



SEASONS

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

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

8th December 2019

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

Diary

• Monday

Poetry Group, 1.45pm, PCC

• Tuesday

Inter-Church Advent Prayer,
7.30pm, C

Thursday

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.30pm, C

WELCOME

We're So Glad You're Here!

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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am
End of Year School Mass	12.00 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm



For Advent this year, the Liturgy Team has decided to focus on the themes from our 2nd Readings each week.

This week our theme is WELCOME

What kind of welcome do we extend to others?

How can we better welcome others in this 2nd week of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Jesus again this Christmas?

Loving God, as Christ embraces all,

Give us the grace to welcome one another.

Let our prayers sing harmony to each other

And together call praise to you,

Each doing its part to bring peace to this earth.

We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Bernard "Bernie" Taylor, Alexander Haggerty,

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Lloyd Beard, Audrey Hussey, Tyler Cassidy, Harry Knuckey, Catherine Farrell,

the sick... Eileen O'Beirne, Helen Steinbach, Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie,



Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Helen Gibson, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, 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.

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First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Next Week's Roster: 14 / 15 December

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	A-M Hyde	C Anwyl	M Wunder
Comm.	J Carter	P McConvill	J Bourke
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> M Canning	<u>Book</u> B Hansen	<u>Book</u> B Smith
	<u>Gifts</u> C Gascoigne S Collins	<u>Gifts</u> B Ribbons M Hansen	<u>Gifts</u> A Coughlan Volunteer
AV	J Collins	L Crowe	D Coyne
Children's Liturgy			E Batey M Moncrieff
Morning Tea			B Clutterbuck S Harland
Counters			R Lindner D McKenzie Y Minton

Next Week's Advent Readings - 15th December

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

2nd Reading: James 5: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11



If you are on the Reader's Roster...

Please collect your new copy of Break Open the Word (with your name on it) from the Sacristy as the new liturgical year begins. Thank you.

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.



Christmas Rosters

If you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Commentator, AV Operator etc at any of the Christmas Masses, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$5822

Pledged last weekend..... \$4392

Church Loose collections.....\$310

Presbytery

Received last weekend\$632

(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.



Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Clare and Daniel Parks will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.



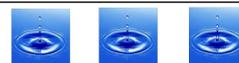
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

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

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.



What's Happening Here and Elsewhere...

This Weekend—

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal

There will be a leaving collection for Melbourne Overseas Missions at each Mass. Melbourne Overseas Missions puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities.



Envelopes and copies of their report are available at the back of the Church.

Those who are affected by the **BUSHFIRES**—How can I help?

Donations can be made through

Vinnies Bushfire Appeal www.vinnies.org.au



For injured wildlife—Donations can be made through Wildlife Rescue on [1300 094 737](tel:1300094737) or <https://www.wires.org.au/donate/emergency-fund>

St Vincent de Paul Society

Giving Tree Appeal

BIG THANK YOU to all those who have provided gifts for our local families in need.

Gifts are needed by **TODAY**—Sunday 8th December to be delivered to families this week.

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!**

Don't forget to look at our Church Noticeboard
There is always a great variety of current Notices & Information displayed

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.



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 4th February 2020**

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.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne INFORMATION SHEET: Working with Children Check Requirements

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) acknowledge that the requirement for a Working with Children Check (WWCC) across all clergy, employee and volunteer roles across the Archdiocese is but one component of a comprehensive approach to child safety.

All persons in parish, agency and entity roles represent the Archdiocese and hold a position of trust in our communities, irrespective of whether their role involves direct, indirect or no contact with children and young people. The rigorous WWCC requirements of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) exceed the requirements of the WWCC legislation. CAM's blanket approach to WWCCs ensures that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people, and demonstrates our commitment to excluding persons who pose an obvious risk to children and young people from roles within our parishes, agencies and entities.

Extract from: CAM Professional Standards Unit Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework (inc Policy, Information sheets)

St Thomas More Parish invites every volunteer across all parish ministry groups, to apply for a Working with Children Check, if you have not already done so. The Working with children Check is **free** for volunteers and is valid for 5 years. If you have obtained a WWCC but have not given a copy to the parish, please can you do so as soon as possible because we need to keep a record of the WWCC for each volunteer. Vicki, our Office Manager, will be able to help anyone who may need assistance with completing the online application for the WWCC.

