



SEASONS

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

22nd May, 2011

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

Diary

- **Friday**
Walking Group, 9.45am,
Cranbourne Royal Botanical
Gardens



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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday, Confirmation Retreat (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.

In My Father's Household There Are Many Dwellings



Last Supper by Del Parson

The Gospel comes from Jesus' farewell meal when he speaks of his departure but also offers his disciples consolation. In the absence of the physical Jesus they will discover God's presence still with them. The image used to offer this consolation is that of the household, or family of God. Once again English translations miss this. The original Greek says 'In my Father's *household* there are many dwellings.' The household of God is to be the future community of disciples who come to believe in Jesus and are reborn as sons and daughters of God. Chapter 14 goes on to describe the many dwellings in this household - the Father who will dwell with believers, Jesus who will dwell with them and the Spirit. In fact chapter 14 emphasises God's coming to dwell within the Christian community so that the community is the household of God's dwelling.

You and I now make up the community that is the household of

God, where Jesus, the Father and the Spirit dwell. We don't have to wait until death to dwell in God's household, we are that household now. Jesus says, 'I am the way': in and through him we have become God's children.

Children image their parents. In Jesus time he said, 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father.' So today, if people want to know what God is like, where can they look? You and I as children of God's household are the bearers of God's image for our world. If the world asks, 'Let us see the Father,' we should be able to answer, 'Look at me!'

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*



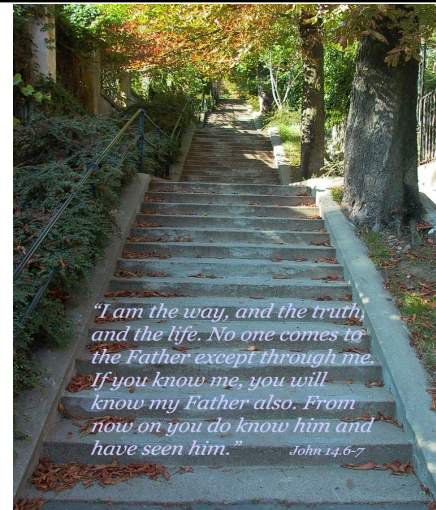
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time
 Marie Fulton (Sr. Patricia RSM), Sam Ransom,
 Ted Marshall, Les Calley

and the Sick

Jake Noonan, John Moore, Mary McKenzie, 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.



Liturgy - Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are the chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord: no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

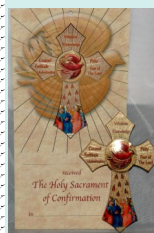
Gospel: John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Next week's readings:

Acts 8:5-8, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21

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

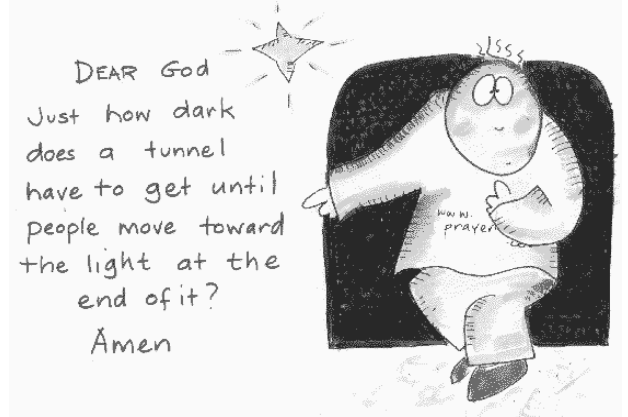
Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....	\$2570
Average 2011.....	\$3273
Pledged per week	\$3554

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1042
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



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 24th May if you have any special requests re dates, or whether you'd prefer to discontinue your involvement.**

Parish Group Activities

STM Social Club

On Friday, 27th May, between 9.45am - 10am the **Walking Group** will meet in the car park at the Cranbourne Royal Botanical Gardens (Mel 133 H10) for a walk through the bushland surrounding the Gardens. It is a 6km - 7km walk along well laid out and mostly flat paths. Coffee afterwards at the Kiosk.

For enquiries, or if you would like a lift to the venue, contact Gui 9787 1449 or Colleen 9787 2479.

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**

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



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

Bible Studies

Post Lenten break the **Bible Studies Group** will meet on Wednesday, 25th May at the Parish Community Centre 1.30pm - 3pm. All most wel-



come. Any inquiries please contact Gui Hone 9787 1449 or Lois 9787 2970.

