



SEASONS

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

Third Sunday in Lent Year C

24th March 2019

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

Diary

- **Tuesday**
Social Club Committee Meeting, 10am, PCC
- **Wednesday**
Reconciliation—Group 1 7pm, C
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Thursday**
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm, C
- **Friday**
Reconciliation—Group 2 7pm, C
- **Saturday**
Antiques & Collectables Fair 9am—3pm, School Gym
Reconciliation—Group 3 5pm, C



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am
School Mass	12.15 pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

3rd Sunday of Lent

Our quote this week comes from St Teresa of Calcutta –
“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

Often when disaster strikes particular regions around the world, we find ourselves feeling powerless. At times there may be a tendency by some to inadvertently “blame the victims” or to ask the question ‘why would a loving God allow this?’

Those who live on the land in the food producing areas of our country, know only too well the importance of reliable water sources. It is clear that our climate is changing, and the effects of this change are being felt across the globe.

The readings today invite us to ponder the sublime mystery that God is present with us in all the events of life as we reshape into God’s image the gift of creation freely bestowed on us.

Our Project Compassion story focuses on Peter from the Solomon Islands where, surrounded by water, it is proving increasingly difficult to obtain potable drinking water for the local community. Caritas worked with the community to build a reliable water system. Staff and students at Peter’s school dug trenches, carried equipment and helped to develop a water management plan.



How do we take our place in the community of believers and play our part in restoring all creation to the image and likeness of God?

Stations of the Cross – Thursday 28th March

This week’s Stations of the Cross, at 7.30pm on Thursday in the Church, are based on those written by John Chittister OSB, an American Benedictine sister, and are titled, “Way of the Cross – Gateway to Resurrection.” All are welcome to share in this Lenten reflection time together.



We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time... Gwen Murtagh, Geoff Wines, Kate Gloury, Jack Hooker, Betty Sullivan, Mary Russell,

Bartolo Vino, Adolf Wigger, Patricia Lawton, Janet Lindner, Ellen Shannon.

the sick... Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew Worthington, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth

Ware, Althea Greff, Michael Blick, Ann Shackleton, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Fr. Michael Walsh, 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, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.



Third Sunday in Lent - Year C

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Next Week's Roster - 30-31 March

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	A-M. Hyde	D. Snooks	L. Bracken
Comm.	B. Dobson	A. Moloney	C. Huggard
Min Euch	B. Hunt (B) K. Dobson (G) C. Gascoigne (G)	M. Goss (B) J. Bourke (G) T. Woods (G)	M. Shelton (B) A. Ferguson (G) G. Hone (G)
AV	J. Collins	B. Ribbons	A. Ryan
Children's Liturgy			R. Cresswell C. Parks
Morning Tea			John Bruitzman Anne Davey
Counters			J. McCulloch J. Griffin C. Gage

Eucharistic Ministers at 10am Mass

A reminder to our Eucharistic Ministers at 10am Mass, that we now only require those who are rostered, and not 2 extras as has been the practice.

A Call to Prayer March edition (by The Combined Societies of Mary) is available at the back of the Church. Take a free copy with you today.

There is also leaflets about 'Walk with Mary' on Sunday 7th April at St Patrick's Cathedral and Divine Mercy services at St Macartans in Mornington (incl. Novena)

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$2747

Pledged last weekend \$2612

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$1251

(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.

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 2nd April

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. In order for this to happen, preparation needs to begin at least **4-6 weeks** before the Baptism, with a call to confirm parents' attendance at the Preparation Night. When children of school age are to be baptised an extended preparation time is required. It is important to remember that Baptism is about the initiation of a child into a community of Faith or a community of Disciples. There is no such thing as a 'private' Baptism... it is something done by the whole Church.

What's Happening Here...

STM Social Club

Fun & Friendship For All

New members are always most welcome!

Membership fee is \$20. All enquiries to:
Grevis 0414 527 172 or to Colleen 9787 2479.

Today, Sunday 24th March the **Film** "Sometimes, Always, Never" is playing at 2.30pm at Mornington Cinema. Contact: Christine on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473.

Tuesday 2nd April - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy.

Friday 5th April - PLOS / Broadway to Beleura, Beleura House (bus from Mornington Golf Club 5.45pm)

Wednesday 10th April - Ferry trip from Docklands \$89 p.p. Enquiries to Fiona on 5976 7064 or 0420 764 234

The **Welfare Officers** for March are Betty and Jim Bourke



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.

