

SEASONS

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd October, 2011

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

Diary

- **Monday**
Choir Practice, 7pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Meeting, after 10am
Liturgy of the Word with Com-
munion, U
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7:15pm, C
Liturgy Planning Group, 7:30pm,
PCC
- **Friday**
Walking group, either 9:15am @
Gui's home or 10am Dromana

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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, Lit of the Word with Holy Com- munion (Social Club)	10:00am
Wednesday, Lit of the Word with Holy Comm. foll. by Holy Hour	9:15am
Thursday	No Mass
Friday Lit of the Word with Holy Communion	9:15am
Saturday (Vigil)	6:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am

Reconciliation

Please Note that there will be no Rec-
onciliation until 5th November.

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 **com-
pulsory** preparation night for par-
ents takes place on the first Tues-
day of each month in the **Parish
Community Centre** at 7:30 pm.

Love With All Your Heart

If you recall last week I asked the ques-
tion 'What belongs to God?' This week
Jesus gives the answer: your whole
heart, your whole soul, your whole
mind. That's all!

I find the above paragraph quite over-
whelming. God wants so much and
there seems no room for compromise -
your whole heart, whole soul, whole
mind. I want to negotiate this a little.
'How about you have 90% and leave
me 10% - that sounds reasonable and
very generous really?' But God's reply
is unequivocal - 'whole 100%.' When I
hear these words I am reminded of
weddings I have attended and the mar-
vel I feel as two people give them-
selves entirely to each other without
reserve - sickness and health, richer or
poorer, till death. This is 100%, whole
heart, whole soul, and whole mind.
Love makes such total surrender both

desirable and possible.

Perhaps this is what this Gospel is ex-
pressing. God desires us with such
100% love and wants us to respond to
this love wholeheartedly. Again I con-
sider marriage offers the best image of
such mutual self-giving and receiving.
Part of the problem with God's love is
that it seems so unbelievable. How
could God possibly love me 100%
when my life is so messy; parts of it I
don't like, so how can I expect God to
like it. Surely God just likes the good
bits, the successful bits, the public bits.
But then I come back to the marriage
commitment and the Gospel words.
Love means the whole of me; richer or
poorer, good times and bad; whole
heart, whole soul, whole mind.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*

Brosnan Centre Fundraiser - Local Music Fest

An afternoon of fun, food and wine.....

A fundraising 'gig' has been organised in Main Ridge to support the ongoing work of the **Brosnan Centre** which is located in Brunswick and named in honour of Fr John Brosnan (of Prison Chaplain fame before he died some years back). Many remember this colourful and giving man.

He had a very simple philosophy....*that every person has a right toA Job, A Place To Live, and A Friend.* He believed fervently that the most important of these was *a friend.*

The Brosnan Centre is based on this belief, and works under difficult financial conditions and with some very challenging people, so we are assisting them this year and bringing together some of our best local musicians at the same time, by providing an afternoon of fun, food and great music.

When: Sunday, 27th November @ 1.30pm– 5.30pm

Where: Main Ridge Community Centre, 441 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge

Cost: \$60 per Adult, \$140 Per Family (2 Adults, 2 Children under 16yrs). All tickets include food. Alco-
hol available at bar prices.

Please phone Maree Bannister as soon as you can on 0418 987 521 for pre-sale tickets (**tickets not available on day**) We would love you to come to support this event and basically just have an afternoon filled with joy and relaxation in great company. See posters on the Church doors.

We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Michael McGurn

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

John Hooper, William Ryan, John Pierce, Ronald Taylor, Bruce Wright, Beverly Smith

and the Sick

Little 8yr old Bonnie, Walter Hengel, Dee Rorke, John Nuttney, Samantha, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



Liturgy - 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Next week's readings:

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Matthew 23:1-12

Morning Tea



This week, Alicia and Michael Canning 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 Irene Owsianka and Margaret Gallagher.

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....\$ 2519

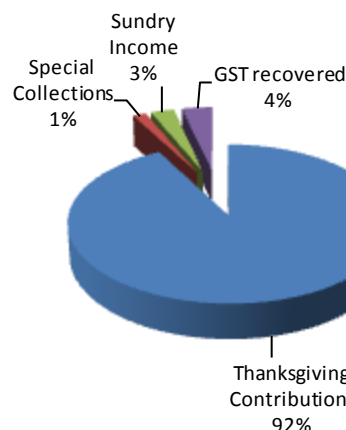
Average 2011\$3113

Pledged per week\$3430

Presbytery

Amount received last week..... \$990

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



See Page 4 for the Parish Financial results for 2010

Operating income 2010

Parish Group Activities

STM Social Club

The **Social Club Monthly Meeting** will be held after the 10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion this Tuesday, 25th October in the Undercroft. Contributions for Christmas Hampers would be most welcome.

Walk for your health

The **walking group** will meet next on Friday 28th of October. The walk will be a coastal trek from Dromana to McCrae, distance 6km return, on flat ground with pleasant sea views. We meet at 172 Grant Rd, Mt Eliza at 9:15 am (Gui's home) to share car, or opposite the Dromana Information Centre by 10 am. Melways 159 F7. Coffee afterwards at Dromana. You are all very welcome. For further information, contact Colleen on 9787 2479 or Gui on 9787 1449.

FAME Tuesday, 1st November in the Undercroft, payment of \$30 for lunch to be paid at the next Social Club Meeting.

Christmas Lunch at Norwood House, Nepean Highway, Mt Eliza, Thursday, 8th December. *Everyone from the Parish is invited:* payment of \$45 per head can be made at Tuesday's Social Club Meeting, or contact Carolyn Gascoigne on 9775 2315.

