

# SEASONS

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

Second Sunday of Lent

28th February, 2010

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
RCIA, 9.30am, PCC  
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC  
Choir practice, 7:30pm, C
- **Tuesday**  
STM Social Club AGM, after  
10am Mass, U
- **Wednesday**  
Reconciliation Class (for children  
not attending parish school),  
7.30pm, U
- **Thursday**  
Lenten Group, 7pm, U  
Rosa Mystica, 7:15pm, PCC

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### Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday (Soc. Club)	10:00 am
Wednesday (Foll. By Holy Hour)	9:15 am
Thursday	9:15 am
Friday	9:15 am
No School Mass	
Saturday (Vigil)	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am

### 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.

## Of Light and Shadow

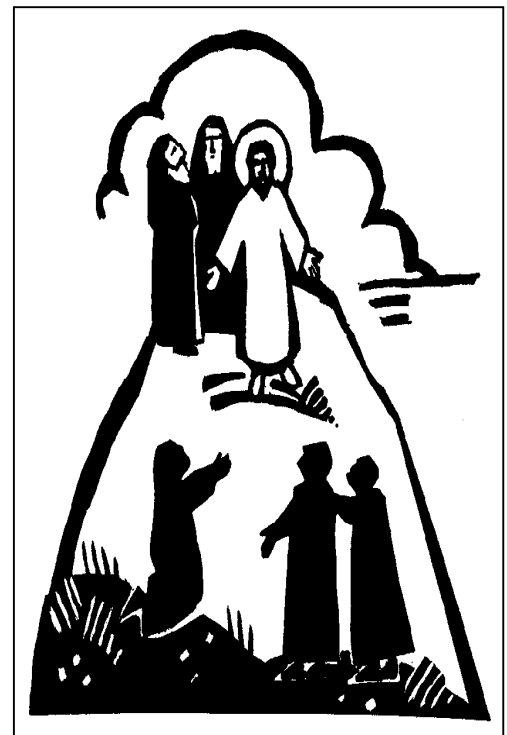
Today we are made conscious of the polarities within which all of us live, and which Jesus also experienced. There are moments of transcendence in our lives; moments when we are conscious of being drawn into God's mystery, even though these moments may be fleeting. In such moments, we can be taken out of ourselves and our senses can be finely tuned into the awesome love and beauty of God. Like the disciples we want to hold on to these moments, to prolong the experience, to 'build tents' and stay. The reality of our humanity demands that we move from such moments of transcendence back into the dailiness of life. We cannot stay on the mountain of light forever.

Jesus too knew such moments of transcendence and moments when the starkness of his life was very present. On the mountain, like Moses and Elijah, he has an encounter with God, symbolised in the light, the cloud and the voice from heaven. But the reality of his death in Jerusalem is present even in this moment of glory, for the great prophets of Israel speak to Jesus of his *exodus*, which he was to complete in Jerusalem. Jesus' passing over to the Father cannot happen on this mountain in Galilee but must happen on the hill of Gol-

gotha. Living out the truth of his identity as Son demands that Jesus go down the mountain, leave behind the consoling presence of God and take the road to Jerusalem.

May the journey of Lent lead us into a deeper knowing of the polarities in our lives and may we find the courage to live them in truth.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross  
Mary Coloe PBVM*



*"This is my Son, The Chosen One, Listen to Him"*

*Luke 9:28-36*

# We pray for...

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time**

Colleen Shannon, Hilda Fitzhenry, Anne Morrow, Rosemary Kimpton, Mortimer Hurren, Michael Connolly

**and the Sick**

Gunter Herrmann, Harry O’Beirne, Allan Pursell, Martin Herrmann, John Dale, Anne-Marie Corcoran, Baby Peter Kost, John Courtney, Trish Sanders, Barbara Leary, Baby Kate Cameron, Fr. Dan McMahon, Cheryl, Bill Oakes, Linda Watschur, Mary McKenzie, Noeleen Walker, Carmel McKane, Sr. Helen Nichols, Jo Pendlebury,

Leonie Bradley, Frank Butler, Anne Horton, Kylie Mazoletti, Gloria Sisson, Margaret Hill, Diana Espino, Edward Riordan, Gillian Richards, Eve Parker, Susan Jones, Pamela Wilson, Rod Van dewert, Judy Linton, Lorraine Curtain, Laurie Pendlebury, Henrique Mendonca, Margaret Beale, Alex Kelly, Mary Lauren, Michaela Baker, Fr. Peter Robinson, Fr. Joe McMahon, Sonia Webb, Nina Lion, Baby Matilda, Robert Fitzgerald, Steven Daniels, Giovanni Lazzaro, Carol Mason and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

# Liturgy - Second Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

**Next week’s readings:**

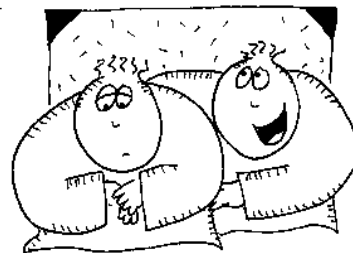
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15  
 I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
 Luke 13:1-9



DEAR God

Help me to eventually  
 laugh at  
 the things that  
 make me cry...