Message From Maria



Sr Carolina is a Salesian sister from East Timor and is in Australia visiting the local parishes here to express her thanks to those who have been supporting her ministry.

She will be at St Thomas More 10am Mass on Sunday, 29th May, her last stop before returning home.

In order to make her visit special I would like to ask you to bring a small plate of cake, slice or biscuits to share along with a cuppa after Mass.

May 27th is the 44th anniversary of a referendum that made huge changes to the Australian community: Aboriginal people were included in the census and the Commonwealth government was able to make laws for Aboriginal people. However, Aboriginal people could still not vote, were not given citizenship and were not entitled to equal rights with other Australians. In some ways we have come a long way in 44 years. Yet there is still a long way to go when we can see other people as having less right to live a healthy and fulfilling life. Let us keep in our prayers the politicians who are responsible for improving the living conditions of the Aboriginal people in this country. May we come to be a nation who are truly united and, together, share in the wealth this country enjoys.

Maria

A Little Humor - Hunting Flies



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

'What are you doing?' She asked.

'Hunting flies.' he responded.

'Oh, killing any?' she asked.

'Yep, three males and 2 females.' he replied.

Intrigued, she asked: 'How can you tell which is which?'

He responded, 'Three were on a beer can and two were on the phone!'

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

What's Happening Elsewhere

Come And Be Inspired

MacKillop Young Adult Community (MacYAC) invites young adults to come & visit significant sites in the life of our first Australian Saint here in Melbourne.

Meet at St. Francis Church, Cnr. Elizabeth & Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne at 2pm on Saturday, 28th May - visit the birth site, Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and site of the First Providence.

Come and be inspired by the person of St Mary MacKillop - Australia's First Saint in her home town. If you can't make it this month, the walks are held on the fourth Saturday of each month.

For bookings phone: 9926 9300 or you can email macyac@sosj.org.au

Annual Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass.

The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 24th July at 11.00am by Archbishop Denis Hart.

Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

To register contact the Life, Marriage & Family on: 9287 5579 or email us at lmf@cam.org.au

Alternatively register online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au

Registrations close on Friday 16th July.

Stella Maris F.C.J. Frankston

Past pupils, staff, F.C.J. Associates and Friends are invited to a gathering.

When: Sunday, 5th June @ 2.30pm

Where: John Paul College, McMahons Road, in the staff room.

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

If convenient, please bring a plate.

Help - Accommodation Wanted



Female relative of STM family and Monash Student seeking boarding/share accommodation.

Suit empty-nesters, retiree/s, etc. Quiet, studious, tidy and conscientious.

Please telephone Anna on 5977 2241 or 0414 892 211.

Carmelite Centre May-June Programs

• *The Art of Spiritual Direction*

When: Tuesday, 24th May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Presenters: Linda Walter & Christine Faragher

Cost: \$10 or \$5 concession

Contact the Carmelite Library for registration 9682 8553

• *Find Out About the Carmelites*

When: Saturday, 4th June, 10am - 4pm,

Facilitator: Teresa Paradowski & Maria Goral

Cost: \$5 per booklet

For more information and to register go to <http://thecarmelitcentremelbourne.org/rtj15/index.php/component/content/article/40-roknewspager-frontpage-2/153-the-carmelites>

• *Mediation Prayer of the Heart Series*

When: Wednesday, 8th, 15th & 22nd June

Facilitator: Peter Thomas

Cost: \$10 or \$5 concession

For more information and to register go to <http://thecarmelitcentremelbourne.org/rtj15/index.php/component/content/article/40-roknewspager-frontpage-2/139-meditation-prayer-of-the-heart>

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 event is:

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

What Is This Personal Ordinariate?

An Ordinariate Information Day about Pope Benedict's offer to Anglicans is to be held on Saturday, 11th June (10am - 3.30pm) at Our Lady Of Victories, Burke Rd, Camberwell.

Hosts and presenters include Bishop Peter Elliott, Delegate of the Holy See and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for the Australian Ordinariate; Archbishop John Hepworth, Primate of the Traditional Anglican Communion; Professor Tracey Roland, Dean of the John Paul 2 Institute in Melbourne; Bishop David Roberts, Bishop of the Southern Region, Anglican Catholic Church in Australia (TAC). Enquiries and requests for necessary Registration Forms may be directed to Fr. Christopher Seton, 9822 8489 or Fr. Graeme Mitchell 9528 6660.