



# SEASONS

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

**Third Sunday in Lent — Year A**

15th March 2020

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**  
Lenten Gospel Reflection,  
9.15am, C  
First Reconciliation Class,  
4pm, Church
- **Wednesday**  
Reconciliation—Group 1, 7pm, C  
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**  
Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm, C
- **Friday**  
Reconciliation—Group 2, 7pm, C
- **Saturday**  
Reconciliation—Group 3, 5pm, C



**What are the 'water jars'  
that we have chased after  
to satisfy the longings of our hearts  
in the hope of finding  
happiness and peace in our lives?**

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### Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Joe Truong (Parish Administrator)  
Jacinta Griffin (Chairperson)  
Sue Carr Paul Stinear

### Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	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
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## First Reconciliation Preparation Classes 4-5pm

Final preparation Class for the Catechist children will be  
**Tuesday: March 17th**

### First Reconciliation Ceremonies

Wed 18 March @ 7:00pm; Fri 20 March @ 7:00pm; Sat 21 March @ 5:00pm &  
Wed 25 March 7:00pm

## We pray for...

**Those who have died recently..**  
Bernard Dee

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..** Dr John O'Brien, Bill Leneaux-Gale, Else Bloch, Norah Connolly, Fr Maurice Adams

**the sick...** Maree Bracken, Maria Pahn, Maria Truong, Fr Theo Rush, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte



Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Helen Steinbach, 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, Adrian Gobel, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre & Ranelagh Gardens Nursing home *and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Tequiomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.*

## Third Sunday in Lent—Year A

**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7**

*Give us water to drink.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

**Next Week's Readings - 22nd March—LENT**

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



**Weekly:**

- **Friday 8.30am Silent Prayer in Church**

## Financial Matters

*Stewardship and Presbytery statistics for the month of March will be displayed in SEASONS 29th March issue.*

*Thank you for your patience and understanding while Vicki is on a Holy Land Pilgrimage.*

**Next Week's Roster: 21 / 22 March**

	6pm	8am	10am
<b>Lector</b>	J Hannan	J Berkery-Coleman	J Bourke
<b>Comm.</b>	G Hannan	B Rodriguez	C Huggard
<b>Min Euch</b>	<u>Book</u> M Jamieson <u>Gifts</u> M Robertson N Davies	<u>Book</u> M Goss <u>Gifts</u> M Hansen S Carr	<u>Book</u> H Grech <u>Gifts</u> C McNamara M Shelton
<b>AV</b>	J Collins	B Ribbons	L Moore
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	No Liturgy	
	<b>Morning Tea</b>	No Morning Tea	
	<b>Counters</b>	J McCulloch J Griffin J Collins	

**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 7:30pm**. The next one will be on **Tuesday 7th April 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.



**Choir Practice**

The next Choir practices will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Wednesdays - 25th March & 1st April** for the Easter Triduum



**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am—5pm**  
**After Hours: Please leave a message on 9787 7777**

# What's Happening Here...

## STM Social Club

Fun & Friendship For All

**New members are always most welcome!**

Membership fee is \$30. All enquiries to:  
Brian 0428 776 202 or Grevis 0414 527 172

**Monday 16th March - Poetry Group**  
will meet in PCC at 1.30 pm.

*Poetry*

**Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day Lunch at C.B.'s.** Book and pay \$10 deposit at end of monthly Meeting.

**Friday 20th March - The Walking Group** will meet at 10am in the Dava Hotel car park Mt. Martha, where we will walk to Helena St along the cliff top. Coffee afterwards at the Dava.



**Monday 23rd March - Irish Music Afternoon** at Tom and Maree's at 1.45pm

**Sunday 29th March - Pizza Night** in PCC at 5pm. B.Y.O. Drinks & nibbles to share. Cost between \$6—\$10 depending on what we order.

**Tuesday 31st March - Committee Meeting** in PCC at 10.00 am.

**Tuesday 7th April - Monthly Meeting** in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Mass in Church. New members always very welcome.

**Upcoming Films** at Mornington Cinema.  
22nd March = Miss Fisher and the Crypt of Tears.  
Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

**The Welfare Officers for March are**

**Jim and Betty Bourke**



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on **Monday 17th March** 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.

## Baptisms and Welcomes



Congratulations and Welcome to **Ava, Frank, Ray & Neave Kemble**, who will be baptised at 11:15am this Sunday.

...and to **Harley Williamson, Charlie Richardson, Levi Holland, Shiah-Blu and Koa-Jean**,

who will be welcomed at 8am and 10am Masses.

## Lenten Gospel Reflection

Tuesdays

17th, 24th and 31st March  
at 9.15am in the Church

*we will share the Gospel together*

## Stations of the Cross

**Thursday nights March 19 & 26**

**at 7.30pm in Church**

## HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

*Bakers Delight*

Order form is due back on 29th March.  
Buns will be delivered 4/5 April



## 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. Morning Tea won't be served next weekend.



## Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place on **Saturday 4th April, 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 sign up sheet if you can help on the day, serve or prepare morning tea.



# What's Happening Here ...

The Parish is selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle. Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More. I.e: for every \$2 ticket sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.

*Parish  
Fundraising  
Raffle*

**Tickets sell for \$2 each.** All raffle books (including unsold tickets) must be returned to the Parish office with payment **by Friday April 3rd**. Permit 10722-19/150,000 tickets issued.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes : Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4ltr Auto including on-road costs valued at \$20,682  
4th & 5th Prizes : Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$1,000 (x 2)  
6th-14th Prizes : Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$ 500 (x 9)

## 2020 Safeguarding Committee

The next meeting date at 7.30pm in PCC is  
**31st March (Tuesday)** New members and interested people—**always welcome.**

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).

Therefore, we 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 an existing WWCC card created for another organisation, please contact the Department of Justice to **ADD** St Thomas More Parish to your profile. The parish office can assist you with the necessary information.



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WELCOME  
to our  
PARISH



### Are You (Fairly) New To Our Parish?

We would love to invite you to a meal at Fr Joe's house to enjoy the company of other parishioners, both old and new.

Just fill in the form in the folder at the Church porch and we will be in touch.

### Would You Like To Advertise Your Business In This Space In Seasons?

- ◆ Business card size In colour
- ◆ \$50 for one month

We print 200 copies per week, and distribute to all STM School families by email. It is also available on the Parish website for six months. Please contact the Parish Office on 9787 7777 for further details.

## GET AHEAD IN ENGLISH

English tutoring available  
Year 7 to Year 12

Ask me about "Table for 6"

Call Alicia Canning on 0435 665 477

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