

# SEASONS

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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th November, 2011

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
St Vincent de Paul, 9:30am, U  
Choir Practice, 7:15pm, C
- **Wednesday**  
Deanery Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**  
Rosa Mystica, 7:15pm, C  
RCIA Catechetics, 7:30pm, PCC



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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
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.

## I beg your patience...

This weekend I will use the new Missal for the first time. It is to be used in **all** Catholic parishes from the 1st Sunday of Advent. It may take us some time to get used to it. I find it fairly heavy in both its size and in its language. But like any change, we will need time to adapt and become familiar with it. The aim of the new translation of the Mass is to provide a more prayerful experience, and hopefully time will enable this to happen.

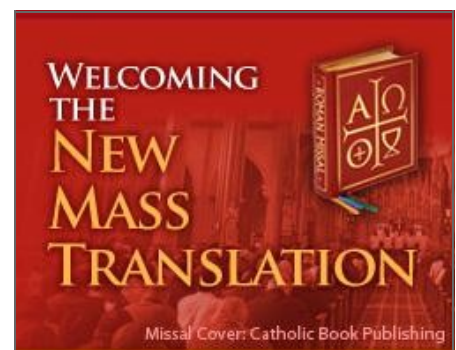
Sincere thanks to our parishioner John Hurren, General Manager of the Catholic Development Fund, for the CDF's most generous gifting of the Missal to all the parishes of the Archdiocese. The CDF has served the Church and its people marvellously and this is another fine gesture which we appreciate. Please continue to support the CDF with your investments which in turn fund the continued growth of the Church throughout the Archdiocese.

Our parish has been asked to take part in the 2011 National Church Life Survey next weekend. The survey that you will be asked to complete will take about 20 minutes. While the information given to Church leaders by this survey is particularly helpful to them, it is also a great opportunity for us to reflect on our own life and health.

It is my intention to ask our own Leadership Team to intentionally integrate this "listening season" into our own life, worship and mission and, as far as possible, to make it the basis of our planning over the next 5 years. This is by far the best opportunity for you to express your satisfaction or dissatisfaction about your community, its leadership, its direction and your own place in the life of the Church.

I do hope you will embrace both the New Missal and the Church Life Survey. I think it is safe to say that in both cases the outcomes will depend very much on our ability to embrace them and to seriously "give it a go".

*Fr. Laurie*



# We pray for...

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time**

Anthony Shannon, Christopher Fulton, Antonina Socha, Margo Moloney, Lauren Kelly

**and the Sick**

Marcia Fiume, Little 8yr old Bonnie, Dee Rorke, John Nuttney, Samantha, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



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# Liturgy - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 Happy are those who fear the Lord.

**Second Reading:** I Thessalonians 5:1-6  
*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30  
*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

**Next week's readings:**  
 Ezekiel: 34:11-12, 15-17  
 I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
 Matthew 25:31-46

You have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.



**Morning Tea**




This week, Ruth Pusic and Katie Rodgers 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 Tim and Catherine Hogan.

# Financial Matters...

**Thanksgiving**  
 Amount received last week.....\$4729  
 Average 2011 .....\$3138  
 Pledged per week .....\$3420

**Presbytery**  
 Amount received last week.....\$1073  
*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*



**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** **Good Works**

### **Talents**

This week's Gospel extols us to make use of the talents we are given. We all have at least one area in our lives in which we have a particular talent. Why not put this talent to good use? As previously indicated, a primary task of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to do something about the problems and injustices in the community. Our Conferences provide a forum where people from different backgrounds can combine their talents to address the problems encountered by those in need.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Morning Star Conference will be held in the Undercroft on Monday 14th November commencing at 9:30 am. 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**

**Christmas Lunch at Norwood House** - \$45 per head. Nepean Hwy, Mt Eliza on Thursday, 8th December. Places are still available and remember - **everyone from the Parish is invited.**

For payment and more information please call Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315.

**Donations for the Christmas Hamper** can be left at Carol Gascoigne's place, at 25 Colstan Court, Mt Eliza.

The **Walking Group** will meet for the last time in 2011 on Friday, 25th November, at the home of Raye and Des Darrer, 140 Males Road, Moorooduc, between 9:45 and 10:00am.

Raye and Des have kindly offered their garden to us for a shared picnic after the walk. If you have not already done so, please contact Gui Hone on 9787 1449 to see what you can contribute to our Christmas Party.

Thank you to all who have supported our group throughout the year.

The **Welfare Officers** for November are Judy Jones 0425 787 327 and Mercia Gleeson 5974 1552.

