



SEASONS

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th June, 2010

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

Diary

- **Tuesday**
Contemp Prayer, 8.45am, C
- **Wednesday**
Liturgy Team Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
1st Eucharist Info & Enrolment
7.30pm, MPR
- **Thursday**
Peninsula Deanery Meeting,
7.30pm, PCC
- **Friday**
Walking Group, Hastings, 9.45am
- **Saturday**
Planning Team Meeting, 10am, PCC

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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday (Foll. By Holy Hour)	9:15 am
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
School Mass	12.15pm
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.

Parish Development



Thank you to those who have returned their completed Parish Development Sheets. Hopefully there are many more still to come. Returned material will be collated and used to help with future planning for the parish. Our next Parish Leadership Team meeting is on Saturday 19th June. It would be great if we had enough material returned to give us a picture of what you think is important to parish life by this date. We most definitely want to hear your ideas or suggestions for possible groups or activities for the future as well to meet needs not already addressed. An example is Social Justice. I am aware there is no such group active here, although there are projects that parishioners strongly support. That is one area I would see as being important in any Catholic Parish. However, my sense of things is not necessarily what you feel is the most important and beneficial way to utilise what personnel and resources the parish has available.

Each year several Christian relief and development agencies (including Caritas) in Australia promote *Simply Sharing Week*. The purpose of Simply Sharing Week is to encourage Australians to learn about and become involved in social justice issues. This year the theme is *'See the real me, not just the refugee'*. Simply Sharing Week resources and activities are available and designed primarily as educational resources to increase student understanding of this issue, which is likely to feature predominantly in this year's federal elections. As Sunday the 20th June is the start of Refugee Week the material may be helpful in broadening our understanding of refugees and their particular needs. Information is available from Caritas Australia on their website www.caritas.org.au

Our Trip to Turkey

This trip was planned at least twelve months ago and the people who decided to join the group had a constant feeling of expectation leading up to departure.

Father Laurie helped us gain enthusiasm by inviting everyone to the Parish House to meet the non parishioners who were to join us. The usual talk amongst the ladies was "what are you taking to wear etc". The day of departure arrived and we met at the airport with much excitement. The trip was long but the feeling of

We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time
 Rachael Baker, Peter Hellard, Bill Marshall, Barbara Owsianka, Joan Mitchell, Louise Anna-Maria Kasperlik, Lorna MacGregor

and the Sick

Ron Ko, Molly Gage, Leo Mulcahy, Alan Conto, Lewis Lewis, Miguel De Barbosa-Mendonca, Liz Wheeler, Arie Peeperkoorn, Margaret Hill, Bill Oakes, Gunter Herrmann, Harry O'Beirne, Allan Pursell, John Dale, Baby Peter Kost, Barbara Leary, Kate Cameron, Fr. Dan McMahon, Cheryl, Linda Watschur, Mary McKenzie, Noeleen Walker, Car-

mel McKane, Sr. Helen Nichols, Jo Pendlebury, Leonie Bradley, Frank Butler, Anne Horton, Kylie Mazoletti, Diana Espino, 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.

Liturgy - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10.13
The Lord God forgave your sin; you will not die.

Responsorial Psalm:
 Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16.19-21
I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia! alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3
Her many sins were forgiven her, because she has shown great love.

Next week's readings:
 Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1
 Galatians 3:26-29
 Luke 9:18-24



**'She has washed my feet with her tears
 And dried them with her hair.'**
Luke 7:44

Drawing by Annie Vallotton

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving
 Amount received last week.....\$5245
 Average since start of Campaign.....\$3471
 Pledged per week\$3664

Presbytery
 Amount received last week.....\$911
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Morning Tea



Your hosts this week are Ria & Peter Wilson.

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 Ruth Pusic and Katie Rodgers.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

The next St Vincent de Paul meeting is on Monday, 21st June at 9.30am in the Undercroft.

If you can spare an hour of your time and would like to do something for those less fortunate than yourself in our community, come along and learn more about the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

All parishioners are welcome.

Peninsula Young Vinnies Information Night

Are you a young person aged 17+ and looking to make a positive impact on your community? Then we want you to come to our St Vinnies information evening Monday, 21st June at 7:30, St Macartans Community House, 4 Drake St Mornington.

Vinnies Youth is a branch of the St Vincent De Paul Society that has thousands of energetic young people all over Australia helping those in need through events like kids days out, serving in soup kitchens, tutoring and more.

