

# SEASONS

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th January 2012

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

## Diary

### Monday

St Vincent de Paul Meeting,  
9.30am, U  
Social Club Committee Meeting,  
1.30pm, PCC  
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, C



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Margaret Carr

### Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday (Lit of the Word with Holy Comm)	9.15am
Wednesday	9.15am
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
Saturday, (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8.00am 10.00am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Baptisms

are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:30 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 Power Of Evil Has Been Destroyed



What surprises people about Jesus is his manner of teaching. The normal pattern of teaching in those days would have been to quote the teaching of a former great rabbi - 'According to Rabbi Hillele...' But Jesus teaches from his own experience and knowledge of God. This gives his words an astounding authority - no wonder his reputation spread.

This is the first miracle in Mark's Gospel and it is an exorcism where Jesus defeats the powers of evil. Mark is operating within a common understanding of the Jews of his time that this world is under the power of Satan. The Jews looked to God to put an end to this world and to usher in a new world of God's desires and God's authority. In the Gospel this new world is called the God's Kingdom. But before this new world can begin, the evil powers that currently are in control must first be overcome. It

is not surprising then, that immediately after his Baptism Jesus goes into the wilderness to confront Satan and then publicly shows that Satan has been defeated in this first miracle.

Notice that I use the past tense - Satan has been defeated. This may be hard to believe given the terrorist attacks and wars of recent years, but Christian faith proclaims that the gracious love of God is now present in this world; God's Kingdom is in process. The Gospel will go on to speak of God's reign with images of seeds and yeast, in other words, small things that have life energy and can grow. Such small things may not make the news headlines and can be overlooked. This week, look around you. Look for the seeds; look for the signs of God already present in your life.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross*  
Mary Coloe PBVM



## We pray for...

### Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Doris Clark, John C. McCartney, John M. McCartney, Adelheid Behrenbruch, Jeremy Lourey

### and the Sick

Mary Cameron and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

### November Mass Offerings

Mass will be offered during this week for the family, friends, relatives and benefactors of M. Hutchinson, M & H Seymour, David and Gabrielle Dole.



## Liturgy - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*I will put my words into the prophets mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

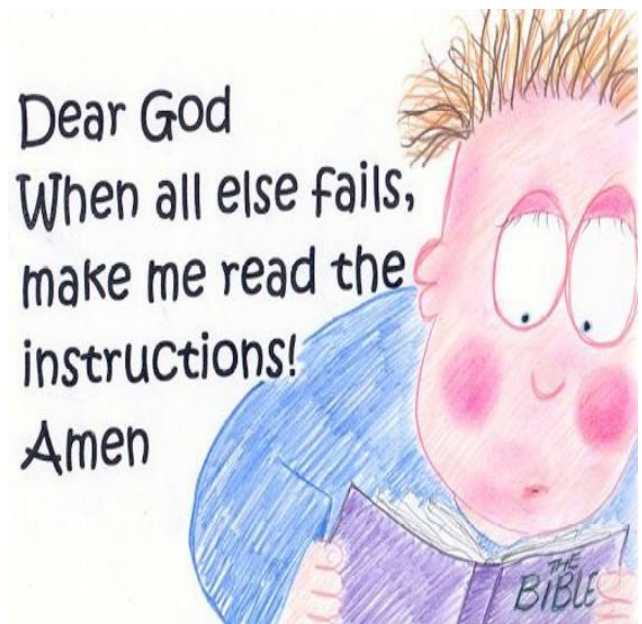
Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

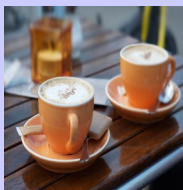
*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

### Next week's readings:

Job 7;1-4. 6-7| Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39



### Morning Tea



This week be Joanne & Larry McEvoy warmly invite you to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to get to know some other members of your community better.

Your hosts next week will Alicia and Michael Canning.

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



Are you 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.

# Parish Group Activities



## St Vincent de Paul Society Good Works

### Christmas Appeal

The members of the Mt Eliza Conference, of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank St Thomas More parishioners for their generosity in giving to our Christmas appeal a total of \$2,625 was collected at the Masses celebrated on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We would also like to thank Fr Laurie for allowing us to take up a leaving collection at these Masses.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Morning Star Conference, Mt Eliza, will be held in the Undercroft on Monday, 30th January 2012 commencing at 9.30am. Any St Thomas More Parishioner interested in learning about the work of the Society is welcome to attend this meeting.

