



SEASONS

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

Fifteenth Week Ordinary Time

10th July, 2011

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
- Tuesday**
Sip'n'Sew Group **Cancelled**
- Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7.15pm, C
- Saturday**
Inter Church Reflection Day,
9.30am, Uniting Church, Canadian
Bay Rd



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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
No School Mass	

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 **compulsory** preparation night for parents takes place on the first Tuesday of each month in the **Parish Community Centre** at 7:30 pm.

A Journey to Jordan & Israel



Just before Easter I tried to gauge whether there was any interest in a possible pilgrimage to the holy land next year. We would need a minimum of 25 people. It seemed to me that perhaps there was enough initial interest to go to the next stage, so after Easter I spoke with Steven Green at ETM Travel to plan some dates, an itinerary and some information evenings. Steven was very helpful in planning our Turkey trip in 2010 and has already been most valuable in assisting with the details with this one.

Our pilgrimage is scheduled to leave Melbourne on April 11, 2012 (just after Easter) and return on April 27.

Some of you will notice that there are some changes to what we did in Turkey. There is less travel and "bus time" and therefore fewer hotels. That's good - less carrying of luggage! And there are more chap-

els - so the celebration of Mass at places such as the *Mount of Beatitudes*, the *Church of the Annunciation* at Nazareth, the *Church of the Nativity* in Bethlehem and at the *Church of the Holy Sepulchre* in Jerusalem will be memorable.

I do want to give first opportunity to "local" parishioners (and their families and friends). You will notice that there are two information evenings arranged - one at St Thomas More (August 24) and one at St Macartan (August 31). You may attend either of these. In the meantime please take a copy of the itinerary and a registration form..... and take note of the information evenings.



A copy of what is written as an introduction to the itinerary

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Do something
beautiful for God

Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal, focused on Peru. With the help of the Church, missionaries in Peru and around the world reach out in Christ's name to help communities affected by hardship, disease and extreme poverty. You can stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters to support the work of the universal Church. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously. Together we can do something beautiful for God.

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We pray for...

Those who have died recently

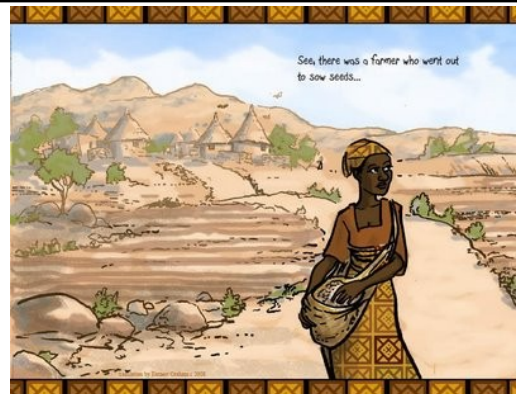
Margaret Ryan (Funeral Mass 1pm Tuesday at St Thomas More)

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

William E. Underwood, Alice Vino, Nanette O'Connell, Muriel Fulton, Michael O'Brien

and the Sick

Tracey Jamieson, Jenny Morrison, Ita Koppenol, Mel Hoban and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



Liturgy - Fifteenth Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

Next week's readings:

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Morning Tea



Your hosts this week are Debbie Bradford and Val Finnigan.

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 Joanne & Larry McEvoy.



Thanksgiving receipts and envelopes are available for collection outside the church this weekend.

Please collect yours as you leave, to help us keep postage costs to a minimum.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

The **next meeting** of the Morning Star Conference Mt Eliza will be held in the Undercroft on Monday, 11th July commencing at 9.30am.

Those interested in the work of the Society are welcome to attend.

STM Social Club

The **Music Group** will meet at the Parish Community Centre on Monday, 11th July at 2pm. Your hosts are Helen and Margaret. All are welcome.

The **Sip'n'Sew Group** have cancelled their meeting on Tuesday, 12th July, due to the funeral of their dear friend Margaret Ryan. We will meet as usual in August.

Frankston Arts Centre, **The Complete Beatles**, Friday, 5th August @ 10.30am. Tickets \$18. Bookings at Club Meeting on Tuesday, 5th July.

