



SEASONS

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

Twenty Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

9th October, 2011

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

Diary

- **Monday**
Music Group, 2pm, PCC
Choir Practice, 7:00pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Sip'n'Sew Group, 2pm, PCC
PEB Meeting, 7:30pm, SSR
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica Monthly Evening
Mass, 7.15pm, C
Finance Committee Meeting,
7.30pm, PCC

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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, Lit of the Word with Holy Communion	9:15am
Wednesday, Lit of the Word with Holy Com- munion followed by Holy Hour	9:15am
Thursday, (No Liturgy)	
Friday Lit of the Word with Holy Communion	9:15am
Saturday (Vigil)	6:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am

Reconciliation

Please Note that there will be no
Reconciliation until 5th November.

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 **com-
pulsory** preparation night for par-
ents takes place on the first Tues-
day of each month in the **Parish
Community Centre** at 7:30 pm.

Invite Everyone You Can Find To The Wedding

As in the Gospel of last Sunday, Jesus' parable sounds a grave warning to the chief priests and elders. Time is running out for them! In Jesus' life and ministry God issues an invitation firstly to Israel. While some respond positively, others turn away. In Jesus' time he probably only spoke of the various excuses such as farm and business duties. This is how the parable appears in Luke's Gospel. Matthew has added the harsh treatment of the servants, reflecting the experience of some disciples in the early Church. The King's punishment, again exclusive to Matthew, reflects the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome in the Year 70CE. This is Matthew's way of interpreting this calamitous event; he sees it as God's punishment for Israel's rejection of Jesus.

The ending to the parable with the image of the wedding garment is unique to Matthew. Since only one is singled out while all the guests were late invitees, we must assume that all had adequate time to prepare themselves properly. The one without the garment must be understood to be culpable - his silence when questioned suggests guilt.

Hear Matthew speaking to his own community. They are the ones who have received and responded to the

Gospel's invitation, but even in this group there is the possibility of failure. You might notice that the servants invite in both 'bad and good'. While the invitation is offered generously to all, if you take it up then there are responsibilities. God's gift is not to be taken lightly.

Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM



Thoughts on the Gospel

'Clothing can represent identification with Christ. In that case, the wedding garment suggests the good deeds or quality of life that one must show at the time of the great eschatological banquet. Matthew's Christians are not to bask in malicious joy over the destruction of Jerusalem, but should realize that even though they are recipients of an invitation, they must also be suitably garbed. This is in line with Matthew's "Jewish" theology throughout his Gospel, which emphasizes that the gifts of God should bear fruit in works of loving kindness and justice.

'All of us can thank God for the invitation to the Eucharistic banquet given in baptism, which is an anticipation of the end-time feasting with God and the saints. Catholics today must also question their willingness to join all too gleefully in the "blame game." The ongoing season of shame in the church has funded this game now vigorously played by all sides and often with a total lack of "goodness and kindness." Unlike the sad man without a proper garment, we still have time, but you never know when the final invitation will come.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Donahue SJ

We pray for...

Recently deceased

Patraig Gearty, James Walsh

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Agnes Dalton, Joy Morrison

and the Sick

Walter Hengel, Dee Rorke, John Nuttney, Samantha, Tracey Jamieson and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

Liturgy - 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6, Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matt 22:15-21

Parish Group Activities

Social Club

The **Music Group** will meet this Monday, 10th October in the Parish Community Centre at 2pm.

The **Sip'n'Sew Group** will meet this Tuesday, 11th October in the Parish Community Centre at 2pm. Your hostesses this month are Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315 and Betty Bourke 9775 4507.

Choir Practice

Our next Choir Practice will be held on Monday, 10th October, at 7:00pm in the Church.

Brosnan Youth Services

Presentation Evening

Please join us on Friday, 21st October at 8pm to hear about the work of the **Brosnan Centre** for disadvantaged youth.

Guest Speakers: Daniel Clements and Sarah Covill - Manager and Assistant Manager.

Venue: Tom & Maree Shelton's home, 19 Gannet Street, Mt Eliza, phone 9787 3593.

Brosnan Centre Fundraiser - Local Music Fest

An afternoon of fun, food and wine.....

A fundraising 'gig' has been organised in Main Ridge to support the ongoing work of the **Brosnan Centre** which is located in Brunswick and named in honour of Fr John Brosnan (of Prison Chaplain fame before he died some years back). Many remember this colourful and giving man.

He had a very simple philosophy....*that every person has a right toA Job, A Place To Live, and A Friend.* He believed fervently that the most important of these was **A Friend**.

The Brosnan Centre is based on this belief and works under difficult financial conditions and with some very challenging persons, so we are assisting them this year and bringing together some of our best local musicians at the same time, by providing an afternoon of fun, food and great music.

When: Sunday, 27th November @ 1.30pm– 5.30pm

Where: Main Ridge Community Centre, 441 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge

Cost: \$60 per Adult, \$140 Per Family (2 Adults, 2 Children under 16yrs). All tickets include food. Alcohol available at bar prices.

Please phone Maree Bannister for pre-sale tickets (**tickets not available on day**) as soon as you can on 0418 987 521.

We would love you to come to support this event and basically just have an afternoon filled with joy and relaxation in great company. Poster on the Parish Community Board.