

SEASONS

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th February, 2010

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

Diary

- **Monday**
RCIA, 9.30am, PCC
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**
'Boyz For Breaky', 10am
Contemplative Prayer, 8.45am, C
- **Wednesday**
1st Reconciliation Info & Enrolment, 7.30pm, MPR
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7:15pm, PCC
Lenten Group, 7pm, U
- **2 March**
Social Club AGM

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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9:15 am
Ash Wednesday (Foll. By Holy Hour)	9:15 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	9:15 am
School Mass	12:15 pm
Saturday (Vigil)	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am

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.

Liturgy At Saint Thomas More Parish

Liturgy is at the centre of Parish life. It gives meaning to everything else we do as a Parish and it is where we gather our prayers, the events of our lives and our hopes and express them as a community to God. It is also where we affirm the central beliefs of the Catholic Faith and draw life from re-living Jesus' gift of himself at The Last Supper.

Saint Thomas More Parish is known for the quality of its Liturgies: for the level of participation by the congregation, the prayerful sense of a community coming together to give thanks and to be nourished for the week ahead, the thoughtful homilies, the sense of involvement of all age groups, the welcome of visitors, the sense of vitality with the many Baptisms and the care of the sick. Visitors and newcomers alike comment on the special nature of Saint Thomas More Liturgies and the beauty of the Church enhanced by appropriate symbols of the Church season and by the floral arrangements. This does not happen by chance, however, but through the dedication of Father Laurie and of various groups and individuals within the Parish, working together. One such group is the Liturgy Group which is now facing something of a crisis. It is down to two members, including Father Laurie, so we are appealing for help. It is often said that "crisis"

contains within it "opportunity" and here is an opportunity for us to draw on the ideas, gifts and talents of new members and to develop a fresh vision for the group.

"Liturgy" includes all the formal prayer of the Church, specifically including the Eucharist, Reconciliation Rituals, special prayer celebrations and the Mass of Remembrance. The Liturgy Group meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday, to focus on the important liturgical events in the life of the Parish. We reflect on the significance of the event and the meaning of the readings. We then select or write prayers to draw out the meaning and we decide on symbols (e.g. banners) which can be placed in the Church to convey the theme in a creative way.

So, we need people

- with an interest in Liturgy
- with a willingness to reflect on the readings and share their ideas
- ready to share their insights, creative talents, energy or practical ability – be it with words, symbols or willingness to prepare the Church.
- ability to attend meetings once per month- at the moment this is usually on the

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We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Robert Owsianka

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Laurie Gage, Dorothy O'Keefe, Terry Sutton, Trish Hutchinson, Leo Fennessy, Patricia Duguid, Lucy Tuck, Michael Hauser, Tim McCarthy, Pat May.

and the Sick

Gunter Herrmann, Harry O'Beirne, Allan Pursell, Martin Herrmann, John Dale, Anne-Marie Corcoran, Baby Peter Kost, John Courtney, Trish Sanders, Barbara Leary, Baby Kate Cameron, Fr. Dan McMahon, Cheryl, Bill Oakes, Linda

Watschur, Mary McKenzie, Noeleen Walker, Carmel McKane, Sr. Helen Nichols, Jo Pendlebury, Leonie Bradley, Frank Butler, Anne Horton, Kylie Mazoletti, Gloria Sisson, Margaret Hill, Carolyn Royal, Diana Espino, Edward Riordan, Gillian Richards, Eve Parker, Susan Jones, Pamela Wilson, Rod Van dewert, Judy Linton, Lorraine Curtain, Laurie Pendlebury, 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 - Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah shows what brings the Lord's blessing and Lord's curse.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

The Gospel is the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Happy are the poor; alas for the rich!

Next week's readings:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Altar Servers for next week

Mass Time	Altar Servers
6 pm Sat	Zoe Ford Emily Reidy Tegan Rooth
8 am Sun	<i>Volunteers please?</i>
10 am Sun	Abigail Leamon Sophie Canning Gabrielle Parker



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week are Joanne and Larry McEvoy.

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 John Bruitzman and Anne Davey.

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....\$5200

Average since start of Campaign.....\$3532

Pledged per week\$3743

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$940

Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

If you feel you would like to help those in our community that are less fortunate please consider finding out more about the work of the Society. Come along to a meeting or ring the Parish Community Centre for a contact number.

STM Social Club

Notice of AGM

The Social Club AGM is to be held on Tuesday, 2nd March in the Undercroft after the 10am Mass.

All positions on the committee are vacant. Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and all committee positions.

