



SEASONS

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th September, 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, 7pm, C
- **Tuesday**
STM Playgroup, U, 9am-12pm
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7:15pm, C
Liturgy Planning, 7:30pm, PCC
- **Friday**
Walking Group, 9.45am, Dava
Car Park, Mornington



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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
No School Mass	
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.

Let Us Give Thanks.....

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to our "Gold Coin" collection last week and to those who have already made other donations in order that we might complete the Church at Tequinomata in East Timor. As you will see, we have already raised nearly 30% of our target, and I am hopeful that we might manage the balance in the very near future.

Fr. Manuel Ximenes, the Parish Priest, has confirmed that the completed Church and the refurbished school will be named after St Thomas More, so we can now say that we have a very tangible relationship with that community.

We will soon put together some visual material (framed pictures) and reading matter about St Thomas More to forward there.

About 25 people have committed to our pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel next April - that is a really good number! It's not too late to join as we will take up to about 32 people. This will be a great experience and I know it will be one that will have a lasting effect. You will be reminded of it every week as you read the Scriptures at Mass and have a visual awareness of the land that we call "Holy". Copies of the itinerary and registration forms are in the porch of the Church or at the Parish Office.

Once again thanks to all who contribute to our parish in so many ways and may God continue to bless all our efforts.

Fr. Laurie

Working One Hour



"The last will be first and the first last." God's ways constantly overturn our human expectations. Of all the parables of Jesus, the story of the labourers in the vineyard is probably the most puzzling for Christians of successive generations. That means that it is a great success, that it achieves what Jesus intended.

'That is the purpose of the parable, to invite us to leave aside the human logic and predictability with which we shape our world, and to enter the Kingdom announced by the Saviour, the new world shaped by God's generous and merciful ways. The fact that we still find ourselves challenged by the story indicates that it has a lesson that is valid for every generation.

"Did we not agree? Take your earnings." God will never be unjust. But the Lord's great plan for the human family has a measure that goes far beyond our human calculations of what is appropriate and just - designs of generosity and mercy conceived in the eternal depths of the divine freedom. "Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways." Jesus is calling us to bow down before the mystery of God's "grace".'

*Excerpt from a commentary
by Fr John Thornhill SM*

We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Ian Johnston, Maureen Cotter (Colleen Hurren's mother), Clint Coleman

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Monica Prendergast, Patricia Ginnane, Michele Rogic (McCartney), Mildred Hanmer, Norman Prendergast.

and the Sick

Dee Rorke, John Nuttney, Samantha, Tracey Jamieson and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



Liturgy - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Next week's readings:

Ezekiel:18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32



THE LORD IS NEAR
TO ALL WHO CALL HIM

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week..... \$1693

Average 2011 \$3150

Pledged per week \$3429

Presbytery

Amount received last week..... \$718

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

Morning Tea



This week, Kate Hyland and Sally Cooper 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 Ruth Pusic and Katie Rodgers.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society **Good Works**

The Morning Star Conference, Mt Eliza, wishes to acknowledge the loving and caring service given to the less fortunate in our community by Mary and Leon O'Brien. Mary and Leon will be moving close to the city in the very near future to be nearer to their family. They have been consistently involved with home visitation activities since 2002 and their departure will leave a noticeable gap in the membership of the Mt Eliza Conference.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Morning Star Conference will be held in the Undercroft on Monday, 19th September commencing at 9.30am. 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

The **Walking Group** will meet on Friday, 23rd September between 9.45am - 10am in the car park of the Dava Hotel, The Esplanade, Mt Martha, to walk along the cliff-top track to Linley Point and back.

This is an easy, very pretty walk of about 5km. Morning tea afterwards in Mt Martha. Enquiries to Gui on 9787 1449 or Colleen on 9787 2479

The **Welfare Officers** for September are Tom and Maree Shelton.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will take place this Monday, 19th September (back in the Church) at 7pm.

Do You Know Anything About Buying Or Selling Antiques?

