



SEASONS

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

Holy Trinity

19th June, 2011

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

Diary

- **Sunday**
Dinner @ Manyung Gallery, 6pm
- **Wednesday**
RCIA Enquiry Session, 10am, PCC
Bible Study Group, 1.30pm, PCC
RCIA Enquiry Session, 7.30pm, PCC
First Eucharist Information Night, 7.30pm, MPR
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7.15pm, C
Liturgy Planning, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Friday**
Walking Group, 10am, Des & Raye Darrer's home car park

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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 5.00pm - 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.

God Loved The World So Much He Gave His Only Son



As a child I learnt about the Trinity in terms of three persons in one God - a short summary of a very complex history of debate about God, Jesus and Spirit. John's Gospel says this with much greater simplicity in the one word: 'love'. The very nature of God is to love - to reach out to another in relationship. In this conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus describes why he has come into the world; for love of us God gave us a most precious gift in Jesus. This Gospel makes the promise that those who receive this gift in faith will become children of God (John 1:12) which is this Gospel's way of describing salvation. This means of course that you and I are invited to

be drawn into the very heart of God, to be drawn into the Trinity as part of God's own household.

Earlier in the conversation Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being born again in water and Spirit - a phrase Nicodemus could not understand. The Johannine community understood that with the gift of the Spirit they were in a sense reborn into the family of God, able to call God 'Father' and each other sisters and brothers. If you want a living example of the Trinity look at a family where children participate in the life and love of their parents.

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Trinity, we are not celebrating an esoteric doctrine from the past; we are celebrating a living relationship with God, in which we now participate.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16-18

We pray for...

Recently deceased

Noel Daniels

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Lorma Marshall, Kath Thompson, Eunice Merkus

and the Sick

Kaye Coughlan, John Noal, Ann Marie Murdoch, Mitchell Gleeson, Fr. Lou Heriot, Jake Noonan, John Moore, Mary McKenzie, Ria Wilson, Dee Rourke,

Lewis Lewis, Bill Oakes, Ron Child, Adrian Gobel, Margaret Ryan, Fr. Peter Fulton and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

Preparing For First Eucharist



An **Information Night** for Children from Non-Catholic schools wishing to make their first Eucharist will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd June**, in the School Multipurpose Room.

Liturgy - Holy Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6.8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the

hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Next week's readings:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

I Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58



Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week..... \$2051

Average 2011..... \$3176

Pledged per week \$3554

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$782

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

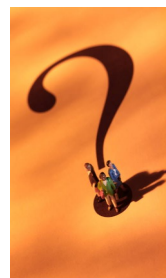
Morning Tea



Your hosts this week are Kate Hyland and Sally Cooper.

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 Debbie Bradford and Val Finnigan.

Enquiry About Catholic Faith



Do you know anyone (family, friends, neighbours) who would like to know about the Catholic faith?

Two Enquiry Sessions will be held at the Parish Community Centre on **Wednesday, 22nd June at 10am and 7.30pm.**

There is no obligation attached to these but there will be opportunity to ask questions or deal with any issues that people might have. Further opportunity will be provided for those who do wish to follow up. As a result of these sessions people do sometimes move on to become Catholic, but there is no expectation of this at this stage.

Although these sessions are provided in the first place for the information of non-Catholics, quite obviously the Catholic partners are also encouraged to be present and to be part of the conversation.

Thanksgiving Receipts

Final receipts for the current financial year will be distributed on the weekend of July 2/3. For your pledge to "balance" with your contributions, quarterly, half-yearly and annual contributors are reminded that your total annual pledge must be paid by the Sunday June 27th at the latest. No portion of your contributions for this financial year is tax deductible.

Parish Group Activities

STM Social Club

The **Walking Group** will meet 10am on Friday, 24th June at Des & Raye Darrer's home car park, 140 Males Road, Moorooduc (Mel Page 146 G10).

Walking is wooded, flat country 4.2 Km. Afterwards we return to their home for a hot drink. For inquiries contact Raye 5978 8782. If you need a lift contact Gui 9787 1449.

Dinner at Manyung Gallery Restaurant, Sunday, 19th June @ 6pm. Roast and dessert \$22.

Christmas in July, Grand Hotel, Main Street, Mornington, 3rd July @ 12 noon. Cost \$25. For inquiries contact Pauline Hook 9787 9907.

Ferry Trip to Williamstown Friday, 8th July. We will be meeting at Frankston Station to catch the 8.55am train into the city. The ferry leaves for Williamstown @ 10.30am. **(Please note change of date).**

The welfare officers for June are Pauline Hook 9787 9907 & Lynda Reid 9787 4483.

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



Choir Practice

Our next Choir Practice will be held on Monday, 20th June at 7.30pm in the Church.