Parliament House Visit, Thursday, 11th August. Lunch and tour. Details at Club Meeting on Tuesday, 5th July.

The welfare officers for July are Jim and Betty Bourke ph: 9775 4507.

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



We will be celebrating the Feast of Rosa Mystica and our last Mass (7.15pm) before we break for the Winter Recess on Thursday, 14th July.

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.

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.

Children's Liturgy



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

Inter Church Reflection Day

A special day of prayer and reflection shared by the Christian Churches of Mount Eliza will be held at the **Uniting Church**, 93 Canadian Bay Rd, next Saturday, 16th July. We will commence at 9.30am and the day will consist of shared prayer, guided meditation, quiet time and shared worship. It will conclude at 4.00pm.

This is a good opportunity to meet with our brothers and sisters from other communities in an easy but very meaningful way.

We hope you will share this day with us (or even part of it). See Fr Laurie if you need further information – or just arrive on Saturday.

Cost is \$5. To assist with the catering can you please place your name on the sheet at the rear of the Church.

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What's Happening Elsewhere

A Franciscan Retreat



Footprints in Frankston

The message of St Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi for today:
*If you could do one thing to fix the world...
What would it be?*

Where: St Francis Xavier Church, 60 Davey Street, Frankston

When: Friday, 15th July @ 6.30pm - Sunday, 17th July, 2pm

For more information call the Parish Office 9783 3484 or contact Kathy Lord 0417 649 037

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.

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(available at the back of the Church) follows.

I am pleased to present to you an Itinerary for our Pilgrimage to Israel in 2012. It will be an exciting and spiritually uplifting experience.

A written description such as this in no way captures the excitement of the land that we Christians call "Holy". Ever since my first visit there many years ago I have found myself saying to others - and I firmly believe - Once you visit Israel you will never read or hear the Gospel in the same way again". It's true!



Although over the ages many things change, some things do not. The Sea of Galilee is the same and its surrounds are still as they were in the time of Jesus. The Jordan River is the same and a renewal of Baptism vows there is a special experience. On the Mount of the Beatitudes (Sermon on the Mount) and at Mount Tabor (Transfiguration) you will experience the feeling of being in a very sacred space. Although Jerusalem has been destroyed and rebuilt several times the Via Dolorosa or Way of the Cross through the street stalls and markets has been made holy by the thousands of pilgrims who have made that journey over the centuries. At sites such as the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem which are built at the places which marked the beginning and the end of Jesus' earthly life, you will know that you are "standing on holy ground".

We have deliberately planned an itinerary which will enable us to see all of the sacred sites that are so important to us. But we have also arranged this in such a way that the number of hotels is limited. We wanted to avoid what is often the worst feature of organized trips - the feeling of "living out of a suit case." My backpacker days are well and truly over.

One of the promises I made to a group on a trip to Turkey a couple of years ago was that the price quoted was "all inclusive". We delivered

on that promise. As you will see in the brochure, all fares, accommodation, meals and charges are covered in the quoted cost. All you will need is as much money as you wish to spend on souvenirs - and I have to say there will be plenty of opportunity for that - but only if you want to!!!

I do hope you will join us. It will be a wonderful experience and one that you will want to share with others for a long time after you return.

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A Message From Maria



Last week I spoke of the changes to be starting in the Mass translation as of next week. The reason driving the changes is to make the wording more in line with the original text, a more literal translation. Some of the argument against this is that the wording does not 'flow' as well. No matter what changes have to be made there will be some people who are happy with them and some who find it difficult to adapt. That is the nature of change.

The one thing to keep in mind as we enter into this time of change is that we are all one community, united in our faith. We still celebrate the same Sacrament, the same love of Christ for each of us. The words we say may differ and be altered from time to time, the faces may change over years or distance. Our core purpose never changes. So long as we continue to be one body of Christ, united in love and faith, the actual words we say do not alter our connectedness to one another or to Christ.

At this stage of our Church history we have these words to use. In the past we have said other words, in the future we may say still other words. The essence of our worship never changes. Let us all then join faithfully in adapting to the changes put to us. May we continue to be the people of faith, hope and love we are called to be, by sharing in this great Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Maria