If so, we would really appreciate your advice - please speak to Fr. Laurie or call Irene in the office on 9787 7777 between Tuesday and Friday this week.

Altar Servers

In the coming weeks we will be drawing up a new roster for our Altar Servers for term 4 onwards. Altar Servers are currently rostered on one Mass per month; less often if there were more names on the list.

Please contact Joanne McEvoy on 9787 7969 or mcevoyjl@bigpond.com if you have any queries.

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



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

Holy Hour



All parishioners are invited to 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.



Completion of Church at Tequinomata, East Timor

Total budget for building materials to complete the Church - \$7000

What your gift can achieve:

- **\$5** can provide 10 bricks, and we need **1000 bricks**..... \$500
- **\$8** can provide a bag of cement, and we need **250 bags** \$2000
- **\$10** can provide a box of tiles, and we need **170 boxes**..... \$1700
- **\$15** can provide a length of timber, and we need **60 lengths**..... \$900
- **\$20** can provide a can of paint, and we need **15 cans** \$300
- **\$50** can repair a church window, and we have **12 to repair** \$600
- **\$100** can provide a sacristy door, and we need **2 doors**..... \$200
- **\$200** can transport half the materials from Dili to Laga, and we *Please complete details on the other side of this tear-off form* need **2 trips** \$400

What's Happening Elsewhere

Mental Health Week

A special Mass at St Pius X Parish, West Heidelberg to mark Mental Health Week 2011.

St Pius X Parish warmly welcomes all to a Mass: an opportunity to stand with the suffering Christ within our community, and help awareness of mental health issues.

When: Wednesday, 28th September

Time: Mass @ 2pm followed by afternoon tea

Where: St Pius X Church, 419 Waterdale Rd, West Heidelberg

Enquires: St Pius X Parish 9457 5794, please phone through numbers attending.

All Welcome

The Sisters Of Nazareth offer an Invitation



to young women 18-35 years, open to discerning a vocation to religious life and wishing to share a "live-in" experience with the Sisters. Please feel free to contact us at the following address.

Where: Nazareth House, 218 Mill Street, Ballarat

When: Friday, 21st till the 23rd October

Reply to: Sister Rosalie O'Malley CSM phone 5329 5259 or 04503 55014 or email vocations@sistersofnazareth.com

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

Can You Help?

Pregnancy Assistance Frankston have a lot on between now and Christmas and would love some new faces to share the load! Check out below the our upcoming events.

Sausage Sizzle

What's Required: Help wanted from 9am - 2pm

When & Where: Saturday, 1st Oct in Frankston

PAF Dinner Dance

When: Sat, 5th Nov @ 7pm-11.30pm

Where: St Francis Xavier Hall

Cost: \$40ph; BYO alcohol & drinks

Sausage Sizzle

What's Required: Help wanted from 10am-11.30am

When & Where: Tuesday, 6th Dec @ 7pm-11.30pm @ Bunnings, Frankston

For more info, or if you can help, please call 9770 6226.

Pastoral Associate

The Catholic parish of St Mary's, Dandenong is seeking to employ a full time (preferably fully accredited) Pastoral Associate beginning in 2012.

Please apply in writing including the names of two referees to: Father D.D. O'Brien, St Mary's Parish Centre, PO Box 22, Dandenong Vic 3175, or by email to stmarys@iprimus.com.au

Enquiries about the position may be directed to 9791 4611 or the above email address. Closing date for applications is Friday, 7th October, 2011.



Thank you for your time. Will you accept our invitation to make a donation to the

Tequinomata Church completion Appeal?

PAYMENT DETAILS:

I enclose a: Cash donation Cheque (to ASMOAF - Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund)
 Mastercard or Visa payment authority

Amount:.....

Name on card:..... Expiry Date:.....

Card Number:.....

Signature:..... Date signed:.....

Name:.....

Address:.....

Please enclose in an envelope marked *East Timor Appeal*, and put it in the collection plate next week, or mail to:

East Timor Appeal,
 St Thomas More Parish,
 313 Canadian Bay Road,
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Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Please tick if receipt required