



SEASONS

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th October 2019

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.30pm, C
Social Justice Group
7.30pm, PCC



Today's gospel story is commonly known as "The Healing (or Cleansing) of the Ten Lepers". Does this title capture the point of the story? It puts the focus on Jesus' healing powers. A case could be made to call it "The Return of the Grateful Leper" if it's about gratitude. Or again, "The Surprising Samaritan" if it's really about ethnic and religious prejudice.

Without excluding any of these possibilities, let's take the opportunity to reflect on gratitude. Thankfulness lies at the very heart of the Christian life. The core ritual that grounds our faith, the eucharist, derives its name from the Greek word for thanksgiving. When we participate heart and soul in Sunday eucharist we are being exercised in the ways of thankfulness.

It is fair to say that we need this weekly practice of gratitude. It helps us withstand the constant barrage of advertising that appeals to our discontent. Advertising keeps scratching away at our fears and false needs. It reminds us incessantly of what we don't have and what we must have in order to be happy. The best way to "inoculate" ourselves from this ever - threatening virus is to surrender ourselves to the spirit of thankfulness that roams free when we gather to break bread with the Lord. And to pray every day for "our daily bread", that is , just what we need for today, no more, no less.

from: Break Open the Word 2019



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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	
Funeral for Christina Carter	<u>10.30am</u>
	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



We pray for...

Those who died recently...
Christina Carter, Hilda Deakin, Peter Crowe.

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
Joy Morrison, John Deighton, Maria Torcaso, John Hoban
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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17
Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.



Next Week's Roster 19 / 20 October			
	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	J Carter	L-A Gibson	C Judkins
Comm.	L Crowe	A Davies	D Coyne
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> C Gascoigne	<u>Book</u> B Hansen	<u>Book</u> L Bourke
	<u>Gifts</u> J Hannan N Davies	<u>Gifts</u> M Hansen M Alaimo	<u>Gifts</u> H Grech P Royal
AV	T Hogan	B Ribbons	L Moore
Children's Liturgy			C Parks D Parks
Morning Tea			B Clutterbuck S Harland
Counters			J Collins M Hutchinson I Owsianka

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.

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.



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$5726
Pledged last weekend..... \$5741
Church Loose collections..... \$260

Presbytery

Received last weekend \$713

(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.



Our deepest sympathies to Lys Crowe and family on the passing of her father, Peter. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace. Amen.

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 13th October Film "Ride Like a Girl" at 3.20, then those who wish can go for a meal afterwards at Bronx Napoli. Contact Christine 0431696084.

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



Tuesday 29th October - **Monthly Meeting** in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am celebration of the Eucharist. in Church.


New members always very welcome.

The Welfare Officers for October are
Catharina and Aileen




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,


Baptism Welcome



Congratulations and Welcome to **Harvey Creber** (Parents – Kevin & Melissa) who will be baptised during the 10am Mass this weekend.




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



Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass Sarah & Hamish Anderson will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.
 Please encourage your primary school age children to join them in the Undercroft, or you might like to go with your pre-schoolers.

St Thomas More
Social Justice Group

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Group will be held on Thursday 17th October in the Community Centre commencing at 7.30 p.m. New members are most welcome.



Morning Tea
 Your hosts this week will be Lou-Ann and Stuart Gibson. 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.

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 14th of October in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.
 All parishioners are welcome to come along and talk to our members about the work of the Society.



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!

What's happening here & elsewhere....

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS 2019:

Dear Parishioners, the advertisement for the position of Principal, at St Thomas More's Primary School, will be advertised again at the end of this week and next via the Catholics Online Mail service and the Australian newspaper. I ask for your continued prayers for the panel in their deliberations and for the applicants who place their trust in us. Kindest regards, Fr Joseph Danh Truong

Southern Stars Social Club
Over 28'S Party Night for Single Catholics in 28-60 age group. Saturday 26th October starting at 8pm

Location: Benedict House at St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood (Melways 61 H6)
Cost: \$13 Enquires Peter 9885 2167

Sacred Heart of Jesus Charismatic Prayer Group, Chelsea invite you to a **Healing Mass.**

Celebrated by Fr Bernard Morawski at St Joseph's Church, 362 Station Street, Chelsea on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019.**
Prayer and Praise: 7.30pm – Mass: 8.00pm
Individual Prayer Ministry after Mass followed by Fellowship and Light Refreshments.
All Welcome. Contact: Mary Cameron on 9772 5841 or Pam Lloyd 9772 6303

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



JESUS Heals

You are welcome to join this Healing Mass and **experience** the healing touch of **Jesus** for the body, mind and soul

HEALING MASS | PREACHING | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Retreat Director : Rev Fr Jilto George CMI
When; Wednesday 6th November 2019
Where: St Francis Xavier Church, Frankston
Time: 7pm—9.30pm
Contact: Jibin Antony 0415 679 764

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS
Prayer Retreat
With
Fr Hugh THOMAS CSsR

All are invited to come and hear Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR speak on the '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 John Paul II about the Rosary and the encouragement to pray the Rosary as given by the Blessed Virgin in her Apparitions."

Thursday 17th to Sunday 20th October 2019
Between 9.30am – 3pm
Our Lady's Chapel – THE FATIMA CENTRE
205-207 Poath Road, Hughesdale

PROGRAM

From 9.30am Fr Thomas available for confessions
10.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
10.15am Cenacle
11.00am Confession
11.15am Benediction
Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

HOLY MASS
...Celebrant - Fr Hugh Thomas

Lunch at 12.45pm - (BYO Lunch) Coffee and Tea Provided

1.30pm Reflection
2.10pm Short Break
2.15pm Further Reflection - On Messages from MMP Blue book
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3.15pm Questions and Sharing
3.30pm Finish.

For any further inquiries please contact either Mrs Kathleen Thompson on (03) 9569 9653
Or Mrs Carol Kelly on 9509 1246
Or Dale Gordon-Stewart on 9842 2449

SEE OVERLEAF FOR OTHER VENUES

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.

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to support the Eden Gardens Children's Home in Nagaland, north-eastern India. The home currently provides 250 children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic needs, such as food and water, education and a safe home.

