,

I am going to be away from 25 August to 25 September for my annual leave and retreat. I planned the annual leave in February 2019 when I was an Assistant Parish Priest at Geelong (I thought that I would be remaining at Geelong for at least another year). I paid for my holidays in April 2019.

I know that my annual leave and retreat will cause some inconveniences for the parish, especially when I only have moved into the parish for about 3.5 weeks. Please accept my apology!

During my absence, Lys Crowe and Vicki Abbatangelo, as usual will continue in their roles as Pastoral Associate and Office Manager.

There will be Communion Service on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Fr Peter Conroy PE will celebrate the Masses on the weekend.

Next weekend, there will be an Annual Father's Day Appeal to support our retired priests. Our former parish priests: Bishop Hilton Deakin and Fr Laurie Pearson along with other retired priests will be benefited from the Father's Day Appeal.

As you may know, priests live on a stipend throughout our life of service. We are not entitled to superannuation because our work is considered as part of our religious duties for the people of God. The funds collected from Father's Day Appeal will give us the support that we need during retirement. Therefore, I would like to invite you to support our diocesan Annual Father's Day Appeal

I will keep you in my prayers during the retreat and look forward to continuing the journey of getting to know you after

I return from annual leave.

Kind regards, (Fr) Joe Truong

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 25th August Film 'Palm Beach' at 3.15pm at Mornington Cinema, Meal afterwards at Bronx Napoli. Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 59325473

Tuesday 27th August - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10.00 am.

Wednesday 28th August - Morning Coffee and a chat at the Dava Hotel Café, The Esplanade, Mt. Martha at 10.00am (M145 C6). Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479

Tuesday 3rd September - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Liturgy in Church. New members always very welcome.

The **Welfare Officer for August** is Margo



Media statement from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Copies of media statement regarding Cardinal George Pell are available in Church Foyer

New Parish Directory

Our updated 2019 edition of the Parish Directory is now available. Please take a copy home for your household as it contains all the information about all the groups in the Parish. You may find a new one you would like to join!

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.

This will be a really helpful way for Fr Joe to get to know us all, so even if it hasn't been something you have been used to doing, please consider wearing one now!

Baptism Welcome



Congratulations and Welcome to **Finley Garvey** (Parents – Mark & Rochelle) who will be baptised after the 10am Mass this weekend.



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.

Are You New to Our Parish ?

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



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.



Bring and Buy Stall this Weekend after all Masses

Don't forget to stop and have a look at the Stall after Mass and see what you may be able to purchase that has been made or grown by one of our fellow parishioners!



All proceeds to the Parish.

What's happening here & elsewhere....



PADUA COLLEGE PARENTS & PARISHES EVENING – SONGS AND STORIES OF HOPE

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019, 7.30-8.45pm
CHAPEL OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MORNINGTON CAMPUS

You are warmly invited to our Parents & Parishes Reflection Evening for this year.

Last year's event was a great success and we have again invited singer/song writer **MARIA FORDE** to lead us in exploring this year's school theme of HOPE.

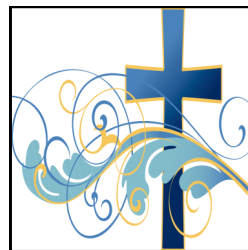
It will be a wonderful celebration, so please let us know you are coming via this TryBooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=540908&>

or contact **Sarah Hansen on 5970 4293**
 or email shansen@padua.vic.edu.au.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

For those men who are interested in finding out more about becoming Permanent Deacons, there will be an enquiry meeting held on 31st August from 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Further details about the Permanent Diaconate can be obtained from the website www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate.

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 3rd September**

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.

In order for this to happen, preparation needs to begin at least **4 - 6 weeks** before the Baptism, with a call to confirm parents' attendance at the Preparation Night. When children of school age are to be baptised an extended preparation time is required. It is important to remember that Baptism is about the initiation of a child into a community of Faith or a community of Disciples. There is no such thing as a 'private' Baptism... it is something done by the whole Church.

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](#)

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

is in recess for the month of August. They will resume on Thursday 5th September at 7pm in the Church.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$2381
 Pledged last weekend..... \$2505
 Church Loose collections \$410

Presbytery

Received last week \$680

(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.

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.