



SEASONS

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th October 2019

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

Diary

• Monday

Music Group, 2pm, PCC

• Tuesday

Sip 'n Sew, 2pm, PCC

Parish Education Board,
7.30pm, SSR

• Thursday

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.30pm Mass, C

Finance Committee Meeting
7.30pm, PCC

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Weekday Mass

Monday -	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am
School Mass	12.15 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm



Today's readings demonstrate our need for the gift of faith and the patience of faithfulness, to give us a new vision and understanding of the world.

In the **First Reading** the prophet Habakkuk looks at the evil all around him and the suffering of innocent people. He asks God, 'What's the point of praying?', when God does not appear to hear. The Lord offers no direct answer, but simply reassures him that the just person lives by faith in God – the One who sees the whole picture.

The Psalm urges us: 'O that today you would listen to his voice!' For us, 'today' means our own lives, as they are lived in the present moment.

Despite his imprisonment, Paul is confident in the Lord and dares to speak without fear. He reminds Timothy that faith is never possessed definitively but must be continually aroused. He also needs the power of God: the gifts of the Holy Spirit must be the driving force in his life (**Second Reading**).

The disciples are keen to learn and to grow, and ask Jesus to increase their faith (**Gospel**). However, it is clear that the way of the disciple is hard. It involves dying to ourselves and our self-promoting needs. Jesus's parable reminds them that faith is ultimately a gift from God.

Let's pray this week to deepen our faith and our faithfulness; knowing that it is not based on our own efforts, but on our growing surrender to the gifts of the Holy Spirit within.

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We pray for...

Those who died recently...

Clarence Da Gama Pinto, Moya Carse, Jack D'Arcy

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Kerrie Dash, Jason, Agnes Dalton

the sick... Helen Steinbach, Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Helen Gibson, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, 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.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 17:5-9

If you had faith!



Message from Fr Joe

Dear parishioners,

It is good to be back at the parish after four weeks of annual leave and retreat!

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your generosity by making a generous donation towards a fence for the Presbytery. Thank you to Barry Hansen, John Bruitzman and Lys Crowe for coordinating this appeal!

I did lots of travelling during the recent holidays: Mildura, Adelaide, Penola, Sovereign Hill, Nelson Bay and Vietnam. I was in Vietnam for two weeks. During this time, I went to Da Lat (this city is the only place in Vietnam that has a cool and pleasant climate all year. The French's influences on Da Lat is evidenced in the name of the streets and places of attraction.), Phan Thiet, Tra Vinh and Vung Tau (Australian/ American Navy Base during the Vietnam War).

Like in the previous years I did a 5 days retreat at the Adorers of the Holy Cross Centre, Vung Tau, Vietnam.

I came back to the parish on 24 September. My first engagement after the holidays was to attend two meetings on *Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy (SCYP)* at Blackburn South. SCYP is the new child safety policy that the diocese has developed to replace the previous *Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Child Safety Policy and May our Children Flourish Code of Conduct for Caring for Children*. The SCYP Policy requires that all parishes are to establish a Child Safeguarding Committee to ensure policies, processes and practices are in place to protect children and young people. The Professional Standards Unit (PSU) emphasized the legal and moral obligations of parish priests/ parish administrators to implement a child safety policy in their parish. In addition, The PSU has advised that there will be liability for parish priests/ parish administrators who fail in their obligations to put in place policies to protect children and young people. In due course, I will be talking to our PPLT about forming a child safeguarding committee for St Thomas More's Parish.

May people everywhere learn to imitate Jesus who embraces children lovingly in his tender arms without hurting them!

Kind regards, Joe

Next Week's Roster 12 / 13 October

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	J Hannan	P McConvill	J Bourke
Comm.	G Hannan	A Moloney	C Huggard
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> M Jamieson <u>Gifts</u> M Robertson M Canning	<u>Book</u> B Ribbons <u>Gifts</u> H Grech T Woods	<u>Book</u> R Storr <u>Gifts</u> C McNamara M Shelton
AV	I Owsianka	L Crowe	A Ryan
Children's Liturgy			S Anderson H Anderson
Morning Tea			L-A Gibson S Gibson
Counters			J Collins M Hutchinson I Owsianka



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

Monday 7th October - The **Music Group** will meet in PCC at 2.00 pm.



Come along and have a great afternoon!

Tuesday 8th October - **Sip 'n Sew Group** will meet in the PCC at 2.00pm

Wednesday 9th October - **Visit Gunnery at Flinders at 9.00am. Lunch at Flinders Golf Club. 12 to 12.30pm**

Enquiries to Brian on 0428 776 202

Friday 18th October - - The **Walking Group** will meet at 10am at the Western Port Marina Hotel car park in Hastings. The walk will be the Boardwalk near by. As usual , we walk for as long or short as you wish. For refreshments we will go to the Steaming Mugs Coffee shop , as advised by Sally.



For further information : Gui 9787 1449

Monday 21st October - **Poetry Group** will meet in PCC at 1.30 pm.



Tuesday 22nd October - **Committee Meeting** in PCC at 10.00 am.

Wednesday 23rd October - **Morning Coffee and a chat** at 'The Sober Mule', Peninsula Lifestyle Shopping Centre (M104-J11) at 10.00am. Enquiries to Carmel on 9787 3757



The Welfare Officers for October are Catharina and Aileen

Bring and Buy Stall last weekend

Thankyou to those who brought and bought last weekend. Not one of our best months! We raised \$71. The good news is that there are 2 more for the rest of the year – 26/27 October and 23/24 November, so let's get creative!!



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Fay Fitzgerald, Laura Moore and Katie Rodgers. 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.

Baptism Welcomes

At the 10am Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Romeo Trudgett** (Parents – James & Eloise), **Harvey Creber** (Parents – Kevin & Melissa) and **Xander Lassen** (Parents – Dan & Alexandra).

Congratulations and Welcome to **Elyse Born** (Parents – Daniel and Rachel) and **Jetty Murphy** (Parents - Michael & Jessica) who will both be baptised after 10am Mass.



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!

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.



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



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



Choir Practice

The next Choir practice will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Wednesday 16th October.**

What's happening here & elsewhere....

MARIAN PRAYER DAY/RETREAT

October 15, Tuesday, 9:15am to 2:30pm

St Francis Xavier Church, FRANKSTON

Theme **"THE POWER OF THE ROSARY"** highlighting the great miracles that have occurred through the Rosary, such as Lepanto, along with the teaching of the Popes, especially JP II, about the Rosary and the encouragement to pray the Rosary as given by the Blessed Virgin in her apparitions."

By Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR, Marian Movement of Priests (MMP). In the past few years he has helped establish 40 chapels of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in different islands of Indonesia!

Includes: Holy Mass; Exposition; MMP Cenacle - Rosary, readings, Act of Consecration; Confession; Benediction.

ALL WELCOME - BYO Lunch - rsvp: Contact 9783 3484

Public Rosary is being held on **October 12th**
Praying the Rosary...
Asking Our Lady of Fatima to obtain
God' merciful blessing for Australia

Nearest Local Events are:

St John's Frankston East	9.30 am
St Francis Xavier Frankston	10.00 am
St Anne's Seaford	4.30 pm



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 12th November** (due to Cup Day)

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.

Don't forget to look at our Church Noticeboard

There is always a great variety of current Notices & Information displayed

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



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.

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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend	\$1126
Pledged last weekend.....	\$1067
Church Loose collections.....	\$320

Presbytery

Received last weekend	\$657
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(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.