

# SEASONS

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

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time— Year A**

16th February 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
- **Wednesday**  
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**  
Social Justice Group  
7.30pm, PCC  
Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,  
7.30pm, C  
First Reconciliation  
Information Night,  
7.30pm, MPR
- **Sunday**  
Social Club Pizza Night, 5pm,  
PCC



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### Weekday Mass

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

### Sunday Mass

|                |                     |
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| Saturday Vigil | 6.00 pm             |
| Sunday         | 8.00 am<br>10.00 am |

### Reconciliation

|          |                   |
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| Saturday | 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm |
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Do our virtues go deeper  
than that of the scribes  
and Pharisees??



### **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 whose anniversaries fall at this time..** Pat May, Lucy Tuck, Clare Sullivan, Michael Hauser, Helen Seymour, Catherine Kost, Daniel Page, Maria de Lourdes Coelho  
**the sick...** Mavis Mary Whalley, Fr Theo Rush, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, 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, 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.**

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



**First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**  
*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 2:6-10**  
*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

### Next Week's Readings - 23rd February

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
 2nd Reading: I Corinthians 3:16-23  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



### Weekly:

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

## Financial Matters

### Stewardship

Received last weekend ..... \$1,924  
 Pledged last weekend ..... \$1,840

### Presbytery

Amount received last week ..... \$ 968

(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.

### Next Week's Roster: 22 / 23 February

|  | 6pm                                      | 8am                                 | 10am                                    |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Lector</b>  | G Hannan                                 | C-L Hurren                          | J Griffin                               |
| <b>Comm.</b>   | J Carter                                 | A Davies                            | D Coyne                                 |
| <b>Min Euch</b>  | <u>Book</u><br>A-M Hyde                  | <u>Book</u><br>M Goss               | <u>Book</u><br>P Griffin                |
|  | <u>Gifts</u><br>M Robertson<br>M Cameron | <u>Gifts</u><br>S Carr<br>H Grech   | <u>Gifts</u><br>C Judkins<br>A Coughlan |
| <b>AV</b>  | T Hogan                                  | B Ribbons                           | A Ryan                                  |
| <b>Are You New to Our Parish ?</b><br><br>Please fill in a new parishioner form in the folder in the Church foyer.<br><br><i>welcome</i> | <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                | No Liturgy                          |   |
|  | <b>Morning Tea</b>                       | A Davey<br>J Bruitzman              |   |
|  | <b>Counters</b>                          | R Lindner<br>D McKenzie<br>Y Minton |   |

### 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](mailto: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**  
 (Office will be closed on Thursday 20th February 9am-12noon)  
**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 16th February - Film** "Richard Jewell" starting 3.20pm at Mornington Cinemas, then those who wish can go for a meal afterwards.  
Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

**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.

**Tuesday 25th February - Committee Meeting** in PCC at 10.00 am.

**Tuesday 3rd March - Monthly Meeting and A.G.M.** in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Mass in Church. New members always very welcome.

## The Welfare Officers for February are Tom and Maree Shelton

### Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass



Annalisa Vallesi and Debbie Beasley will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.



**Morning Tea** Your hosts this week will be Katie Rodgers and Laura Moore. 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 Anne Davey and John Bruitzman.

Coming to St Thomas More Parish

### HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Look for the order form shortly  
Buns will be supplied by .....

*Bakers Delight*  
BREADS • PASTRIES • CAKES

**Dates for donations are:**

**February 23rd, March 1st & 8th**

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.



## 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!**



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

**The members of the Mt Eliza Conference are very grateful for the generous response to the recent Bushfire Appeal.**

**The Appeal raised just in excess of \$ 2,390.00**

Kind regards. Barry (President)

## Prep Welcome Mass next Weekend

**Next Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> February – at the 10am Mass** all Prep students and their families are especially invited to come along as we celebrate the beginning of their school years with them. This will be a chance for us to get to know the youngest members of our Parish, and their families, at this special and exciting time of their lives.

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

**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 2020 are:**

22/23 February, 28/29 March, 25/26 April,  
30/31 May, 27/28 June, 25/26 July,  
29/30 August, 26/27 September  
24/25 October, 28/29 November

# What's Happening Here ...

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!  
Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Next weekend is on 17–19 April 2020 in Melbourne Other weekends on 17-19 July and 13-15 November 2020 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au



**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.

## PLENARY COUNCIL

You are invited to a session titled "Listening and Discernment" on February 18th (Tues) from 7pm at St Francis Xavier Hall. Contact Kathy Lord on 0417 649 037 for more details.

**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.

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. ie: for every \$2 ticket sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.

**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)

*Parish  
Fundraising  
Raffle*

## 2020 Safeguarding Committee

The next meeting dates at 7.30pm in PCC are:  
**27th February (Thurs) and 31st March (Tues)**

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).

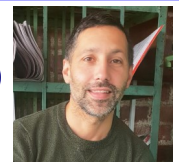
Therefore, we invite every volunteer across all parish ministry groups, to apply for a Working with Children Check, if you have not already done so.

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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## 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.

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