Bulb Drive – Parish Fundraiser

A reminder that all Bulb orders (if you are returning them and not ordering them online yourself) must be returned by next Sunday – 31st March - to the box in Church foyer. Thankyou for supporting this Parish fundraising effort.



Nametags: The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team invites you to wear a nametag to Mass! This is just one way of us getting to know each other better. You can BYO, or we will have some stick-on ones available each week.



Choir Practice

In preparation for **Holy Week**, Choir practices will be held at **7:45pm** in the Church on **Wednesdays - 27th March and 3rd April.**

Thank You. Maureen Mirabella

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Melanie and Brett Paton 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.



Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle Update As of last weekend (the half way mark), we have sold or allocated **107 out of 200 books**, and collected over \$1,140 of \$4,000. We encourage you to bring in books and payment as soon as they're sold as you only have this weekend, the 30/31 March and 6/7 April to return them. *This is a fundraising effort: ie: for every \$2 ticket sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.* Many thanks once again to our after-Mass sellers. The Final day for returns will be Tuesday 9th April.

Bring and Buy Stall - Homemade, Handmade, Homegrown - Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass

How does it work? - Just bring along anything you have made - could be food or craft - or grown. Donate it to the stall before Mass. After Mass the stall will be open, and people will be encouraged to buy! All proceeds to the Parish. Anything leftover at the end of 10am Mass (except perishable food) will be stored to sell the following month.

Just remember... If you are bringing food of any kind - cakes, jams, chutneys etc, they must be labelled with **all** ingredients used, the **date** they were made, and the **name** of who made it. It would be helpful if you could please price what you donate. Those running the stall have the discretion to lower prices, if need be, in order to sell goods!

Dates for the rest of 2019 are: 27/28 April, 25/26 May, 29/30 June, 27/28 July, 24/25 August, 28/29 September, 26/27 October and 23/24 November.

Next Weekend's Masses Thankyou to those who have volunteered to be on the stall -

6 pm - Dot Wines & Carolyn Gascoigne

8 am - Maree Taverna

10 am - Maree Taverna

And we need more volunteers for the rest of the year!

Please contact
Lys Crowe or
Maree Taverna
if you can help.



What's happening here & elsewhere....

One of the issues being addressed by the St Thomas More Social Justice Group is the just treatment of Asylum Seekers and Refugees. We work of behalf of the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP).

We believe strongly in the dignity of each human person and so do what we can to welcome the stranger. This involves offering friendship, English lessons and practical support to purchase essential items such as school books and uniforms for children and other essential supplies.

Parishioners are invited to assist in providing support by making a donation to BASP to be used to help the Individuals and families being supported by St Thomas More Social Justice Group. The donation can be a single annual donation or monthly donations. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Bank Details: BSB : 083-004 Account Number: 56-924-6603

Account Name: Brigidine Asylum Seekers Trust Account

Description: St Thomas More Parish, Mt Eliza

Cheques can be made out to BASP with

Parish details added: St Thomas More Parish, Mt Eliza

Post to BASP, 54 Beaconsfield Pde, Albert Park 3206

St Thomas More Social Justice Group

St Thomas More's School

Community Pathway



The School Parents Association are very excited to announce they will be taking orders for personalised, engraved bricks, which will be used to create a special STM Community Pathway going from the new playgrounds to the school oval. The bricks will be engraved and placed along that pathway to link students from the past, present and future. Staff and Alumni are also welcome to purchase bricks so if you know of any neighbours, friends or family who would like to buy one, please let them know.

Each brick will cost \$80 – For more information contact Marcus : marcuslbenbow@gmail.com

Antiques & Collectables Fair

Thankyou to those who signed up over the last two weekends to help with the **Antiques & Collectables Fair on Saturday 30th March.**



We still need more help especially to help unload trestles on Monday morning, after the Fair. If you can help in any way over the weekend, even for an hour, it would be most appreciated. Please include your name on the sign-up sheet this weekend.



Antiques and Collectables Fair

Saturday 30th March 2019

9am - 3pm

St Thomas More School Hall/Gym

313 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt Eliza

unlimited free parking

coffee van on site

Admission - adults \$5

Vast collection of antiques
& collectables for sale.

Many stall holders from
around Victoria.

Bring your wares for an
expert evaluation
\$10 fee
commencing at 12noon
Bookings Essential



Further information,

Stall Holders application,

& Evaluation Bookings

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