



SEASONS

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

18th April, 2010

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

Diary

- **Monday**
RCIA, 9.30am, PCC
Choir practice, 7:30pm, C
Social Club Committee Meeting,
1.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**
Contemplative Prayer, 8.45am, C
Prayer Group, 11am, PCC
- **Wednesday**
Confirmation Class, 7.30pm, U
Lit Team Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7.15pm, C

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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15 am
Wednesday (Foll. By Holy Hour)	9:15 am
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
School Mass	12.15pm
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8:00 am 10.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday	5.00pm -5.30pm
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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.

The Ongoing Presence Of The Risen Jesus

Chapter 21 of John's Gospel is believed to be a slightly later addition to the original Gospel, written to deal with issues that arose later in the community. Peter is singled out as the leader whereas previously throughout this Gospel Peter has not had a significant role. The disciple who is the leader in faith is the Beloved Disciple and in this scene on the lake, it is he who first recognises "It is the Lord." The women disciples, so significant in this Gospel, are also missing in chapter 21. Scholars believe that this chapter was written after the death of the Beloved Disciple who was the likely founder of the Johannine community, to affirm the traditional leadership role ascribed to Peter.

The breakfast by the lake recalls the earlier feeding miracle in John 6 where Jesus took five loaves and two fish and fed a great crowd. The miracle in John 6 and this meal are Eucharistic in their symbolism. Jesus is present in the midst of the disciples even though his presence is not immediately recognised. Jesus is the host inviting his disciples to eat the food he has prepared for them / us.

This lakeside feeding reflects the living experience of the Christian community. When they gather for Eucharist, they are in touch with the Risen Jesus who continues to guide

and nourish them. Relying on the word of Jesus, the disciples' efforts bear fruit and in the wonder of this bountiful result, the presence of the Lord is recognised. Can we also recognise the Risen One present in our lives and nourishing us in Eucharist?

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*



Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

John 21:1-19

We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Peter McDonnell, Laurie Pendlebury, Patricia Hauser

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Frank Bracken, Dr. Harry Hodgson, Harold Hoare, Robbie Sinclair, Charles Pay

and the Sick

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, Anne-Marie Corcoran, Baby Peter Kost, John Courtney, Trish Sanders, Barbara Leary, Baby Kate Cameron, Fr.

Dan McMahon, Cheryl, Linda Watschur, Mary McKenzie, Noeleen Walker, Carmel 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 Lazaro, Carol Mason and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

Liturgy - 3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are the witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21:1-19

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Next week's readings:

Acts 13:14,43-52, Revelation 7:9,14-17, John 10:27-30



Confirmation Preparation

An information night was held last Wednesday for families of all candidates for Confirmation (including those not attending the Parish School). If your child is in year 6 or above, not attending the Parish School, and interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year, please come along to our first class **this Wednesday, 21st April**, in the Undercroft at 7:30 pm. Classes are run on a weekly basis at the same time until Wednesday the 19th of May; there will be an all-day retreat at the school (with the school candidates) on Wednesday the 26th of May; and Confirmation will be on Sunday the 30th of May at 2:30 pm. If you have any questions about the preparation program, please call the Parish office on 9787 7777.

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....\$1927
Average since start of Campaign.....\$3512
Pledged per week\$3711

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$978
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week are Ruth Pusic and Katie Rodgers.

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 for next week are Joanne and Larry McEvoy.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

Our next meeting will be held in the Undercroft at 9:30 am on Monday the 26th of April.

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.

“Those Who Where Here First and Those Who Were Here Last”

The place of Indigenous Peoples, refugees & asylum seekers in contemporary Australia.

St Francis Conference of St Vincent de Paul Melbourne, presents Social Justice in the City Series, St Francis Pastoral Centre, Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth St, Melb, Wednesday, 28th April. Guest speaker Phill Glendenning, involved in human rights, peace & reconciliation work in Australia & internationally. Enquiries call Paula 9895 5800.

STM Social Club

The Social Club Committee will meet on Monday, 19th April at the Parish Community Centre (**please note the changed date**).

Outings

On Tuesday, 20th April at 10.30am we will visit **MP Regional Gallery** in Dunns Road for a guided tour of the current exhibitions. The cost is \$4. For those wishing to extend the outing, a table has been booked at Steeples for lunch.

Frankston Arts Centre, Australian Ballet School, Friday, 14th May @ 10.30am. Cost is \$16.50 and tickets are available at next weeks Social Club Meeting on the 6th April or for bookings you can contact Carolyn Gascgoine 9775 2315.

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.



Invitation

The **Rosa Mystica Prayer Group** will next meet on Thursday, 22nd April, at 7.15pm in the Church.



Last week I attended a 3 day Interfaith Symposium on Death and Dying. It was very interesting and informative. Hearing of the different rituals, both faith and cultural, and the meaning behind them was fascinating. We can take our

rituals for granted sometimes or just lose touch with where they have come from. This reminded me once again how important ritual is to our lives, family, society, community and faith. We would be impoverished indeed without ritual.

