



SEASONS

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10th April, 2011

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

Diary

- **Monday**
Music Group, 2pm, RSL Park,
Overport Rd, Sth Frankston
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Sip'n'Sew Group, 10 Karina St,
Sth Frankston, 2pm
- **Wednesday**
Lenten Scripture Group, 7.30pm,
PCC
- **Thursday**
Lenten Scripture Group, 2pm,
PCC
- **Friday**
Ritual of Reconciliation,
7.30pm, C

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Mass Times	
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday, (followed by Holy Hour)	9.15am
Thursday	9:15am
Friday	9.15am
A Ritual of Reconciliation	7.30pm
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8.00am 10.00am

Reconciliation
Saturday 5.00pm - 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 **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.

Life For Those Who Believe In Me

One of the concerns faced by the Johannine community living in the late 90's was the issue of Christian death. Jesus had promised life to those who believed in him, but in the time after Jesus' resurrection how is this promise to be understood? The reality is that Christians do die, so what can Jesus' words mean? The Lazarus episode is the Gospel writer's reflection on the promises of Jesus to be a source of eternal life, and the reality of Christian death.

Many Jews did believe in resurrection at the end of time. This is the faith that Martha expresses: that her brother will rise on the last day. What mainline Jewish theology lacked was any sense of what happened between death and the end-of-time resurrection. This was an empty space where the dead had no

share in God's life. In the Lazarus episode Jesus shows that there is a life beyond the grave, even as we await resurrection at the end of time. While physical life will cease, the God-life that has been given to us through Jesus will never cease.

Christians today, like John's community, still face the great mystery of death. Our Christian hope is that God keeps faith with us. The power of God manifest in Jesus' Resurrection is a power for life in which we will share. Jesus displayed this power for life in restoring the life of Lazarus and thus revealing that death for the believer is not a dead-end. The God who has called us into life remains faithful to that gift of life.

Jesus says, 'I have come that you may have life - to the full.'

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*

EASTER TIMETABLE 2011

Friday, 15th April, 7.30pm.....A Ritual of Reconciliation
(Fr. Laurie will be available afterward for individual reconciliation)

Saturday, 16th April, 6.00pmVigil Mass with Blessing of the Palms

Sunday, 17th April, 8.00am & 10.00amMass with Blessing of the Palms

Holy Thursday, 21st April, 8.00pm.....Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 22nd April, 3.00pm.....Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, 23rd April, 8.00pm.....Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday, 24th April, 8.00am & 10.00am... Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation.....Saturday, 16th April 5pm - 5.30pm (No Reconciliation on Easter Saturday)



We pray for...

Those who have died

Margaret Hill, Peter Simpson

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

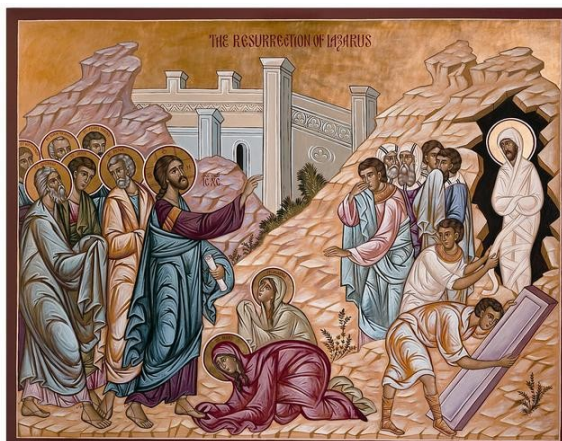
Laurie Pendlebury, Terence Phillips, James Bourke

and the Sick

Adrian Gobel and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

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.



The raising of St Lazarus

Liturgy - Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.



Next week's readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Matthew 26:11-54

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....\$6500
 Average 2011.....\$3356
 Pledged per week.....\$3560

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1060
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Morning Tea



Your hosts this week are Anne Davey and John Bruitzman.

You are all warmly invited to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to get to know some other members of your parish community better.

Your hosts next week will be Margaret Gallagher and Val Finnigan.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

Please, Please, Please if the St Vincent de Paul bin in the top carpark is full **do not** leave your boxes and bags on the ground. They get wet and go mouldy and have to be thrown out. **Please take them down to the shop on Tyabb Rd.** Thank you.

STM Social Club

The next meeting of the **Sip' n 'Sew Group** will be held on Tuesday, 12th April at the home of Margaret & Don McCartney, 10 Karina St, Frankston South, commencing at 2pm. Your hostesses this month are Barbara Hunt 5975 2818 & Aileen Calley 9787 9652.

The **Music Group** will meet for a Jazz Concert on Monday, 11th April @ 2pm at RSL Park, Overport Rd, South Frankston. Enter at Sage Drive. Members and visitors are most welcome.

The welfare officer for April is Lois Bracken, phone 9787 2970.

Contemplative Prayer Group



"Let tiny drops of silence fall gently through your day".

Silent prayer in the Church each Tuesday (**except the 1st Tuesday of the month**) from 8.45am-9.15am followed by Mass.

Holy Hour



All parishioners are invited to the Holy Hour every Wednesday, directly after Mass. Some may wish to stay for the full hour, others may come for a few minutes or a short time. Everyone is most welcome to spend a little time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

Every Thursday at 7.15pm, with a Mass celebrated by a visiting priest on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy over the School Holidays.

Who Can Be a Godparent?

