



# SEASONS

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

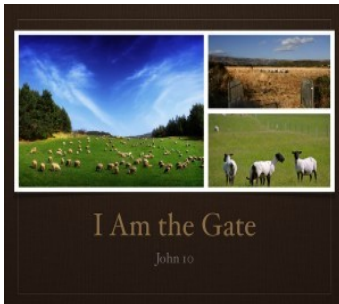
Fourth Sunday of Easter

15th May, 2011

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

### Diary

- Monday  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting,  
9.30am,U



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Tim Hogan

Peter Whyte

Adel Cowie

### 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 5.00pm - 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.

## I Have Come That You My Have Life To The Full



The emphasis in John's use of the shepherd image is that of safety. The shepherd will protect his flock from harm. At the time of John's community they must have felt themselves under threat from outside forces. This reading assures them that Jesus will protect them and give them fullness of life. In the first century the threats were real. The community was experiencing a great struggle with Judaism and the Romans. From time to time, that struggle even became persecution. In Australia we have rarely experienced open conflict, let alone persecution for religious reasons, but there are many places in the world today where this is a reality - Indonesia, Israel, Iraq.

The dangers that threaten us are more subtle. We don't need thieves and brigands to steal us from the flock, our own hearts can readily leave the community lured by values that are not Christian. In the desire for greater affluence we can allow policies to limit refugee intake at a time when this is a hu-

manitarian crisis. To have greater profit margins, companies may reduce the workforce, making many jobless without prospect of future employment. These are Gospel issues, not just economic or political ones. This year we will hear Matthew's criteria for entry into the reign of God; those who help the sick, offer shelter to the homeless, care for prisoners. These are very practical ways of evaluating Christian behavior.

Listening to today's word let us each reflect on what the real things are that threaten our personal Christian living. Thieves and brigands would be much easier to fight than the subtle dangers we Christians face today.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross*  
Mary Coloe PBVM



### Israel 2012

About 26 people placed their names as possibly interested in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year. That will be sufficient to further explore the possibility. I will see Steven Green from ETM Travel over the next couple of weeks to plan a possible itinerary, likely dates and one or two information sessions. Watch "Seasons" for further news.

*Fr. Laurie*

# We pray for...

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time**  
 Jack Bradley, Eric Crowe, Thomas H. Smith,  
 Catherine Eggins, Chloe Hyland, James Willstead

**and the Sick**

Jake Noonan, Roz Woodman, Ria Wilson, Dee Rourke, Lewis Lewis, Bill Oakes, Ron Child, Adrian Gobel, Margaret Ryan and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

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**From The Sick List**  
 Jake Noonan is one of our 2010 Padua Graduates who last year won the Australian school-based Apprentice of the Year Award as a young Jockey.  
 Jake had a fairly serious race fall last weekend and we wish him every prayer and good wish in this recovery time.  
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# Liturgy - Fourth Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14. 36-41

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

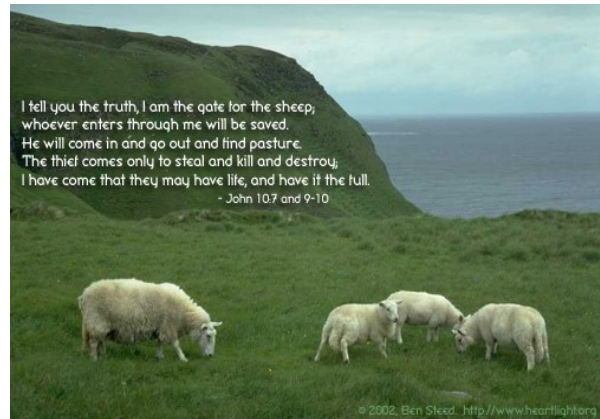
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

**Next week's readings:**

Acts 6:1-7, 1Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12



# Financial Matters...

**Thanksgiving**

Amount received last week..... \$1587  
 Average 2011..... \$3309  
 Pledged per week ..... \$3554

**Presbytery**

Amount received last week.....\$851  
*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*



**Easter Offerings**

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Offerings again this year.

I really do appreciate the generosity and support of so many people.

*Fr. Lawrence*



**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 Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> May if you have any special requests re dates, or whether you'd prefer to discontinue your involvement.**

# Parish Group Activities



## St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, 16th May in the Undercroft at 9.30am.

All parishioners are welcome to come along and learn more about the work of the Society.

### STM Social Club

The welfare officers for May are Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315 & Aileen Calley 9787 9652.

### Choir Practice



During the Winter period Choir Practice will be held every 2nd Monday night **commencing 23rd May** (note: there will be no practice on the 16th May as we will be attending a Music Workshop the following night).

### 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.

### 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.

### Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



Every Thursday at 7.15pm, with a Mass celebrated by a visiting priest on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

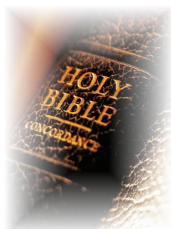
### Children's Liturgy



Catherine Hogan and Gabrielle Dole will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel. Please encourage your children to join them.

### Bible Studies

The Bible Studies Group will resume at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 25th May. Contact Gui Hone 9787 1449



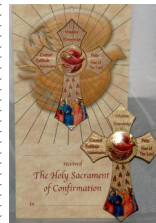
## Starting School

### Prep Enrolments 2012

Just a reminder that our Open Day for St Thomas Mores will be on Thursday, 19th May at 9am, 10am or 12 noon. If you have a student for Prep 2012, enrolment packs will be available from the office after our Open Day.

