



SEASONS

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

Second Sunday of Easter

11h April, 2010

Written That We May Believe

The Easter Gospel last Sunday finished with the disciples realizing that Jesus was not in the tomb, that he was no longer among the dead. But where was he? The second location of the Johannine Easter story answers this question. Jesus is not in the tomb for he is now to be found in the midst of his disciples. If you wish to locate Jesus this is where you must look. Seek him with you now, risen in the midst of your community. Jesus' Easter gift to his disciples and to disciples of all times is "Peace".

The problem for Thomas is the problem that all later Christians face. Can we believe the Easter Gospel when we do not see the body of the Risen One? There is a Thomas within all of us, wanting to believe but sometimes finding faith difficult. The final words for Jesus in this Gospel reach past Thomas to us, as Jesus pronounces a blessing for those who do not see and yet believe. The evangelist also reaches across time to us when he writes, "These things are written that *you* may believe."

The presence of Jesus, his words, and the words of this Gospel writer live on in the Christian communities of our time. Whenever Christians gather, Jesus rise in our midst. Not even our fears and doubts are sufficient barriers, for Jesus comes to frightened and disbelieving disciples. The Easter gifts of peace and the Spirit are now available to all and blessed indeed are those who believe.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*



Please pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Mai Mulqueen, Eileen May Carter, Frank Carter, Ken Carter, Alma Baxter, Nora Hanmer

and the Sick

Lewis Lewis, Miguel De Barbosa-Mendonca, Liz Wheeler, Arie Peeperkoorn, Margaret Hill, Bill Oakes, Gunter Herrmann, Harry O'Beirne, Allan Pursell, John Dale, Anne-Marie Corcoran, Baby Peter Kost, John Courtney, Trish Sanders, Barbara Leary, Baby Kate Cameron, Fr. Dan McMahon, Cheryl, Linda Watschur, Mary McKenzie, Noeleen Walker, Carmel McKane, Sr. Helen Nichols, Jo Pendlebury, Leonie Bradley, Frank Butler, Anne Horton, Kylie Mazoletti, Diana Espino, Laurie Pendlebury, Edward Riordan, Gillian Richards, Eve Parker, Susan Jones, Pamela Wilson, Rod Van dewert, Judy Linton, Lorraine Curtain, Henrique Mendonca, Margaret Beale, Alex Kelly, Mary Lauren, Michaela Baker, Fr. Peter Robinson, Fr. Joe McMahon, Sonia Webb, Nina Lion, Baby Matilda, Robert Fitzgerald, Steven Daniels, Giovanni Lazzaro, Carol Mason and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

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Thank You For All That You Do

Thank you most sincerely to all who offered words of encouragement and appreciation following the ceremonies of Holy Week.

It is a most important time in our Church Year and it is to the credit of many people that these great events of our salvation were celebrated in a very prayerful and dignified way.

Our new Liturgy Team which only came together following our appeal a few weeks ago was certainly thrown in at the deep end. With very limited time all of the group worked hard to prepare the ceremonies and did so with enthusiasm and generosity.

Thanks to the Choir who once again led our community participation so well. As with the members of the Altar Society who prepared the Church so well, we often take these people for granted - and they are not! The same can be said for all who volunteer as Readers, Special Ministers, Collectors, Servers, AV Operators etc - again, a good team effort and thanks to all.

News in Brief



St Thomas More Social Club

The next meeting of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** will be held in the Undercroft on Monday, 12th April at 9.30am. All parishioners are welcome to come along and find out more about the work of the Society.

The **Prayer Group** will meet Tuesday, 13th April, 10.30am - 12.00pm at the Parish Community Centre to reflect on the Sunday Gospel, John 20:19-29. You are all most welcome to join us. For all enquiries contact Gui 9787 1449.

The **Walking Group** will meet on **Thursday, 15th April** between 9.45am & 10am in the car park at the intersection of Nepean Highway & Station Street, Seaford (Mel 99: D3). We will take the fore-shore track to the Long Island Tennis Club, Frankston and return along the Kananook Walking Trail (approx 8km). Any enquiries contact Gui Hone 9787 1449 or Colleen McNamara 9787 2479.

Outings

Wine & Dine Evening Thursday, 15th April, 6.30pm at Mornington Golf Club, Tallis Drive, Mornington (Melway 104: H9, J11). For any enquiries contact Paul Kost 9787 3757.

Frankston Arts Centre, Australian Ballet School, Friday, 14th May @ 10.30am. Cost is \$16.50 For all enquiries and bookings you can contact Carolyn Gascgoine 9775 2315.

Stella Maris F.C.J. Friends & Associates

Invite you to Morning Coffee on Wednesday, 14th April, 10.30am at John Paul College, in the Don O'Connor Room. All most welcome.

RSVP Edna 9783 1100.

A Moving and Prayerful Journey

Peter Kearney in concert at Our Lady of Fatina Parish, Rosebud this Wednesday, 14th April, 7pm. Enquiries 5986 1470.

Mass Times this Week

Masses: No Mass Monday
Tuesday 9.15am, Wednesday 9.15am, followed by Holy Hour,
Thursday 9.15am, Friday 9.15am & School Mass 12.15pm
Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am and 10am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm - 5:30pm



Are You 'New' To Our Parish?

If so, please write your family details into the 'Welcome Book' which is located in the Porch of the Church. This will enable us to make contact and welcome you appropriately.