Bible Studies

The **Bible Studies Group** will meet on Wednesday, 22nd June at the Parish Community Centre 1.30pm - 3pm. All most welcome. Any inquiries please contact Gui Hone 9787 1449 or Lois 9787 2970.

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.

Message From Fr. Laurie



East Timor Trip

Thanks all who contributed in any way to our trip to East Timor during the last two weeks. My very special thanks in particular to Les Harper who is not only extremely generous in his commitment of time and money to the people of East Timor but was also very generous to me and was a most knowledgeable and enthusiastic travelling companion - and in spite of his own physical discomfort.

I do look forward to speaking in rather more detail in further weeks about how I see our future parish commitment to these most needy people.

However, the hangings on the altar this weekend refer to the wonderful welcomes we received at each of the villages, schools and clinics during our time there. They are the "scarves" with which we were presented during the welcome ceremony at each place.

I was very moved during my time there and experienced one of the most significant challenges I have ever known in what was really my first real meeting with a genuine third world culture.

The people of East Timor will be very much part of my prayer at this weekend's Masses and I am sure you will share that with me as well.

Once again thanks to all who generously committed to make this trip possible for me and to all who continue to support these fine and very needy people.

Fr. Laurie

Message From Maria



Fr. Peter Fulton has some good news and asked that you be informed. He says there is light at the end of the tunnel and is very thankful for your prayers. He was feeling much better and looking forward to Tuesday, 14th when he was due to go home.

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What's Happening Elsewhere

Norm and Marion Young invite to you the

2011 TREVOR YOUNG MEMORIAL FUNDRAISING CONCERT

featuring The Michele Hughes Band
(Michele's 5-member band plays classic sing-a-long songs—suits all ages)
Supported by Adrian Austin
(Jazz, Blues, Roots)
Nibbles Provided

On Saturday, 2nd July, 7—10pm
at
St Luke's Anglican Church Hall
McMahons Road, Frankston

Norm and Marion's son, Trevor, died in a motorcycle accident in 2007, shortly after his 21st birthday.
Funds raised are used to provide Advanced Riding Courses through Stay Upright.
Recipients are chosen via nomination forms that will be available at the concert
—anyone can nominate anyone who could benefit from doing a Course.
Final recipients are chosen by the Young family.

SUGGESTED DONATION \$20 +

Live At The Athenaeum



When: Thursday, 23rd June, 6.30pm-8.00pm

Where: Athenaeum Theatre, 188 Collins St, Melb

Father Bob Maguire in conversation with Fr. Greg Boyle SJ and Bernie Geary. The focus is on young people living on the edge - and us - and the ways in which 'we've just forgotten that we belong to one another.' It's a **free event** and it promises to be a fascinating evening. If you would like to book a seat go to www.fatherboblive.eventarc.com/event/view/3229



OBSERVING TEA

The Wonders Of Tea From Various Asian Cultures

Saturday 25 June 2011, 2pm-4pm

The Willis Room, Whitehorse Civic Centre
379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

COST \$10 Adult \$7 Concession
(includes tea & sweets from each tradition)

Please register by email admin@chancentre.org or call 88223187

Special Guests

Mr. Yasufumi Kotake
Deputy Consul-General of Japan
Mr. Andrew Williams
Music & Songwriter

Hosts

Chado Urasenke, Melbourne Association
Ven. Phuoc Tan OAM, Quang Minh Temple
Ven. Chi Kwang, Seon Centre
Dr. Wang Hui Chuan, Artist



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This Wednesday we are holding two **Inquiry Sessions for RCIA**. These sessions are an opportunity for anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Attendance is not confirmation of any further involvement, rather they are an opportunity to ask questions you may have and get some general information regarding what the process is. They will be held in the Parish Community Centre at 10am and 7.30pm.

I was hoping to have the updated version of the Parish Directory out this weekend. Unfortunately that is not likely at this point. It will be available next weekend. I apologise for the delay in getting this out. When you get a copy, please let me know if there are any groups of activities missing from it so that I can try to rectify it for next time. Thank you to all who responded with updates or new pieces for the booklet. My hope is to be able to have the information updated each year and have the updated version available early in the year.

This may be something you could put on your agenda for the end/start of the year to ensure your information is kept up to date.

This week, on the 22nd, we recall the destruction of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Construction on this barrier began in August 1961 to stop the people of communist East Berlin moving out. After construction thousands tried to escape over the wall and many died in the process. In 1989 changes in political power in nearby Poland and Hungary started political unrest in East Germany and in November 1989 East Germans were once again allowed to visit West Germany and West Berlin. People started chipping at the wall to take souvenirs. Eventually the government had the wall demolished. For many families it was the first time on over 20 years they were able to be together as a unit.