

SEASONS

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

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September, 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, **7pm, U** (note change of venue & new time)
- Tuesday**
Playgroup, 9am-12pm, U
Sip 'n' Sew, 2pm, PCC
Parish Education Board, 7:30pm, SSR
- Thursday**
Altar Serving Training, 3:30pm, C
Rosa Mystica, 7:15pm, C
RCIA, 7:30pm, PCC
- Saturday**
Parish Planning Team, 10am, PCC

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Margaret Carr

Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday (Lit of the Word with Comm)	9:15am
Wednesday, followed by Holy Hour	9.15am
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
School Mass	12:15pm
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.

Child Protection Sunday



Today, 11 September 2011, is Child Protection Sunday, the conclusion of Child Protection Week. The theme for this year is

Safeguarding Children and Young People

We fly white balloons to acknowledge what our parish is doing to provide a safe environment. Joining with others in this awareness raising

campaign, we proclaim to our parish and to society at large our determination to protect young people and to stop child abuse wherever it occurs.

Why white balloons?

The white balloon was considered symbolic of the issue of child sexual assault following a public demonstration held in Belgium on October 26th 1996. On this day 300,000 people gathered with white balloons and white flowers in a show of public sympathy and support for the parents of several young girls who were either murdered or missing at the hands of a previously convicted and released paedophile.

When did the White Balloon Day start in Australia?

White Balloon Day is held as an awareness raising campaign about child sexual assault. It commenced in 1997 in Australia and has been held each year since.

What is the aim of the campaign?

The aim of this national campaign is to protect children against sexual assault. Child protection is everybody's business. By showing support for White Balloon Day, churches will help 'give a voice to those touched by this evil as well as protecting the innocence and sanctity of childhood.'

The aim of the awareness raising campaign as indicated on the Bravehearts' poster is to **BREAK THE SILENCE**. We simply do not know how many children in our schools and in our churches are silent victims of this crime.

What is written on the balloons?

EDUCATE, EMPOWER AND PROTECT OUR KIDS

Lord, You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.

You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith.

Guide us as we strive to ensure that our Catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child.

We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood.

Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection.

We pray for...

Those who have died recently

John Foots

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Reginald Leydin, Jim Hunter, Mary Sheila Butler, Myrtle Haines, Maurice Francis Doyle, Matthew Kelly.

and the Sick

Corey (Russ) Macgregor, Dee Rorke, John Nuttney, Samantha, Tracey Jamieson and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



Liturgy - 24th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm:
 The Lord is kind and merciful;
 slow to anger and rich in compassion.

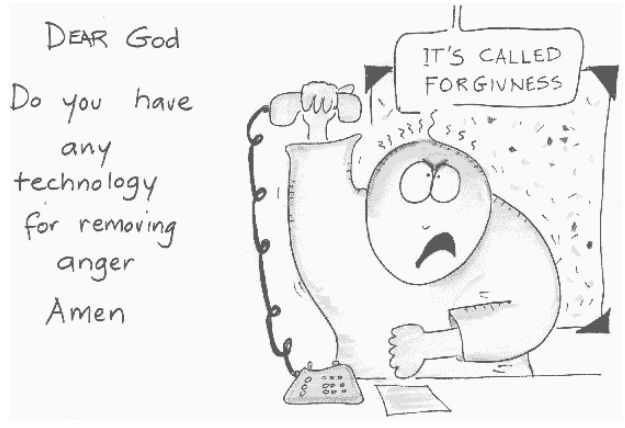
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Next week's readings:
 Isaiah 55:6-9
 Philippians 1:20-24, 27
 Matthew 20:1-16

Love one another as I have loved you



Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving	
Amount received last week.....	\$4365
Average 2011	\$3191
Pledged per week	\$3429
Presbytery	
Amount received last week.....	\$1163
<i>Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.</i>	

Morning Tea



This week, Anne Davey and John Bruitzman warmly invite you 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 Kate Hyland and Sally Cooper.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society **Good Works**

The next meeting of the Morning Star Conference will be held in the Undercroft on Monday 19th September commencing at 9.30am. Any parishioner interested in the work of the Society or in contributing to the work of the Society is welcome to attend.

STM Social Club

The next meeting for the **Music Group** will be held on Monday, 12th September @ 2pm in the PCC. Your hostess is Eileen O'Beirne.

The next meeting for **Sip 'n' Sew** will be held on Tuesday, 13th of September in the Parish Community Centre, commencing at 2pm. Hostesses will be Dorothy McKane 9787 6970 and Carmel Gowans 9787 2233.