The next session of the **Poetry Group** will be held at the Parish Community Centre next Monday, 31st October 2011, commencing at 1:30pm. Host - Brian McAnallen.

The **Welfare Officers** for October are Margaret Carr 9787 1609 and Colleen McNamara 9787 2479.

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



Every Wednesday, at the conclusion of Mass (9:45am), we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Church. Quiet time and reflective music is followed by the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All Parishioners are welcome to spend some time or stay for the hour to pray for the many intentions and needs of our Parish, our families and our community of St. Thomas More.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will take place this Monday, 25th October at 7pm.



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

Maria McKenzie and Bernd Dremel will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel. Please encourage your children to join them.

Message From Maria



After my short week at the parish last week I attended the Pastoral Associate Conference at Millgrove, as I mentioned in last week's newsletter. It was certainly very inspiring in many ways and uplifting to be able to

look with hope to the future of the Church. As part of the weekend, we watched a video of one of the National Geographic photographers and that was truly wonderful. Many of his shots were shown, and as the take became closer he referred the shots as 'a good shot' and 'a great shot'. This, I think, reflects on our lives as Christians. We are called to care for one other, but to do so means having to be close enough to really see. Maybe the difference between a 'good' Christian act and a 'great' Christian act.

Working Bee



On Saturday 12th November, from 8.30am to 1pm, we'll be holding a working bee to prepare the church and surrounds for Christmas, and to paint a couple of rooms in the Parish Community Centre... so we are appealing to painters who would perhaps be able to return in a few weeks to apply a second and third coat. We'd also appreciate contributions from 2-3 people towards morning tea.

If you are able to help in any capacity, please add your name and number to the sheet on the glass doors. We'll be in touch in the week beforehand to confirm or allocate tasks to everyone on the list.

Memorial Wall Plaques

Arrow Bronze, our suppliers of plaques for the Me-

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What's Happening Elsewhere

Making friends with the New Translation of the Mass

Free Bookroom Luncheon with Rev Dr Elio Capra, from 12pm (presentation starts 12:30 pm) this Thursday, 27 October at John Garratt Bookroom, 32 Glenvale Cres, Mulgrave.

Many parishes have begun using the new translation of the Roman Missal which has been approved by the Vatican. By the end of this year it will be in use in all parishes in the English-speaking world. Much has been written criticising the new text and the process surrounding its completion and implementation.

Rev Dr Elio Capra SBD admits that this translation is not perfect but believes that we can befriend it and learn to use it well. His presentation will cover the changes in The Mass, the reasons for them and ways in which we can use this new text as an opportunity

to enhance our liturgical experience.

RSVP 1300 650 878 or email rsvp@johngarratt.com.au by Monday 24th October.

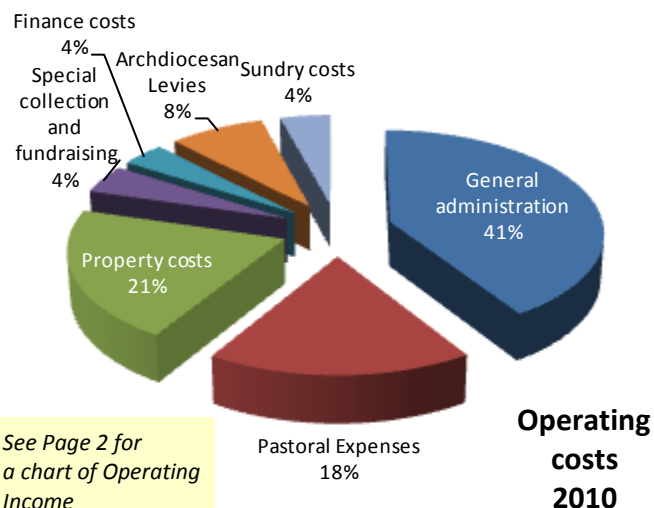
Pregnancy Assistance Frankston



is holding its second annual Fundraising Dinner Dance at St Francis Xavier Church Hall on 5th November 2011. Master of Ceremonies will be the very funny John Canavan, from Divine Mercy Office, Camberwell, and we have a variety of beautiful gifts he will auction on the night. Tickets are \$45 per head for a two course meal; BYO drinks. Tables of 8 or 10 can be made up of friends, or we will seat you, if desired. For tickets, or further information, please ring PAF on 9770 6226 during business hours, or Denise on 0424 702 402.

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morial Wall, have advised that their cutoff date for supply of plaques before Christmas is the 18th of November. However, allowing time for approval of proofs and any special requirements, we recommend that you place any orders with us up to a week earlier (**November 11th**). The current cost of plaques is \$192, including up to 6 lines of text. If you wish to place an order, please contact Irene in the office for a form. Payment is not due until the plaque is delivered.



See Page 2 for a chart of Operating Income

In response to a couple of recent requests, here are the financial results for the Parish for the year ending 31 December 2010. Next year, we'll release the results **much** earlier!

STM Parish Income & Expenditure 2010

Operating Income:

Thanksgiving Contributions	178,944
Special Collections	2,961
Sundry Income	5,284
GST recovered	6,842
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	194,031

Operating Expenditure:

General administration	69,407
Pastoral Expenses	30,321
Property costs	35,149
Special collection and fundraising	7,557
Finance costs	6,289
Archdiocesan Levies	13,700
Sundry costs	7,184
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	169,607

Net Operating Surplus

24,424

Capital Income:

Loan Proceeds 16,950

Less Capital Expenditure:

Loan repayments 15,985

Furniture and Equipment 29,563

45,548

Net Capital (deficit) - 28,598

Total Cash Surplus (deficit) - 4,174