Having celebrated the feast of Easter and revisited the turmoil Mary, the apostles and all the other followers of Jesus were experiencing, it may be timely to give some consideration to what follows. Had not the early Christians continued the work started by Jesus we would not have our faith today. As the followers left behind at this time how will you continue the work Jesus started? As we head towards Pentecost I find it appropriate to rethink my giftedness and thank God for those gifts (maybe not the ones I would have chosen myself!) and how I can use them to continue to bring about the kingdom.

You may remember I was asking for a short written description of your group in the Parish. Currently I am putting together a Parish Directory. If you have not put in a piece about your group and want to do so you need to get it to me **this week** to be included.



Anzac Day Mass

Group 20 of the Catholic War Veterans Association invites all ex-service personnel, Spouses and Parishioners to celebrate the 9am “Anzac Day Mass” on Sunday, 25th April at the St Louis de Montford Parish Church, 37 Dolphin Street, Aspendale (Melway 92 J4) followed by breakfast (cost \$10).

For catering purposes it is very important to know numbers attending. **Bookings are essential**, please ring Frank Jones 9580 2010 **ASAP**.

What's Happening Elsewhere

Young Catholic Solos

A social group catering for people aged 25-45.

Movie nights, tenpin bowling, dancing: whatever takes your fancy!

If interested don't hesitate to get in touch! Contact Anna 9408 4770 / email anna0958@hotmail.com
Jacqui 0438 422 293 / email jacquiiph@hotmail.com

(If emailing please type Young Catholic Solos in the subject line).

Catholic Solo Support Group

Warmly invites you to a **Meet and Greet Wine and Cheese** afternoon on Sunday, 25th April, 2.30pm at Balnarring. For more information please contact Barbara 0456 9476 or Tim 0403 867 271 email catholicsolos@vtown.com



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of Project Compassion 2010 "Blueprint for a Better World".

To date \$279,878.00 has been received from parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for PC 2010. The special appeals for Haiti (\$870,517.00) and Chile (\$49,232.00) reflect the great generosity of our Melbourne supporters.

A special thanks to the counters and members of the parish staff whom each year count, receipt and bank the donations on behalf of Caritas Australia. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,
Margaret

Life Works Group Programs

Life Works are offering the following Programs:

Step Parenting

Mondays, 26th April - 31st May from 7-9pm. Cost is \$140 or \$200 per couple (concession available).

Grief Kids

Thursdays, 6th May - 17th June, from 4.30pm - 6pm. Cost is \$30.

Parenting After Separation - Men

Thursdays, 20th May - 17th June from 7pm - 9pm. Cost \$140 (concession available).

Parenting for Couples

Mondays, 31st May - 21st June from 7pm - 9pm. Cost \$140 or \$200 for couples (concession available).

To register call 9783 7611 or go on line at www.lifeworks.com.au

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston Fundraisers

Garage Sale/Car Boot Sale:

Where: St Francis Xavier's car park, 60 Davey St, Frankston.

When: Saturday, 24th April, 9:30 - 2pm.

Cost: \$10 fee to hold own store

Donations for stalls welcome. Please leave items at St Francis Xavier Office or ring Liz 0430533377 to arrange pick up.

Look out for Mother's Day Raffle Tickets on Sale now:

1st Prize: Beautiful hand ribbon embroidered cushion & \$100 Dinner Voucher for two at Caesars Restaurant, Frankston.

2nd Prize: \$60 Shopping Voucher for Ishka Bayside

3rd Prize: Sparkling Wine & Chocolates

Thank you to all parishioners for their prayers & continuing support of the centre. **Look out for PAF's Newsletter in Church Foyer.**

Journey to Lourdes



A pilgrimage from 1st-18th September 2010. Hosted by Geraldine Dillon, 3 nights in Paris, 7 nights in Lourdes, 1 night each in Avignon, Lyon, Nevers, Lisieux with a 1 night stop over in Singapore. Escorted from Australia to France by John Smyth of Belmore Travel.

Cost: \$46,990 per person, twin share. Includes airfares, transfers, accommodation, breakfasts, some lunches and dinners. For all enquiries phone John Smyth 9857 4555 email john@belmoretravel.com.au

Catholic Education Parent Workshops

Raising Mighty Boys

Brunswick, May 12th / Wyndham, May 25th

Sugar & Spice - Understanding Girls

Williamstown, April 22nd / Ocean Grove, May 6th
Ringwood, April 18th / Essendon, June 8th / Newtown, 17th June

Emotional Intelligence / Resilience

Fawkner, April 20th / Keilor, May 5th

Internet Safety / Cyber Bullying

Kensington, April 21st / Chadstone, June 23rd

Adolescent Issues-Drugs, Alcohol, Partying & Peer Pressure

North Melb, April 28th / Donvale, May 19th
Mornington, May 26th

Registration Fee \$10. Enquiries Contact Shirley O'Sullivan 9464 5225
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