### STM Social Club

The next session of the **Poetry Group** will be held at the Parish Community Centre on Monday, 6th February, commencing at 1.30pm. Your Hostess is Dorothy McKane, phone 9787 6970.

The first **Social Group Committee Meeting** of the year will be held on Monday, 30th January at 1.30pm in the Parish Community Centre.

The **Welfare Officers** for January are John & Margaret Gallagher, contact number 9787 5949.

### Weekly Roster 4th February 2012

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
6 pm Sat	John Noal	Margaret Emond
8 am Sun	Merrilyn Salisbury	Irene Owsianka
10 am Sun	Eileen Daley	Joanne McEvoy
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
6 pm Sat	Barbara Hunt (Book) Michael Robertson (Gifts) Bill Hunt (Gifts)	
8 am Sun	John Gallagher (Book) Mary Goss (Gifts) Raye Darrer (Gifts)	
10 am Sun	Peter Royal / Des Dalley (Book) Val Finnigan (Gifts) Judy Jones (Gifts)	
Counters	Richard Lindner Dick Wood Irene / Emergencies	

## A Word from Maria



I hope all of you returning to work have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and are ready to start back into the school year rested and refreshed.

Our RCIA group had a tour of the Church last Saturday. As we moved from the church to the Memorial Garden we stopped for a few moments beside the large stone recognising the first owners of the land. It was a special moment. We were a little early for Australia Day, I know. I hope you had the opportunity to reflect on some of the history of the country as you celebrated Australia Day in whatever format you chose.

Another tribute that took place this past week was the **UN International Day of Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust**. It is to be hoped that such slaughter of people will never happen again. However, while wars are still being fought in many countries there are thousands of people being slaughtered each week in many different regions. It is only through each one of us truly bringing peace into our world; our families; work places; sports groups; social gatherings; that we can hope to eliminate needless death and killing and bring dignity to each and every nation and race. I asked myself as I reflected on these two celebrations: 'what will I do to bring peace into my world?'

*Maria*



### Baptism Preparation Night

The next Baptism Preparation Night is to be held on Tuesday, 7th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Community Centre.

*Fr. Laurie*

# What's Happening Elsewhere



## Launch Of Project Compassion

**When:** Tuesday, 21st February 2012

**Time:** 12 noon

**Where:** Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

**By:** Archbishop Denis Hart

**RSVP:** [margaretf@caritas.org.au](mailto:margaretf@caritas.org.au)

Pancake lunch provided by the Social Club members.

**"If you want peace work for justice"** Pope Paul VI

## School Tours 2012 - Term I

### See Padua College in action...

You're invited to bring your child to Padua College for a guided tour of the school. Tours begin at 9:15 am and conclude at approximately 10:15 am. Please book by telephoning Reception at either Mornington or Rosebud Campus.



*\*Enrolments for Year 7 2014 (Grade 5 2012 students) take place from MON 26 March – FRI 8 June 2012*

### Term I - Mornington Campus - Telephone 5976 0100

Tuesday 7th February, Monday 20th February,  
Wednesday 7th March, Wednesday 21st March, Thursday 29th March

### Term I - Rosebud Campus - Telephone 5982 9500

Wednesday 8th February, Tuesday 28th February, Monday 19th March, Tuesday 27th March

### Which Campus should I book in to see?

Please note that places at Padua College are allocated according to where you live:

#### Rosebud Campus

If your home address is south of Ellerina Road, Safety Beach you should book in to tour the Rosebud Campus, which accepts applications from students who live in any location south of Safety Beach through to Portsea and across to Cape Schanck, Flinders and Balnarring.

*To book a tour at the Rosebud Campus, telephone Reception on (03) 5982 9500*

#### Mornington Campus

Students who live south-west of Humphries Road in Mt Eliza, including Mornington, Mt Martha, Somerville, Tyabb, Hastings, Crib Point and Somers, are eligible to apply to the Mornington Campus.

*To book a tour at the Mornington Campus, telephone (03) 5976 0100*

If you live east of Humphries Road in Frankston, your child would be not be eligible to go to Padua College as your home address is in the zone for John Paul College, Frankston – for further information on John Paul College please see their website.

*\*Note that dates may be subject to change.*

*\*To confirm dates and to make bookings, please telephone Reception at either Campus.*