Fitzroy Gardens, Thursday 15th September. Meet at Frankston Station, catch 9:32am train to the city. Wander through the beautiful gardens, followed by lunch at the gardens' cafe/restaurant.

Tom and Maree Shelton are the **Welfare Officers** in September.

Choir Practice

The choir will meet **in the Undercroft** to practice this Monday, 12th September at 7pm. Hopefully the change of location is only for one week.

Altar Servers

In the coming weeks we will be drawing up a new roster for our Altar Servers for term 4 onwards. There will be training in the church for all new Altar

Servers after school this Thursday, 15th September, from 3:30-4:30pm. At the training session, you will be given a form to complete with your preferred Mass times, who you would like to serve with, and your contact details. Altar Servers are currently rostered on one Mass per month; less often if there were more names on the list. Please contact Joanne McEvoy on 9787 7969 or mcevoyjl@bigpond.com if you have any queries.

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



Joanne Gorka and Ruth Pusic will lead the children this week in an exploration of this week's gospel. Please encourage your children to join them.

Holy Hour



All parishioners are invited to 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.

Israel 2012



A reminder that deposit/registrations are due on September 14th. If you require a registration form, please see Fr. Laurie.

Completion of Church at Tequinomata, East Timor

Total budget for building materials to complete the Church - \$7000

What your gift can achieve:

- **\$5** can provide 10 bricks, and we need **1000 bricks**..... \$500
- **\$8** can provide a bag of cement, and we need **250 bags** \$2000
- **\$10** can provide a box of tiles, and we need **170 boxes**..... \$1700
- **\$15** can provide a length of timber, and we need **60 lengths**..... \$900
- **\$20** can provide a can of paint, and we need **15 cans**..... \$300
- **\$50** can repair a church window, and we have **12 to repair** \$600
- **\$100** can provide a sacristy door, and we need **2 doors**..... \$200
- **\$200** can transport half the materials from Dili to Laga, and we need **2 trips** \$400
- Other various building materials **\$400**

Total

Please complete details on the other side of this tear-off form

\$7000

What's Happening Elsewhere

Breakfast Briefing



Catholic Social Services Victoria invite you to join us for a Breakfast Briefing.....**The Social Equity Dimension of a**

Carbon Tax.

When: Thursday, 22nd November
Time: 7.15am - 8.45am
Where: Knox Room, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
Presenter: Ms Patricia Faulkner, AO
RSVP: Carmen Montalto by Monday, 19th September on 9287 5566 or carmen.montalto@css.org.au

\$20 payable at the door (cash or cheque only).
 For all enquiries, call Denis Fitzgerald on 9287 5569 or email dfitzgerald@css.org.au

Building Bridges Not Walls

Prisons and the Justice System

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement 2011-2012 by Fr Joe Caddy (*Chief Exec Officer, Cath Care Melb*), Respondent - Sr Mary O Shannassy sgs (*Director Catholic Prison Ministry*)

When: Thursday, 15th September (tea/coffee beforehand, light refreshments @ 1pm)
Where: Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne, enter via Lansdowne St carpark
RSVP by Monday, 12th September on 9926 5710 or justice@cam.org.au

Can You Help?



PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE cares

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston have a lot on between now and Christmas and would love some new faces to share the load! Come along and buy a sausage or two or get a table together for our dinner dance on Nov 5th. The more the merrier! Check out below the our upcoming events.

Garage Sale

When: 17th September
Where: Kim's Place, 9 Leindan Crt, Mt Eliza
What's needed: Donations of clean goods
 Lets try to raise \$1000

Sausage Sizzle

What's Required: Help wanted from 9am - 2pm
When & Where: Saturday, 1st Oct in Frankston

PAF Dinner Dance

When: Sat, 5th Nov @ 7pm-11.30pm
Where: St Francis Xavier Hall
Cost: \$40ph; BYO alcohol & drinks

Sausage Sizzle

What's Required: Help wanted from 10am - 11.30am
When & Where: Tuesday, 6th Dec @ 7pm-11.30pm @ Bunnings, Frankston

For more info, or if you can help, please call 9770 6226.

Copies of **Kairos** are on sale at the back of the church. Please leave \$2 in the container marked KAIROS.



Thank you for your time. Will you accept our invitation to make a donation to the **Tequinomata Church completion Appeal?**

PAYMENT DETAILS:

I enclose a: Cash donation Cheque (to ASMOAF - Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund)
 Mastercard or Visa payment authority

Amount:.....
 Name on card: Expiry Date:.....
 Card Number:
 Signature: Date signed:
 Name:
 Address:.....

Please enclose in an envelope marked *East Timor Appeal*, and put it in the collection plate next week, or mail to:
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Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible.
 Please tick if receipt required