### **Holy Hour**



Please see the notice on Page 4 re the Divine Mercy and Marian Conference at St Macartan's Church in Mornington. To allow our parishioners to attend, **Holy Hour will not be held at St. Thomas More this Wednesday, November 16th.**

### **Choir Practice**

Choir Practice will take place this Monday, 7th November at **7:15pm. Please note that this is the new starting time from now on.**

### **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**



Margo O'Callaghan and Joanne McEvoy will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel. Please encourage your children to join them.

### **A Message from Maria**



I would like to say a very big thank you to our co-ordinator for the funeral food and all those who help with the setting up and provision of food. Friday was a big call on those people with a large funeral and

our parish Remembrance Mass. Your support in this area is wonderful.

If you have not already listed to be part of this ministry and would like to be involved you are more than welcome to add your name to the list of names to be part of this special role in parish life. Simply leave your name and contact details at the parish office.

Other aspects of funeral ministry that we have not specifically started to build are music (playing piano/guitar); Audio Visual Operators; and co-ordinators (to be available for the funeral service to welcome and oversee any particular needs of the family or service and support the family. If you would like to be involved in any of these ways please let me know. You can contact me Monday or Thursday at the office or leave your details and I will get back to you.

### **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.

# What's Happening Elsewhere

## A Special Divine Mercy and Marian Conference



Rosa Mystica and the Legion of Mary Mornington Peninsula Curia invite you to attend a special *Divine Mercy and Marian Conference* on Wednesday, 16th November at St Macartan's Church, 4 Drake St, Mornington.

Special guest speakers, Joy Hunt (President of the Combined Societies of Mary) and Ian Gaudry, (Secretary). The two lay missionaries who have visited India 17 times and addressed millions of people.

### Program:

- 10am Holy Mass followed by prayer
- 11am Talk by Jo Hunt & Ian Gaudry on the *Divine Mercy - The greatest gift to mankind.*
- 12 noon BYO Lunch
- 1pm Special talk on *Our Lady of Health, Vailnakkanni*

**Contact:** Elaine 5977 1334 or Sandra 5973 6939, Legion of Mary, St Macartan's, Mornington.

**NB:** Holy Hour at St. Thomas More will not take place on this day because of this special conference.

## Local Music Fest

### Brosnan Centre Fundraiser



To support the Brosnan Centre's work with young people released from the justice system, we're bringing together some of our best local musicians at the same time, by providing an afternoon of fun, food

and great music.

Join us at **Main Ridge Community Centre**, 441 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge, **Sunday, 27th November**, from 1.30pm to 5.30pm. Cost: \$60 per Adult, \$140 Per Family (2 Adults, 2 Children under 16yrs). All tickets include food. Alcohol available at bar prices.

Please phone Maree Bannister as soon as you can on 0418 987 521 for pre-sale tickets (tickets not available on day).

## Star of the Sea Past Students

### Annual Mass and Luncheon

Star of the Sea Past Students' Association extends a warm welcome to all past students to the Annual Mass and Luncheon on Sunday November 20th.



Mass at 11:00 am in the Chapel will be followed by a light luncheon and a tour of the new Faybyrne Performing Arts Centre. This is a general reunion, but also a special gathering for members of the classes of 1952, 1953, 1961 and 1968. Cost \$20, payable on the day. If you wish to attend this function it is essential that you contact Geraldine Carrodus on gacorus@starmelb.catholic.edu.au or 0419 321 441 by Wednesday November 16th.

## Lourdes Day Mass 2011



The Order of Malta invites you to Lourdes Day Mass 2011, celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Saturday 3rd December at 10:30 am. The Principal Celebrant will be His Grace, the Archbishop of Melbourne the Most Reverend Denis Hart D.D.

Each attendee will receive a gift bag containing a bottle of Lourdes Water, Rosary beads, a booklet containing the liturgy and prayers of the Holy Mass and a how to pray the Rosary card.

Wheelchair access by the side door of Albert Street, Vehicles are free to approach this entrance. For more information, call 9926 5760.

## Annual Advent Luncheon

### Releasing the Captive - Mark's Gospel

Come and join us for this year's Advent Luncheon. Fr. Geoff Plant will once again break open the gospel for the coming liturgical year - Year B, the year of Mark.

Fr. Geoff is well known to John Garratt customers. He is the author of *Ascending the Mountain: Reflections for the year of Matthew* and *Welcoming the Outside: Reflections for the Year of Luke*. The Advent Luncheon coincides with the release of his third volume in the series *Releasing the Captive: Reflections for the Year of Mark*.

**Date:** Wednesday 19th November 2011

**Time:** A light luncheon will be provided from 12pm - Presentation from 12:30-2pm (approx)

**Where:** John Garratt Bookroom, 32 Glenvale Crescent, Mulgrave

**RSVP:** Phone 1300 650 848 or email [rsvp@johngarratt.com.au](mailto:rsvp@johngarratt.com.au) by Monday 14th November for catering purposes.