All nominations must be seconded and endorsed by the nominee. Forms can be collected from Judy Jones or the Parish House.

Social Club Outings

Tuesday, 16th February @ 10am **'Boyz For Breaky'** Main Street, Mornington.

Wednesday 24th February @ 6.30pm **Canadian Bay Hotel**, Mt Eliza. For all enquiries & bookings contact Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315.

The **Welfare Contacts** for February are Bill & Barbara Hunt.

Children's Liturgy



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

First Reconciliation 2010

An Information and Enrolment Night will be held on Wednesday, 17th February for the parents of **all children** who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2010.

This Information Night will be held in the School Multi Purpose Area at 7.30pm.

Please note that it is the practice in the Archdiocese of Melbourne that Reconciliation be celebrated prior to First Eucharist (August).

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.



Invitation

The **Rosa Mystica Prayer Group** will next meet on Thursday, 18th February, at 7:15 pm in the Church.

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.

Maria Newbigin—Pastoral Associate



RCIA: will be held each Monday morning at 9.30 in my office, from now until Pentecost. Our candidate for Baptism will be attending the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral next Sunday at 2.30pm. If you would

like to come along and support her please let me know by Thursday 18th.

Lenten Group: Will be held Thursday evenings, 7pm – 8.30pm in the Undercroft commencing Thursday 18th February. Books for this cost \$5 each.

Sorry to those who put their names down for other times or days. We did not get enough to make a group possible any other time.

Funeral Ministry: Thanks to those who have offered to assist with food, set up etc for refreshments after funerals. Thank you also to Mary-Lou Mansour who has volunteered to co-ordinate this group. She will be in touch with those who have offered to help. If you have not put your name down and would like to be part of this you can contact Mary-Lou or me.

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.

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What's Happening Elsewhere



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

Attention all people aged 17 – mid 30s!

Peninsula Vinnies Information Night.

If you, or anyone you know are aged between 17 and mid 30s and are looking for an opportunity to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people and families around the Mornington Peninsula then this is the group for you. **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.

You are invited to an information night at **St Macartan's Parish**, 4 Drake St Mornington on Tuesday, 16th February at 7:30pm. Any enquires please contact Emily 0421 471 157 or Jacinta 0439 118 568.

The 14th Melbourne Passion Play

We are now urgently recruiting cast and crew members for this year's performance.

The play will take place in Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster on the 28th March & 2nd April 2010.

To take part in this fantastic production, contact the Secretary Chris right now on 0422 746 312 or email chris_perera@optusnet.com.au you may also visit our web site: www.passionplay.info **Acting experience not essential.** We are in **urgent** need of the following:-

- **Townpeople** - who, may have small individual roles and collectively appear in the crowd scenes.
- **Roman Soldiers** - men of the occupying army,

including legionaries and cavalry

- **Backstage People** to assist with wardrobe, props, staging etc.

The Play this year will be directed by Robert Durai. The Melbourne Passion Play is produced by Mr Pat La Manna O.A.M. Senior Australian Citizen for 2009.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Positions Available



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the position of **Building Services Administration Assistant**, East Melbourne.

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website <http://www.melbourne.catholic.org.au/policies/hr-jobadverts.htm>

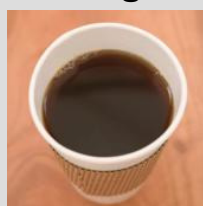
Foot Care Specialist

If you need nails trimmed, corns and calluses treated, enjoy a foot soak and massage or you know 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.

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Morning Tea Helpers



In the next couple of weeks we'll be drawing up a new 6 month roster for Morning Tea helpers. We could always use a few more hands – all that's required is a quarter of an hour setup before 10 am Mass, and then half an hour afterwards. Everything is provided, and we expect you'd

only be rostered for 3 Sundays over the 6 month period.

If you'd like to be a part of this ministry of welcome and hospitality, please call Irene in the office on 9787 7777 between Tuesday and Friday. To those of you who are already on the roster, please let me know **by Friday the 26th of February** if you have any special requests re dates, or whether you'd prefer to discontinue your involvement.

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third Wednesday of the month. However, the next meeting is on Thursday, 25th February, at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Community Centre, when we will be looking ahead to the Easter ceremonies as well as preparing the Lent Reconciliation ritual.

Already, this week, we have been approached by those who have heard of the challenge we are

facing and some are expressing an interest in joining the Liturgy Group. This is wonderful – and we are keen to welcome more.

Please contact: Fr. Laurie or Maria Newbigin, Pastoral Associate. Or speak to one of the members of the STM Review and Planning team at the table outside Mass.

Fr. Laurie