



SEASONS

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C

7th April 2019

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

Diary

- **Monday**
Music Group, 2pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**
Sip 'n Sew Group, 2pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
Choir Practice, 3pm, C
- **Thursday**
Lent Reconciliation Ritual, 7.30pm, C
- **Friday**
RCIA Reunion, 7.30pm, PCC



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Funeral for Nancy Gray	11.00 am
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	9.15 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Thursday	7:30 pm
Saturday	5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

5th
Sunday
of Lent

Our quote this week is from St Catherine of Siena

–“The human heart is always drawn by love.”

The Readings for this weekend draw us into a sense of rejuvenation and realignment with our baptismal call to participate in building the reign of God in our own time.

In the First Reading the prophet Isaiah tells us that God is doing a “new deed” amongst us, reminding us of God’s constancy in doing great things for us. In the response to the Psalm we acknowledge that the “Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy”. It is this joy and sense of purpose that frames the Project Compassion story this week.

Salma is the mother of two young children, and is part of the Safe Motherhood program in Bangladesh. Prior to the introduction of the Safe Motherhood Program, young mothers like Salma struggled with a lack of support, and the overwhelming cost to visit doctors a long way from home. Many of the doctors encouraged these young mothers to have operations to give birth and this was in most cases unnecessary, frightening and prohibitively expensive.

When the program began in 2013, this was a “new deed” in the lives of young families in rural Bangladesh. The training given to village and rural midwives has resulted in a most significant reduction in maternal deaths and other related complications. There has been a significant decrease in domestic violence due to inclusion of fathers in raising awareness of the shared nature of parenthood. Newborn infants are now less likely to be underweight in the early days of life and the improved nutrition of mothers during pregnancy is resulting in better health for both baby and mother.



The actions of Jesus in the Gospel today point to a liberating kindness where there is a suspension of the old ways of judgement and condemnation at the hands of power. Salma and her community have witnessed this liberating kindness in the changed arena of safe childbirth.

How can we continue the work of God’s liberating kindness and life-giving compassion?

Lent Reconciliation Ritual

Our communal Reconciliation Ritual for Lent will be this **Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm**. We will incorporate the Aboriginal Stations of the Cross into this Liturgy.



We pray for...

Those whose who died recently...
Baby Thea Hansen, Nancy Gray,

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time... Alma Baxter, Nora Hanmer, Donald Young, James Breen Snr., Harry O'Beirne, Maria Scicluna,

the sick... Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Rob Storr, 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.



Fourth Sunday in Lent - Year C



First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me; for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

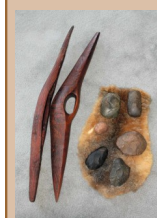


Next Week's Roster - 13/14 April

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K. Dobson	J. Berkery-Coleman	L-A. Gibson
Comm.	J. Hannan	A. Davies	C. Judkins
Min Euch	N. Davies (B) S. Collins (G) H. Steyn (G)	T. Woods (B) M. Alaimo (G) J. Bourke (G)	C. McNamara (B) L. Bourke (G) G. Hone (G)
AV	B. Dobson	B. Ribbons	B. Smith
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays
Morning Tea			School Holidays
Counters			C. Landman M. Martin B. Dickson



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.



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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$1232
Pledged last weekend \$1257
March Weekly Average \$2555

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$1212

(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 7th April - Film group "Swimming With Men" at 12.20pm at Mornington Cinemas. Contact Christine on 0431 696 084 or due to the early time just turn up at the theatre.

Monday 8th April - 2pm—Music Afternoon in PCC—a great afternoon of music is assured.!

Tuesday 9th April - The Sip 'n Sew Group will meet in the PCC at 2pm

Wednesday 10th April - Ferry trip from Docklands Coach will leave from STM Carpark 8.15am for 8.30am departure.

Thursday 2nd May - Morning tea at Degani's in Mt. Eliza at 10am.

Wednesday 22nd May - Breakfast at Taggart's to celebrate the Club's 30th Anniversary. \$21.50 pp Book at next Monthly Meeting.

The **Welfare Officer** for April is Lois

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.

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.

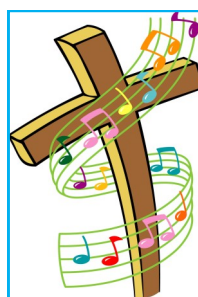
A compulsory preparation night for parents takes place on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Community Centre at 7:30 pm.

The next one will be on Tuesday 7th May

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.

Easter Rosters

If you would like to volunteer as a Reader, Commentator, Eucharistic Minister, AV Operator or to have your feet washed, over the Easter ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday morning, please add your name to the list on the window at the back of the Church.



Choir Practice

In preparation for Holy Week, the next Choir practice will be held in the Church at **3.00pm Wednesday 10th April**

Thank You. Maureen Mirabella



Bring and Buy Stall last Weekend

Thankyou to everyone who contributed by bringing and/or buying to last weekend's Stall. We raised \$350 this month. The next stall will be on 27/28 May. If you are able to help look after the stall at one of the masses please contact Lys Crowe or Maree Taverna.



Baptism Welcomes

At the 6pm Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for

Margaux Hovette (Parents – Maxime & Emily-Ann) at the 8am Mass for **Peter Polas** (Parents – Daniel & Jessica) and at the 10am Mass for **Miranda Geelen** (Parents – Carl & Jessica) and **William & Lacey Rooney** (Parents – Andrew & Nicole).



Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle Update As of last weekend, we have sold or allocated **150 out of 200 books**, and collected over \$2,340 of \$4,000. This is the **LAST WEEKEND FOR RAFFLE TICKET SALES. All Books—SOLD or UNSOLD (and money) need to be returned to the Parish Office on Tuesday 9th April for processing..** Good Luck.

Many thanks once again to our after-Mass sellers and to everyone who bought tickets for this Fundraiser.

What's happening here & elsewhere....

ANTIQUES and COLLECTABLES FAIR The Fair last Saturday was a very successful event, despite the cold wet weather, and created a lot of good will for the stall holders and the volunteers! The success was due to the generosity of time and resources from so many people. The Committee (*Michael Robertson, Anne-Marie Hyde, Mary Lou Mansour, Lys Crowe, Fr. Laurie*) would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with setting up the hall, helping on the day and with cleaning up after the Fair had ended. A special thank you to Budget Truck Rental, Lupton Ferguson Real Estate and Derek Lea Real Estate. Congratulations to Margaret Jamieson who won the Easter Hamper Raffle.

We raised \$3665.40 - a fantastic effort!
We look forward to your support for the next Parish fundraiser we organize.

**Well Done
Great Team Effort!**

Last month, while speaking about modern slavery Pope Francis said that, faced with the tragic reality of modern slavery, "no one can wash their hands of it, without being in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity". Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please.



What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces FAIRTRADE Easter chocolate.

Good news: The Sydney Archdiocese is reviewing and revising all relevant contractual and business practices as part of its commitment to eradicating human trafficking. They are joining a powerful movement that will change, forever, the lives of enslaved children – God's children.

Action: Tell three people about the importance of buying only slavery-free chocolate this Easter and beyond. Try some and tell them how good it tastes. Join this global fight against modern slavery.

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 : marcusbenbow@gmail.com

