



# SEASONS

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd November 2019

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

### Diary

#### • Thursday

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,  
7.30pm, C



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#### Weekday Mass

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Monday                      | No Mass  |
| Tuesday                     | No Mass  |
| Wednesday                   | 9.15 am  |
| Thursday                    |          |
| Funeral for Brian Le Brocq. | 11.00 am |
|                             | 7.00 pm  |
| Friday                      | 9.15 am  |
| School                      | 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

## All Souls Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

This day brings recollections of love and memories of loved ones to our minds, and may make us feel sad.

St Braulio of Saragossa put it like this: “O unfeeling death, cruelly pulling asunder those who are joined together, and parting those who are united in friendship.”

St Paul called death the enemy, which is just what it is.

St Monica, the mother of a famous son, St Augustine, suddenly fell ill in Italy in the year 387, when they were waiting for a ship to take them home to North Africa. Augustine’s brother said something about her wishing to die in her homeland. She answered, “Lay this body anywhere and do not let the care of it be a trouble to you at all. Only this I ask: that you will remember me at the Lord’s altar, wherever you are.”

And that is what we are doing on this day.

Our prayers today are for our loved ones, and those who through the years have worshipped with us, and all people we have known. They are for those whose names we do not know and who have no one now to mourn for them. We cannot know what our prayers avail for them, but we are called to pray for them “with joyful trust in God”, for their sanctification, their rest, their resurrection, their transfiguration. So that, in the words of a hymn, they will be “changed from glory into glory”, till in heaven they see God’s face.



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Weekday Living  
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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.



**Dear parishioners,**

November is the month of the holy souls. In faith, we believe that our departed sisters and brothers remain in communion with us even though they have returned to God their creator and father of mercy. We show our solidarity and love for all the departed through the prayers that we offer to God on their behalf.

As a community of St Thomas More Parish may we remember in our prayers during this November- Fr Peter Fulton (our second parish priest) and Maria Newbigin (our Pastoral Associate 2009-2012, who died earlier this year) and all our deceased parishioners and benefactors who contributed to the life and mission of our parish.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

(Fr) Joe Truong



**We pray for...**

**Those who have died recently..**  
Brian Le Brocq, Bill Smith, Joan Lowrie, Kevin O'Reilly

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..**  
David Mitchell, Amelia Smith, Mary Donnellan, John Pingiaro, Tim & May Mirabella, Mary Connelly

**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.**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 11:22—12:2

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

**Next Week's Roster 9 / 10 November**

|                           | 6pm   | 8am   | 10am   |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Lector</b>             | J Carter  | D Snooks  | B Smith  |
| <b>Comm.</b>              | D Coyne   | P McConvill   | R Storr  |
| <b>Min Euch</b>           | <u>Book</u><br>M Robertson<br><u>Gifts</u><br>M Canning<br>B Hunt | <u>Book</u><br>T Woods<br><u>Gifts</u><br>M Goss<br>H Steyn | <u>Book</u><br>J Bourke<br><u>Gifts</u><br>L Bracken<br>A Coughlan |
| <b>AV</b>                 | T Hogan   | B Ribbons   | A Ryan   |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b> |   |   | A Vallesi<br>D Beasley   |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>        |   |   | L-A Gibson<br>S Gibson   |
| <b>Counters</b>           |   |   | C Landman<br>B Dickson   |

**Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass**



Peter Whyte and Gianna Hakim will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.

**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



# 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 10th November Film** "Pavarotti" -Time TBA, then those who wish can go for a meal afterwards at Bronx Napoli. Contact Christine 0431696084.

**Monday 11th November - 2pm—Music**  
Afternoon in PCC—a great afternoon of music is assured.!



**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 - Committee Meeting** in PCC at 10.00 am.

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



**Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch at Norwood House** at 12.00 noon \$55pp  
Enquiries to Brian on 0428 776 202



**The Welfare Officer for November is Maree Shelton**

## Book of the Names of the Dead Remembering Those Who Have Died

During November – the month we especially remember those who have died – we display this Book and everyone is invited to write the names in it of their family and friends who have died. They will then be prayed for at each of the Masses.



## Bring and Buy Stall last Weekend

Thankyou to all those who supported last weekend's stall by making or growing something and/or purchasing. We raised \$316 this month. Next month – 23/24 November – will be the last one for this year. Let's see if we can make this the biggest stall yet! Maybe a chance to purchase some Christmas gifts!



## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



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

## 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



**World Mission Appeal on weekend of 19/20 October raised \$ 394. Thank you for our generosity.**

**Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (basp)**  
newsletters are available in church foyer

The Summer Edition of Australian Catholics is available at the back of the Church. Take a free copy with you today.



### Your Stewardship Receipts and Envelopes

Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Receipts and Envelopes are available in the Church foyer this weekend. Please collect yours today, to keep our mailing costs to a minimum. Receipts were emailed this week to those people who contribute electronically. If you contribute by Direct Debit or Credit Card and we don't have your email address, could you please send it to us.  
© Thank you, Vicki

### Financial Matters

#### Stewardship

Received last weekend.....\$1416  
Pledged last weekend.....\$1262  
October Weekly Average.....\$2807  
Church Loose collections.....\$315

#### Presbytery

Received last weekend.....\$521

*(Please note that the majority of our contributions are done electronically via Direct Debit & Credit Card Payments)*

**Next Weekend there will be a Leaving collection for Catholic Deaf and the John Pierce Centre in Melbourne.**



## 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.

## 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.

## Peninsula Support Group visit to Brosnan Services



**We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children in our Church.**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, together with our Parish holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.



We will be forming a Child Safeguarding Committee (supported by the Parish Office). If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Parish Office or Fr Joe.