**Enrolments will close on the 1st July so please return applications prior to this date.**

### Sacrament Of Confirmation 2011



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be given by Bishop Peter Elliott in St Thomas More Parish on Saturday, 28th May at the 6pm Parish Mass and on Sunday, 29th May at 2pm.

Please continue to pray for our young people as they make this important commitment in their journey of faith.

*Fr. Lawrence*

### Message From Maria



The evaluation sheets for the lent and Easter services are still available in the foyer of the church. Please take a few minutes to fill one in and return it if you attended any of the services. This feedback will help our liturgy preparation team continue to prepare liturgies that are prayerful, respectful and meaningful.

This week I attended a workshop on Suicide Evaluation and Prevention Strategies. It is part of the requirements of pastoral Associates to do a certain amount of Professional Development each year. As a Family Therapist I also have to do a certain amount. I felt this was an important issue in the lives of many individuals and families and worth the time to update and revisit a very painful topic for many people. You may not be aware that I am available to individuals and families in the parish for counseling as part of my role here. If you want to arrange counseling, please, call me to make an appointment.

*Maria*

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

# What's Happening Elsewhere

## A Time For Reflection & Sharing

You are warmly invited to attend the Dromana Parish Retreat Day. A time of reflection and sharing as we are invited to contemplate Jesus in His encounter with the sisters Martha and Mary of Bethany, who were his special friends. Art works will assist our ponderings, and we ask where this challenges us today.

Our facilitator for the day is Sister Therese Quinn, a sister of St. Joseph, with long experience in giving days of reflection.

Sr. Therese has a special interest in art and many beautiful pictures to illustrate the thoughts she shares. We learn how God speaks to us through this medium.

on the 30th May, 10am-3pm in our Parish Hall. BYO lunch, tea & coffee available.

Donation appreciated, for all enquiries contact Sr. Mary 5981 4350.

## St Thomas More - A Man For All Seasons



Don't miss Robert Bolt's inspiring play on **St Thomas More A Man For All Seasons**, directed by Donald MacDonald, which will play in Melbourne & Sydney this June.

**Where:** St Martin's Youth Theatre

**When:** Friday, 10th June @ 7.30pm (opening)  
Saturday, 11th June @ 2pm  
Sunday, 12th June @ 2pm

**Cost:** Tickets are from \$35 .

Tickets can be booked by calling 0424 648 034 or visit our website [www.arteschristi.org.au](http://www.arteschristi.org.au)

## Stella Maris F.C.J. Frankston

Past pupils, staff, F.C.J. Associates and Friends are invited to a gathering on **Sunday, 5th June at John Paul College**, McMahons Road, in the staff room. If convenient, please bring a plate.

All most welcome. **R.S.V.P.** Edna 9783 110 or Sr. M. Ben F.C.J. Ph/Fax 9364 1918.

## Positions Available

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- **Communications Officer** - Catholic
- **Domestic Support** - Flemington
- **Care Ministry** - Nazareth Parish
- **Parish Secretary** - St Dominic's Parish
- **Leave Admin Officer** - Catholic Ed Officer

Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at [www.cam.org.au/jobs/](http://www.cam.org.au/jobs/) or you can telephone 9926 5780

## Special Event - Jason Evert

In Melbourne for one day only, Jason will speak on the topic **Romance Without Regret**. In today's day and age, is real love possible? How do we find it? How can we get over past hurts? How far is too far in a relationship? Is romance without regret possible?

**Where:** Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy

**When:** Monday, 16th May, 6.30pm for dinner and drinks, 7.30pm talk begins.

For more information call 0430 032 666 or email [john@theologyatthepub.com.au](mailto:john@theologyatthepub.com.au) Check out our webpage [theologyatthepub.com.au](http://theologyatthepub.com.au)

This event is for 18-35 yr olds (priests and religious of all ages are welcome)

## Fellowship Meal of Jews and Catholics

Guest Speakers: Fr Chris Monaghan  
(Yarra Theological Union)

*Sunday May 15 at 7.00 pm  
at Beth Weizmann Community Centre  
306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South*

Tickets: \$40.00 (Kosher meal)

All members of the Jewish and Catholic communities welcome.

*For more details <http://tiny.cc/jcdinner>*

*For bookings please contact:*

Jewish Community Council of Victoria  
9272 5566 or [community@jccv.org.au](mailto:community@jccv.org.au)

## Melbourne Single Catholics

MSC is a free to join social group for 35-55 year olds which holds events such as: dinners, walks, gallery and winery visits, speed dating and lectures on matters of faith, morals and bioethics.

### Our next events are:

- Drinks at Amora Riverwalk Hotel, Friday night, 20th May at 7pm.
- lunch and a walk at Ricketts Point, Beaumaris on Sunday, 22nd May at 12 noon.
- Visit to Mulberry Hill. This property is owned by the National Trust of Victoria and will be of interest to people who enjoy art, architecture and antiques. Golf Links Rd, Langwarrin South on Sunday, 19th June @ 1pm.

For more information & to RSVP visit our website [www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics](http://www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics)