

# SEASONS

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th September 2018

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

### Diary

- **Tuesday**  
Sip 'n ' Sew Group, 2pm, PCC  
Parish Education Board Meeting,  
7.30pm, SSR
- **Wednesday**  
Coffee & Chat @ Sober Mule,  
Peninsula Lifestyle Shopping  
Centre, 10.30am

## WELCOME



"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring."  
-Bern Williams

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### Pastoral Leadership Team

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### Weekday Masses

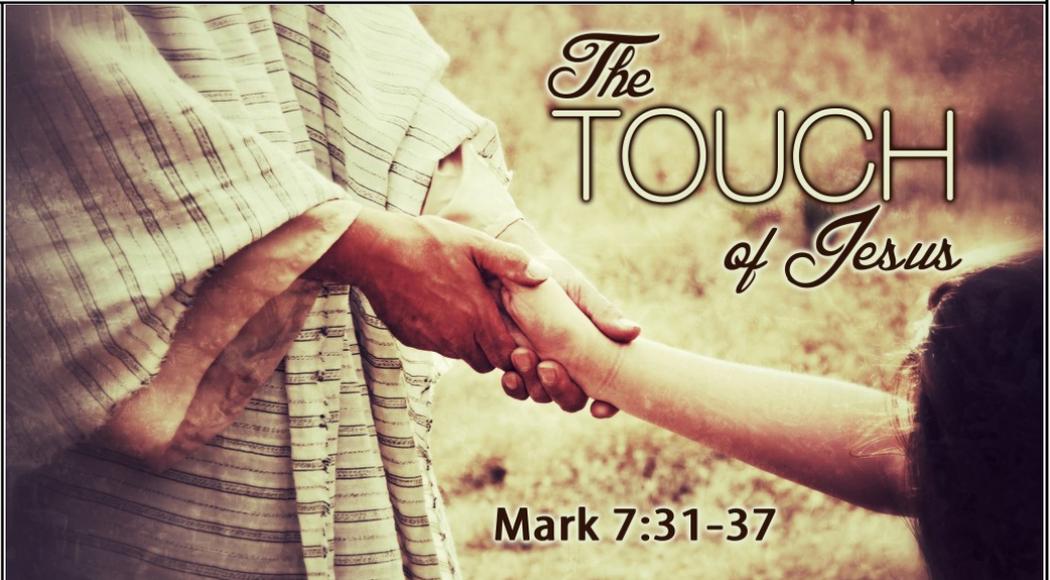
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	9:15 am
School Mass	12.15 pm

### Weekend Masses

Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00—5:30 pm



## Our Baptismal Vocation

Those who have been baptised as infants - and that's most of us - have no recollection of the ceremony. We have no personal memory of the gesture that originated in today's gospel story. But if you have been at a baptism recently you will recall that immediately after the child's immersion or washing there's a series of short rituals. The infant is anointed with chrism, robed in a white garment, given a baptismal candle, and touched on the ears and the mouth. This last action is directly inspired by today's gospel reading.

The words that accompany the gesture are worth revisiting: "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father." This is our baptismal calling, to hear the word of God, take it to heart, and speak it forth in all we say and do. Is today an opportunity to reflect on how true we are to our baptismal vocation?

*from Break Open The Word 2018*



### 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. 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.



## We pray for...

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time...**

Jim Hunter, Mary Butler, Myrtle Haines, Maurice Doyle, Matthew Kelly,

**the sick...**

Baby Patrick Cain, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Andrew Worthington, David Dole, Len Crowe, Helen Gibson, John Pingiaro, Margaret Stone, Elizabeth Ware,

Erika Stanek, Althea Greff, Michael Blick, Ann Shackleton, Frank Nolan, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Fr. Michael Walsh, Jake Steyn, Shane Dobson, 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.**

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**First Reading:** Isiah 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

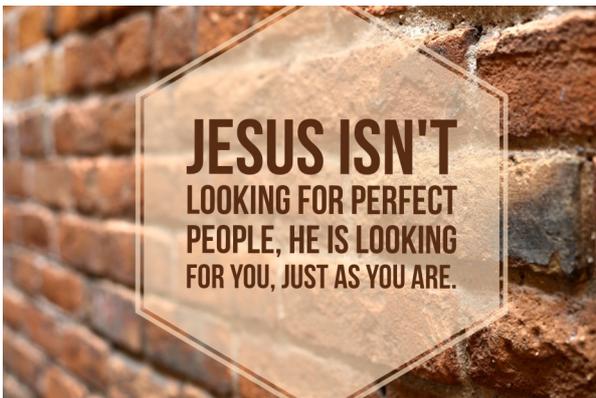
Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*



## Financial Matters

### Stewardship

Received last weekend .....	\$2,723
Pledged last weekend .....	\$4,645
July Average .....	\$2,994
August Average.....	\$3,013

### Presbytery

Amount received last week .....\$971  
*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*

### Next Week's Roster

	6pm	8am	10am
<b>Lector</b>	B Dobson	A Davies	M Wunder
<b>Comm.</b>	M Cameron	B Rodrequez	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Min Euch</b>	C Gascoigne (B) S Collins (G) B Hunt (G)	M Hansen(B) T Woods (G) M Goss (G)	A Ferguson (B) B Smith (G) <b>Volunteer (G)</b>
<b>AV</b>	J Collins	B Ribbons	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Melanie & Brett Paton
<b>Morning Tea</b>			F Fitzgerald <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Counters</b>			C McNamara M Alaimo B Smith



### Ministry Rosters For September

During this time of changeover in the Parish Office, the Rosters for September won't be done in the usual way! **There is a sign-up sheet on the back window of the Church, above the Offertory Table.**

**If you are a Reader, Commentator, Eucharistic Minister, Leader of Children's Liturgy, AV Operator, host of the 10am Morning Tea after Mass, could you please add your name to the list, on the dates you are available.** Thankyou.

# 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.

**Tuesday, 11th September** - the *Sip 'n' Sew Group* will meet in the Parish Community Centre at 2pm.

**Wednesday, 12th September** - *Coffee and a chat* at The *Sober Mule* in the Peninsula Lifestyle Shopping Centre, off Bungower Road. At 10.30am. All welcome.

**Friday, 21st September** - The *Walking Group* will meet 10am at the Balcombe Estuary, Mount Martha, for the board walk. Walk for as long or short as you prefer. Afterward, for refreshments, we will choose one of the nice tea shops near by. It is Spring, come and enjoy the fresh air. For further information contact Gui 9787 1449.

**Tuesday, 25th September** - *Footy Tragics Lunch* at CB's Mt Eliza. 12 noon for a 12.30pm start. Enquiries to Grevis on 0414 527 172.

## Film Group

*Films in the next few weeks*

Sunday, 16th September - *The Wife*

Sunday, 30th September - *Christopher Robyn*

Mornington Cinema. Contact Christine 5975 6687 or 0431 696 084.

**Welfare Officers for September are Christine and Nancy.**

## Parish Working Bee



A Working Bee will be held around the Parish on **Saturday, 22nd September** from 8.30am - 1pm. These days have provided a good opportunity for all parishioners to meet and share time together. If you can help, even for an hour or so, or help with the catering, please add your name to the sign up sheets at the entrance to the church. **If you have any spare tip tickets** they would be very much appreciated.



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

We would love to invite you to a meal at Fr. Laurie'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.

**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.

## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser - Save The Date!



Please put in your diary the date for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Mornington - **Saturday 29th December**. We will have the roster sign-up sheets available shortly.



## Antiques & Collectables Fair 2019

After the success of our Antiques and Collectables Fair this year, we are proposing to hold another one next year on **Saturday 30th March**. The committee are in the process of taking Expressions of Interest from all those who were stall-holders last year as well as others.

If you, or anybody you know, would like to express your interest in booking a stall, please contact Michael Robinson ASAP on 0409 165 536.



## Contemplative Prayer

*"Let tiny drops of silence fall gently through your day"* Silent prayer in the Church each Wednesday from 8:30 am to 9:15 am, followed by Mass.



## Morning Tea

Your hostess this week will be Beatrice Rodriguez. 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 hostess will be Fay Fitzgerald.

# What's happening here & elsewhere....

## **Our Parish 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - We Need A Logo! - Submission Date Extended**

Next year we celebrate 40 years since the beginning of our Parish, and various celebrations are being planned. *Our theme is: Celebrating 40 years as a Faith Community.* **The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee invite everyone in our Parish to design a logo for the year.** This will be used in all the letterheads, advertising etc as well as featuring on Seasons each week for the whole year. It can be designed using any media you like, but we need the original to be on A3 size paper.

**Entries need to be submitted at the Parish Office by Monday 11th September 2018.** They will then be displayed in the Church during September, and all parishioners will be invited to vote on which one you think should be the logo.



The Village Church  
presents

an afternoon of song performed by

# SoundWaves



2:30pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
The Village Church  
93 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza

*Admission \$20 Adult/\$15 Concession*

*Tickets available Mon-Fri at the Church Office and Sunday mornings  
(Ticket includes afternoon tea)*

All proceeds toward reconciliation,  
an interpretive indigenous garden at The Village Church,  
and support for our Bunurong/Boon Wurrung people on the Peninsula.