



SEASONS

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

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th September, 2011

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

Diary

- **Monday**
Choir Practice, 7pm, C
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7:15pm, C
RCIA Catechetics, 7:30, PCC



313 Canadian Bay Rd
Mount Eliza Vic. 3930
Phone: 9787 7777
Fax: 9787 9734
Email: MountEliza@cam.org.au
Web: www.stm-mteliza.org

Parish Priest
Fr. Laurie Pearson
Pastoral Associate
Maria Newbigin

Parish Planning Team
Fr. Laurie Tim Hogan
Maria Newbigin Peter Whyte
Mary Cameron Adel Cowie
Margaret Carr

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.

Our Lady of Walsingham

We are all used to the Madonna and Child statue at the left hand side of the Church. It's Our Lady of Walsingham... but how many know the story?



This year marks the 950th anniversary of devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham. In 1061, in the village of Walsingham in Norfolk, England, Mary appeared in a vision to Richeldis de Faverches, a devout Saxon noblewoman. Lady Richeldis had a Holy House built in Walsingham which became a shrine and place of pilgrimage.

The house she was instructed to build was a replica of the house of the Holy Family in Nazareth. It was panelled with wood and contained a wooden statue of an enthroned Virgin Mary with the child Jesus seated on her lap. A priory was established on the site in 1153, and the Chapel of Our Lady Walsingham was founded. From the first, the shrine was a famous place of pilgrimage and the faithful came from all parts of England and the Continent. The Slipper Chapel was built in 1340 as the last pilgrim chapel on the way to Walsingham. The priory and shrine were destroyed under King Henry VIII in 1538. To this day the main road of the pilgrims through Newmarket, Brandon and Fakenham is still called the Palmers' (Pilgrims') Way.

Story has it that in the early 16th century, among those who came were the

young king Henry, and his wife Catherine. They were praying that God would grant them a son. England had seen terrifying wars in an earlier generation as the houses of Lancaster and York battled out their struggle for supremacy, and now stability was needed for the new ruling house of Tudor. It was not to be. Catherine bore several children, but all died in infancy except one daughter, Mary. Henry, angry and disappointed, decided to marry his mistress Anne Boleyn. He sought an annulment of his marriage through the Church, but failed to obtain it. Divorcing Catherine unilaterally, he married Anne Boleyn who by then was carrying his child and announced himself head of the Church. The Lord Chancellor, St Thomas More, and the Bishop of Rochester, St John Fisher, were beheaded at the Tower of London in 1534 for refusing to affirm him in his claims, maintaining instead that only the Pope, the successor of Saint Peter, could hold that office. Needing funds, Henry turned on the Church and crushed monasteries and priories. On the excuse of its being idolatrous, the shrine at Walsingham was destroyed and the statue burned.

In 1897, Pope Leo XIII blessed a new statue 'for the restored ancient sanctuary of Our Lady of Walsingham' and pilgrimages began again. In 1934, with over 10,000 people in attendance, the Catholic bishops of England named the Slipper Chapel as a national shrine for devotion to Mary. In 2001, a new feast of Our Lady of Walsingham was established, celebrated on 24th September.

We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

John Bowring, Celestine Fennessy, Patrick Willstead, Bernice Chute, Sheila Walker, Norman Hellard, Joan Enright, Leo Ryan, Mary Irene Pearson, Thomas Kelly, Bert and Peter Dole, Sydney Henry Baker.

and the Sick

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



Liturgy - 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-5

In your minds be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43



Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....	\$2566
Average 2011	\$3135
Pledged per week	\$3429

Presbytery

Amount received last week..... \$1064
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Morning Tea



This week, Ruth Pusic and Katie Rodgers warmly invite you to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to get to know some other members of your parish community better.

community better.

Your hosts next week will be Margaret Gallagher and Anne-Marie Lark.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society **Good Works**

The next meeting of the Morning Star Conference will be held in the Undercroft on Monday, 3rd October 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

Return Dinner

On Thursday 6 October, a 2 course dinner with wine will be served in the Undercroft at 6, for 6:30pm. Cost is \$15, payable at the monthly meeting on Tuesday 4 October. Numbers are limited.

Frankston Arts Centre

Bookings and payment for the 2 final FAC performances for this year at the next Social Club meeting on Tuesday 4 October.

- Best of British Pops (Gaslight Company), Friday 4 November, 10:30am. Tickets \$18.
- World of Christmas. Friday 9 December, 10:30am. Tickets \$18.

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

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will take place this Monday, 26th September at 7pm.

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.

October Rosters

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
6 pm Sat	Chris Young	Bernadette Tolan
8 am Sun	Deirdre Snooks	Chris Anwyl
10 am Sun	David Dole	Joanne McEvoy
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
6 pm Sat	Trish Young (Book) Sharon Collins (Gifts) Judy Swann (Gifts)	
8 am Sun	Bob Ribbons (Book) Anne-Marie Hyde (Gifts) Mary Goss (Gifts)	
10 am Sun	Peter Royal (Book) Alison Ferguson (Gifts) Gui Hone (Gifts)	
Counters	Mike Symes Peter Royal Sandor Egyed	

Children's Liturgy



There will be no Children's Liturgy now until the first Sunday after the school holidays, October 16th. We wish all of our leaders and families a safe a refreshing break.

(Continued on page 4)

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 need **2 trips** \$400
 - Other various building materials \$400
- Total \$7,000

Please complete details on the other side of this tear-off form

More of What's Happening Here

(Continued from page 3)

Priests Retirement Foundation and World Vision's 40 Hour Famine

Subsequent to the Appeal for the Priests Retirement Foundation a couple of weeks ago, Peter Ng, whose daughter Sophie has been collecting for World Vision's 40 Hour Famine made the following offer:

In the Father's Day Appeal envelope you will see the following:

'If you are preparing or changing a will you may consider bequeathing a donation to the Foundation. Ask your solicitor or executor to telephone the Priests Retirement Foundation'.

Instead of waiting until you are preparing or changing your will, I offer on behalf of Hunt McCullough Kollias & Co. to help you make a bequest now **by way of a codicil**. As a codicil is usually a simple on paragraph amendment to a will, it does not require a lot of thought about how else to order your affairs before making that change.

In addition, I will have our usual \$125.00 professional fees for preparing the codicil donated to World Vision's 40 Hour Famine as my daughter Sophie's sponsorship. The \$125 will not be given in my firm's name but instead will be given in the name of the person changing their will to benefit the Priests Retirement Foundation.

This way, anyone changing their will gets to give \$125 to World Vision now and the Priests Retirement Foundation gets a large donation sometime in the future.

I can only extend this to the first 10 persons taking up the offer.

Peter Ng (Principal)
Hunt, McCullough, Kollias & Co.

Anyone wishing to take up this very generous offer should contact Peter directly at Hunt, McCullough, Kollias & Co., 210 Main Street, Mornington, 3931 (PO Box 308), Tel: 5975 4622



Catholic Care and Catholic Mission say thank you



Catholic Care would like to thank the community of St Thomas More Parish for its generous donation of \$865 to our recent Church Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare's work on behalf of the Archdiocese in Melbourne and Geelong to fulfill the Church's mission of service to the community.



Thank you to the St. Thomas More Parish community for your contribution of \$955 for this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities.



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,
Mt Eliza VIC 3930

Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Please tick if receipt required