To be a godparent/sponsor a person must be 16 years of age. The sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received Holy Communion and must be someone who leads a life of faith. The father or mother of the one to be baptized may not be the godparent/sponsor. A baptized

person who is not Catholic can be a witness of the baptism together with a Catholic.

From the Catholic Enquiry Centre <http://www.catholicenquiry.com>



Message From Maria

Easter is fast approaching and we still have ministries to be filled for Palm Sunday and the various Holy Week and Easter services. I really do need

to have names for these in this week. If you can take on one of these roles please put your name on the sheets in the foyer.

Still needed are:

Palm Sunday: palm bearers for next week 6pm x1; 8am x 2; 10am x 3

Holy Thursday: MC; young person; oil bearer x 1; to have feet washed x 6

Good Friday: MC

Easter Sunday Morning: for both 8am and 10 am - Commentator and lector

There will be a practice for those involved in Holy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7pm Wednesday, 20th April. Those involved in Easter Vigil are required for a practice following the Good Friday service (approx 4pm).

A Good-Book Club is being started at the Carmelite centre by Richard Goss and Bernie Bicknell. It will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, starting 15th May. Reading material will be inspired by Christian principles and membership is open to all. Cost is \$35 to cover room hire, audio/visual access, tea/coffee and photocopying (if needed). There is no cost for this information session in May.

Please register your interest in becoming an inaugural member of the Good-Book Club. You can pay the membership fee at the information meeting or at the inaugural meeting in May. We are aiming for a membership of 15 to allow the Good-Book Club to start on a firm foundation. If you are unable to attend the information session but are interested in joining the book club, please contact the Carmelite Centre on <http://thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/rtj15/index.php/component/content/article/40-roknewspaper-frontpage-2/147-good-book-club>

Maria

Palm Sunday



Please note that because of lack of sufficient planning time the hoped for **Inter Church Gathering** planned for next Sunday will not happen.

It is our intention to put some energy into preparing a suitable event in 2012.

What's Happening Elsewhere

Last Chance to Register

Share the Dream – National Catholic Family Gathering. Next weekend, Friday, 15th - Sunday, 17th April - Share the Dream will be running at Xavier College in Kew. This week is your last chance to register.

To find out more or register on line, visit the website www.sharethedream.org.au

Annual Life Dinner

The Australian Family Association and the Life Coalition invites you to the annual Life Dinner. Enjoy a lovely meal while being briefed on what is happening on pro-life issues and hear from our inspiring guest speaker, Professor Patrick Fagan. Dr Fagan is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Family and Religion Research Institute of the Family Research Council in Washington and a world recognised expert in studies on marriage and the family.

When: Saturday, 14th May

Time: 6.30pm pre-dinner drinks & 7pm for dinner.
Venue: Aurora Receptions, 149 Donald Street, East Brunswick, Melways Reference: 30 A5

Cost: \$75 per head; \$50 for students.

RSVP: Phyllis Restall 9816 0800 or 0429 336 053
phyllis@family.org.au

Stella Maris F.C.J Friends & Associates

Morning Coffee on Wednesday, 27th April @ 10.30am, in the Don O'Connor Room at John Paul College.

If convenient please bring a plate. All most welcome. RSVP Edna on 9783 1100

Bookkeeping/Administrative Assistant

Billings LIFE, East Burwood has a part-time position available for a person with bookkeeping/computer and office procedures skills. The hours are 2 days per week - 6 hours per day.

Call 9802 2022 for an application form or email us thebillingsmethod@woomb.org

Annual General Meeting for MEC (Mt. Eliza Churches Community Service)

The Annual General Meeting of Mt Eliza Churches Community Service Inc (MECCS) will be held on Wednesday, 27th April at 7.30pm in the Uniting Village Church, 93 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt. Eliza.

The guest speaker will be Jonathan Bailey, a 24 year old who has dedicated his life to working with people on the fringe of society.

Opportunity For Youth

The Salesians are taking a group of 60 young people (you must be over 18) to World Youth Day in August. We have just had two young people drop out

of the Pilgrimage and before we cancel the tickets we thought we would ask around in case you know someone in your Parish who would like to attend WYD.

We depart on the 4th August & arrive home 28th August. Cost \$5500 - includes EVERYTHING!! This is extremely good value for money for a 25 day Pilgrimage.

We are travelling to Thailand to visit Salesian works, then to Rome, Turin: home of Don Bosco and the Salesian family, Madrid for WYD then home via a Retreat in Thailand.

This is a trip of a Lifetime. For more information please contact Lauren Hichaaba lhichaaba@salesians.org.au or call 9377 6000

Centacare Catholic Family Services Changes Name To CatholicCare

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, Centacare Catholic Family Services is marking a new beginning by officially changing their name to **CatholicCare** on 4th April. The main reason behind this change is to better publicly convey that the programs and services they offer the community are an expression of the mission of the Catholic Church to care for all those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and in pain.

While their name will change, CatholicCare will remain true to their enduring vision. They will continue to offer inclusive high quality services to families and individuals who are in need – without discrimination as to people's nationality, religion, gender or sexuality.

CatholicCare looks forward to the Catholic community's continued support. For further information, go to www.ccam.org.au or phone 9287 5555.



Position Available

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- **Communications Officer** - Catholic Communications
- **Web Services Officer**, Catholic Communications
- **Domestic Support**, St Brendan's Flemington
- **Parish Secretary**, St Dominic's Parish
- **Parish Admin/Secretary**-St Vincent de Paul

Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at www.cam.org.au/jobs/ or you can telephone 9926 5780