For more information or to RSVP contact **Emily** on **0421 471 157** or **Jacinta** on **0439 118 568** or go to www.vinnies.org.au

STM Social Club

The **Walking Group** will meet on Friday, 18th June outside the Pelican Pantry, Hastings between 9.45am-10am.

The path along the Westernport foreshore and back through the park is a flat, easy walk of about 5km.

For further details contact Gui 9787 1449 or Colleen on 9787 2479.

Wine and Cheese Night in the Undercroft on Friday, 9th July commencing at 6.30pm. Cost: \$10.

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.

Free copies of **Australian Catholics** are available at the back of the church. You're invited to take one with you as you leave today.



Children's Liturgy

Due to the Queens Birthday weekend there will be no Children's Liturgy this week.

Contemplative Prayer Group



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

Silent prayer in the Church from 8.45am-9.15am followed by Mass.

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.

Important First Eucharist News

A reminder that the First Eucharist Information Evening is on next **Wednesday, 16th June** in the School Multi Purpose Room at 7.30pm.

It is an expectation that at least one parent attend.

Due to a variety of factors there has been a **change to the First Eucharist Masses** which will now take place over two Sunday afternoons at 2pm (instead of the five Saturday evenings). These will be on **Sunday, 22nd August and 29th August**. Children from schools other than St Thomas More will receive First Eucharist on 29th August.

Fr. Laurie

Yoga Leaves St Thomas More



Unfortunately Simone Dole has taken up classes elsewhere for the time being.

We will let you know if and when she returns to us.

PLANNING A LARGE PARTY OR FAMILY FUNCTION?



It's common knowledge that glasses can be hired from bottle shops, but many parishioners may not be aware that STM School has a large supply of crockery and cutlery available for hire, at very reasonable prices. Bookings are essential: please call Kerrin Smith on 9787 9891 or 0410 561 031 to discuss your requirements, including convenient pickup and return times.

What's Happening Elsewhere

An Experience of Catholic Culture

The Catholic Theological College, is organizing a study tour from 11th November - 10th December 2011 which includes Dublin, London, Paris, Villers Bretonneux, Lourdes and Rome.

Tour Leaders are Dr Frances Baker rsm and Rev Dr Austin Cooper omi AM.

We will be holding an **Information Session on Thursday, 15th July 2010**. For further information please telephone the College on 9412 3314 or email ctc@ctc.edu.au

Melbourne Single Catholics 35-55

Is a free to join social group for single Catholics. The group offers cultural, sporting and religious

events as well as speed dating, drinks nights and lunches. For more information go to www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics

Foot Care Specialist

If you need nails trimmed, corns and calluses treated, enjoy a foot soak and massage, or if you know of someone who needs help with their feet - for a friendly, reliable service and reasonable rates, please call Kate on 0409 179 678. **Home visits made.**

Good Night & God Bless

Volume 2: A Guide to Convent & Monastery Guesthouses in France, UK & Ireland is now available in bookstores. More information at www.goodnightandgodbless.com

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togetherness and security helped us along.

We arrived at Istanbul early in the morning and as our hotel was not ready for guests we boarded the ferry and cruised the Bosphorus which was surrounded by beautiful historical buildings. After we settled into our lovely hotel we visited the Basilica of Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque amazingly designed and constructed.

Before dinner we went to the Grand Bazaar where we had great fun bargaining with the store holders.

The next day we flew to Cappadocia and visited the underground city and marveled at the wonderful rock formations.

Our visit to Kusadasi was very relaxing, I swam in the pool and we ate our meals overlooking a wonderful outdoor area where we had pre dinner drinks.

Then onto Ephesus and marveled at the restoration of the wonderful Roman ruins. It was here that St John was said to have taken Mary after the crucifixion and where she is said to have lived out her life. I was very moved by everything in this locality.

Then on to Ismir here we had Mass in the ancient Church of St Polycarp. We then drove to Cannukale and made our way to Anzac Cove and Lone Pine where Father conducted a short and very moving service. We walked among the graves of boys 18 & 19 years of age and in some cases all killed on the same day, visited Simpson's grave and felt very emotional.

Back to Istanbul, the conclusion of a wonderful trip filled with good humor and fun led by a great guide Mehmet who kept us going, sometimes a bit too much but we kept up with him.

Many thanks to Father Laurie who spent many hours planning this trip. When is the next one Father?

Margaret Carr

Thanks Margaret. I was really proud of our group, especially with the care and (sometimes physical) support they offered one another.

*Another one?? Certainly nothing planned at this stage, but I guess we never say never. Mind you, I'd love to visit Israel (the Holy Land) again. Now **that's** something worth doing.*

Fr. Laurie.