

SEASONS

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

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time— Year A

9th February 2020

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, 2pm, PCC
 - **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.30pm, C
- Liturgy Team Meeting
7.30pm, PCC

Let your light shine



“you are the light of the world and salt of the earth”
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
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



First Reconciliation 2020

Classes will be beginning soon and an **Information Night will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th February** (changed)

If you have a child in Year 3 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact Fr Joe at the Parish Office, before the Information Night.

We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Gerda McArdle

Those whose anniversaries fall at

this time.. Pauline Ago, Anne McGrath, Michael Pierce, Eileen Kilgariff, Hayden Jackson, Tom Connolly, Terry Sutton, Lee Rayner, Peggy Fox, Alice Murtagh, Trish Hutchinson, Leo Fennessy, Patricia Duguid



the sick... Fr Theo Rush, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Maree Bracken, Bernard Dee, 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, Tequimata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Next Week's Roster: 15 / 16 February			
	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	D Coyne	A Davies	R Storr
Comm.	G Hannan	C-L Hurren	C Judkins
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> S Collins	<u>Book</u> B Ribbons	<u>Book</u> J Griffin
	<u>Gifts</u> M Canning B Hunt	<u>Gifts</u> M Hansen B Hansen	<u>Gifts</u> G Hone M Shelton
AV	J Collins	I Owsianka	L Moore
Are You New to Our Parish ? Please fill in a new parishioner form in the folder in the Church foyer. <i>welcome</i>	Children's Liturgy	Annalisa Vallesi Debbie Beasley	
	Morning Tea	Katie Rodgers Laura Moore	
	Counters	R Lindner D McKenzie Y Minton	

Next Week's Readings - 16th February

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
2nd Reading: I Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



Weekly:

- **Thursday 7.30pm** Rosa Mystica in Church
- **Friday 8.30am** Silent Prayer in Church

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$3,886
Pledged last weekend..... \$3,911

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$ 776

(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.

LITURGY ROSTERS

Liturgy rosters are currently being prepared to begin on March 7/8. Parishioners are invited to assist in some ministry that contributes to our weekly celebrations of the Eucharist. The ministries are: Lector; Commentator; Minister of the Eucharist (Book); Minister of the Eucharist (Gifts); AV Operator; Children's Liturgy (10a.m.); and Morning Tea (10 a.m.) Parishioners who would like to be added to the roster are invited to record their name, email address and telephone number (PLEASE PRINT) and any dates they would not be available, to the sheets in the foyer or to send an email to Bernard Dobson on dobsonb@bigpond.com. Parishioners currently on the roster are invited to indicate any changes they require and dates they would not be available on the sheet or to email Bernard.

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

Today, Sunday 9th February at 3pm at Mornington Cinemas "A Beautiful Day In The Neighbourhood" Meal or coffee afterwards. Contact Christine 0431 696084. In coming weeks - Emma and Richard Jewell.

Monday 10th February - 1.45pm—Music Afternoon in PCC—a great afternoon of music is assured!

Monday 10th February - Dinner at TULSI Indian Restaurant at 74 Station Street, Somerville (M 107 E12) at 6pm.

Tuesday 11th February - The Sip 'n Sew Group will meet in the PCC at 2.00pm

Monday 17th February - Poetry Group will meet in PCC at 1.30 pm.

Sunday 23rd February - Pizza Night in PCC at 5pm. B.Y.O. Drinks & nibbles to share. Cost between \$6—\$10 depending on what we order.

The Welfare Officers for February are Tom and Maree Shelton

St Thomas More Parish Social Justice Group

The next meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 7,30 pm on **Thursday February 20th**
New members welcome!



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Bernice Clutterbuck and Sarah Harland. 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. Next week's hosts will be Katie Rodgers and Laura Moore.

Rice for East Timor



The current container is almost full. Many thanks for the generous parishioners who continue to bring Rice for the ETM Container and to the generous people who make up the Baby Boxes which is much appreciated by mothers in East Timor. **Thank you**



Dear Parishioners,

The Social Gathering and BBQ at the Parish House was a success! A special thank you to Barry Hansen, Mary-Lou Mansour, Tim Hogan, Vicki Abbatangelo, Caroline Gascoigne, Damian Smith, Marg McCorry and Margaret Jamieson for organising this event and for preparing the beautiful food. Thank you to those of you who were able to come to the gathering last weekend. I hope to organise another gathering at the Parish House between now and the end of the year.
Fr Joe

THIS WEEKEND—8 & 9 February, we will be having a leaving collection for SVdP Bushfire relief as St Vinnies continues to serve those effected by bushfires.

Also Donations can be made through Vinnies Bushfire Appeal
www.vinnies.org.au



Our Parish supports families affected by bushfire.

Former parishioners Cresswell family were affected by recent bushfire in Corryong. In order to stand in solidarity with the Cresswell Family we will provide a donation box to help them during this time of crisis.
Dates for donations are: February 23rd, March 1st & 8th.

Commissioning of School Staff

This Sunday at 10am Mass the STM School Staff will be commissioned as the new school year begins, for their important role with the children of our Parish.

Please share a cuppa after the 10am Mass



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.



Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Ange & Theresa Virgona 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.

What's Happening Here ...



Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza

From **this weekend until the end of March**, 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. By pooling our resources with other Catholic Parishes, we've been able to offer much better prizes than we could possibly fund on our own.

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)

Tickets sell for \$2 each. We will be selling tickets and distribute books of tickets outside the Church after Mass. We encourage parishioners including school families to take a book to sell. To request a ticket - or better still - a book of tickets, call 9787 7777, or drop into the Parish office or School office. 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.

Visit of Bethlehem University Vice Chancellor:

Come and hear Brother Peter Bray speak about life in Bethlehem and the amazing ministry of the only Catholic University in Palestine and its challenge to educate a new generation of Christian and Muslim leaders in a land ravaged by injustice, occupation and oppression.

Sunday 23rd February, 6.00pm at The Cunningham Centre (opposite St. Bernadette's School) 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe. Please RSVP to Parish Office 9499 1515 or Ivanhoe@cam.org.au All Welcome!

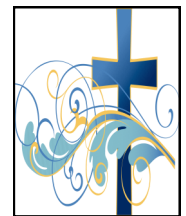
Would You Like To Advertise Your Business In This Space In Seasons?

- ◆ 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.

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 3rd March 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.

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.

'Spirituality of Human Life Stages', 'Discernment', 'The Human Experience of God' and other seminars and reflection days are soon to begin at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation at its new premises in Malvern. For more information and bookings, visit www.heartoflife.melbourne or contact ph: 9890 1101.

2020 Safeguarding Committee

We are looking for more people to join the Safeguarding committee, please consider helping St Thomas More **promote and action** a safe environment for, and empowerment of, our Children and Young People.



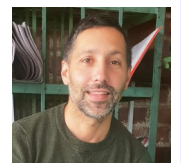
The next meeting dates are:

27th February (Thurs) and 31st March (Tues) at 7.30pm

More information to follow on the Church Noticeboard in next few weeks.

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