



# SEASONS

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th 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
- **Tuesday**  
Social Club Mass & Meeting,  
10am, C & U
- **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 (Social Club)	10.00 am
Funeral for Milenko Klarica	12.00 pm
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am 10.00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

As the end of the Church's year approaches, we renew our commitment to the Lord who desires to draw ever closer to those who are humble.



The **First Reading** shows how the Lord hears the petitions of the poor, while the **Psalms** echoes this by showing the closeness of the Lord to the broken-hearted and the downtrodden.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul encourages the new followers of Christ to hold firm to the life God gives, even through sufferings and struggles. He uses the analogy of a runner whose eyes are fixed firmly on the prize.

In all his years of ministry, Jesus rarely speaks harshly. Indeed, the only group he seems to condemn are the Pharisees, perhaps because their pride and self-reliance make them hard to reach. The Pharisee in today's **Gospel** certainly thinks he has a monopoly on God. In contrast, however, Jesus holds up the tax collector as an example, not because of what he does, but because he is sincerely asking for forgiveness. He knows his sin and his need of God, and so goes home, at one with God.

This week, let's endeavour to entrust ourselves ever more keenly to the compassion of the Lord, that it may open us more and more to God's love and care. May God's closeness empower us to go out to stand alongside anyone we know who is in need of help. *from: [www.australiancatholics.com](http://www.australiancatholics.com)*

Our annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.**

At this Mass we will remember by name those we know who have died throughout the year, and a special invitation has been sent to their families. It is also an opportunity to remember *all* those we love who have died, and so **we invite everyone to come along to Mass, followed by supper.** You might also like to bring a plate of food to share.





# We pray for...

**Those who have died recently..**  
Milenko Klarica, Fr Joseph Yu,  
Fr Christopher Toms

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..**  
Bruce Wright, Beverley Smith, John Hooper

**the sick...** Eileen O'Beirne 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.**



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Sirach 35:12-12, 16-19  
*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14  
*The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.*



<b>Next Week's Roster 2 / 3 November</b>			
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	J Carter	P McConvill	B Smith
<b>Comm.</b>	D Coyne	J Berkery-Coleman	R Storr
<b>Min Euch</b>	<u>Book</u> M Robertson	<u>Book</u> T Woods	<u>Book</u> J Bourke
	<u>Gifts</u> M Canning B Hunt	<u>Gifts</u> M Goss H Steyn	<u>Gifts</u> L Bracken A Coughlan
<b>AV</b>	T Hogan	B Ribbons	A Ryan
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			P Whyte G Hakim
<b>Morning Tea</b>			K Rodgers F Fitzgerald
<b>Counters</b>			C Landman M Martin B Dickson

### Next Week's Readings—3rd November

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2  
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2  
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



**Sunday Catholic Hour Radio Program** hosted by Maureen Federico 3RPP FM 98.3—98.7 - 8am-9am

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM** aired on LIFE 105.1 FM Saturday 4pm & LIFE 103.9 FM Sunday 10pm or visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

### Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass



Eleanor Batey and Michelle Moncrieff will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.

**Morning Tea** Your hosts this week will be Anne Davey and John Bruitzman. 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.



### 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.

### Financial Matters

**Stewardship**  
Received last weekend ..... \$2281  
Pledged last weekend..... \$2412  
Church Loose collections..... \$285  
**Presbytery**  
Received last weekend ..... \$624

*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.***

# 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

**Sunday 27th October** - Film 'Judy' the story of Judy Garland at Mornington Cinema at 4.30pm. Then those who wish can go for dinner afterwards  
Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

**Tuesday 29th October** - **Monthly Meeting** in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am celebration of the Eucharist in Church. **New members always very welcome.**

**Friday 15th November Walking Group** This will be the last walk for this year and we will meet at 10.30am at Coolart Homestead, Sandy Point Rd, Somers (Mel 193 H8). After the walk, we will have a picnic lunch (BYO everything). Non-walkers are all very welcome. Contact Fiona 5976 7064

**Wednesday 20th November- Morning Coffee and a chat** at the Boathouse Café, 366-368 Nepean Highway, Frankston at 10.00am Parking in front. Enquiries Ian & Fiona 5976 7064

**Tuesday 26th November** - **Christmas Lunch for Sip 'n Sew Group** at 'The Girl & Bull' Mount Eliza at 12.30pm

**Friday 6th December** - **'The Pirates of Portsea or The Beleura Buccaneers'** at **Beleura House**, 5.30pm. \$90pp. Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479. Bookings and payment at Monthly Meeting.

**Wednesday 18th December** - **Christmas Lunch at Norwood House** at 12.00 noon \$55pp Bookings and payment may be made at Monthly Meeting.

**The Welfare Officers for October are  
Catharina and Aileen**

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 28th 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.



## Baptism Welcomes

Congratulations and Welcome to **Eleanor & Olivia Mackinnon** (Parents – Andrew & Nicola) who will be baptised at the 6pm Mass this weekend,

and to **Alfie Martin** (Parents – Gareth & Jacinta) who will be baptised at the 10am Mass.



## Are You New to Our Parish ?

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



## Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place on **Saturday 9 November, 8.30am to 1pm.**

There are plenty of jobs to be done to the church and surrounds, including weeding, a few handy-person maintenance items and church window 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, serve or prepare morning tea.

## Bring and Buy Stall this Weekend

After all Masses this weekend is our Bring and Buy Stall full of homemade, handmade and home-grown goodies. Please stop and have a look and see what you can purchase made by clever fellow parishioners.



All proceeds to the Parish.

# What's happening here & elsewhere....

## Anglican + Roman Catholic Prayer for Reconciliation

Abp Peter A. Comensoli and Abp Philip Freier join together at **7 pm Sunday 3 November at St John's Anglican Church**, 552 Burke Road, **Camberwell**. More information at [stjohnscamberwell.org.au](http://stjohnscamberwell.org.au)

## St John the Evangelist Church, Frankston East

will be commemorating, on **Sunday 10 November at 10.00am**, the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Parish. All, past and present Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this celebratory occasion, and if you know of any former Parishioners please let them know of this event. A BBQ will follow Mass



### Wall of Remembrance

Bronze plaques are available for the Wall of Remembrance, please contact Vicki in the office for an order form, or to make an appointment to come in and prepare a draft. Plaques usually cost around \$300, depending on the wording, and images (if any). If you haven't already reserved/purchased a brick - to which the plaque will be fixed - this will need to be arranged at the same time, at a cost of \$120.

### 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.



**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!**

### 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.

**On Hold**

THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD AS THE PUBLIC RESPONSES HAVE BEEN SO GREAT. It is expected to be 3-6 months before we are asked to continue collecting.  
BIG THANK YOU for everyone's efforts.



## 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.



### 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.



Dear parishioners, consistent with the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards, the Archbishop, through the Professional Standards Unit has requested that all the clergy, staff and volunteers across the diocese to have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). As a diocese, we are working towards creating safe environments in our communities, organisations and parishes where children and young people are able to grow and develop.

Therefore, I write to invite 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. 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. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all that you have done to help us proclaiming the Gospel to the people of Mount Eliza. All of you are highly valued by our staff, PPLT, parishioners and myself!

Kind regards, (Fr) Joe Truong