Amen



**Morning Tea**

Your hosts this week are Beatrice Rodriguez and Irene Owsianka.

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.

Rosters will be distributed for next week.

# Financial Matters...

**Thanksgiving**

Amount received last week.....\$4162  
 Average since start of Campaign.....\$3505  
 Pledged per week .....\$3743

**Presbytery**

Amount received last week.....\$1208  
*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*



# Parish Group Activities



## St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria **Good Works**

Our next meeting will be held in the Undercroft at 9:30 am on Monday the 8th of March.

All parishioners are welcome to come along and find out more about the work of the society.

## **STM Social Club**

### **Notice of AGM**

This Tuesday, 2nd March, the Social Club AGM will be held. There will be an election for the President, for which the 2 candidates are Des Dalley and Fred Purcell. A secret vote will be held for this position, and other executive and general committee members will be announced at this meeting.

The **Welfare Contacts** for February are Bill & Barbara Hunt.

The next session of the **Poetry Group** will be held on Monday, 1st March, in the Parish Community Centre at 1.30pm. Your host this month is Tom Johnstone, Ph: 9775 4004.

### **Outings**

**St Patrick's Day Lunch** on Wednesday, 17th March, Kirks Hotel, The Esplanade, Mornington @ 12.30pm.

A visit to **Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre**, Wednesday, 24th March. Cost \$23. 00. Details - Social Club AGM on Tuesday, 2nd March.

**FAC 'Almost Anything Goes'**. A tribute to Cole Porter, Friday, 16th April @ 10.30am.

For all bookings contact Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315.

## **Children's Liturgy**



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

## **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.

## **Invitation**

The **Rosa Mystica Prayer Group** will next meet on Thursday, 4th March, at 7:15 pm in the Church.

## **March Rosters**

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
<b>6 pm Sat</b>	John Noal	Bernadette Tolan
<b>8 am Sun</b>	Merrilyn Salisbury	Deirdre Snooks
<b>10 am Sun</b>	Ria Wilson	Eileen Dalley
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
<b>6 pm Sat</b>	Helen Steyn (Book) Margaret Jamieson (Gifts) Noel Davies (Gifts)	
<b>8 am Sun</b>	Raye Darrer (Book) Bob Ribbons (Gifts) Marie Alaimo (Gifts)	
<b>10 am Sun</b>	Jim Bourke (Book) Gui Hone (Gifts) Colleen McNamara (Gifts) Judy Swann (Min. of Eucharist) <b>Volunteer please?</b> (Min. of Eucharist)	
<b>Counters</b>	Jenny McCulloch Irene Owsianka Corinna Landman Julian Collins	

This week, we sent this month's readings and notes to the rostered Lectors for whom we have email addresses. If you don't have access to the internet, photocopies can be collected from the Parish House, or mailed on request.

## **RCIA**



At 10am Mass this weekend we see the Rite of Election for our RCIA candidate taking place. If you are present please take some time to make yourself known to Sheila, her husband Tim and sponsor, Lynda, if you have not already met them and to offer them your support through this stage of her faith journey.

Over the weeks of Lent there will be further rites connected with the RCIA journey. I hope they may be opportunities for all of us to reflect on our own spiritual journeys as well as support Sheila in hers during this time.

If you have already put your name down to help with funeral refreshments you may have heard from Mary

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# What's Happening Elsewhere

## Centacare Morning Tea

2010 is Centacare Catholic Family Services' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to celebrate this milestone, we will be holding a range of events throughout the year.

Our first event of the year is a Diamond Tea Party. This event is taking place from 11am to 1:30pm on Thursday **18 March** at Moonee Valley Racecourse.

The morning's celebrations will include entertainment, dancing and a delicious morning tea. All funds raised will be directed to Centacare's Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service.

The ticket cost is \$65 per adult and \$55 for concession holders.

For more information and bookings, contact Centacare Catholic Family Services' Event Coordinator Sarah Hodges Ph: 9926 5722, Email: [sarah.hodges@centacaremelbourne.org.au](mailto:sarah.hodges@centacaremelbourne.org.au) or visit our website: [www.centacaremelbourne.org](http://www.centacaremelbourne.org)

## Luncheon Invitation

The Australian Family Association would like to invite parishioners to a luncheon at Geelong's Leura Park Winery to hear our guest speaker Bill Mullenburg speak about family issues.

**When:** Sunday, 14th March, 2010

**Where:** Leura Park Winery, 1400 Geelong-

Portarlington Rd, Curlewis

**Cost:** Adults \$25 / Children (under 13) \$15

It will be a relaxing afternoon with lots of interesting talks. For further information please call Phyllis Restall @ 98160800 or mobile 0429336053

## AD 2000 - Passover Meal

Enter more deeply into the Passion of Christ during the Holy Week by having a seder meal, similar to the Passover, or Last Supper that Jesus would have celebrated with his Apostles. With the knowledge that Christ has come and redeemed the world, we can incorporate a Christian attitude during the sedermeal. The purpose of this meal celebration is to draw relationships between the Passover and important New Testament truths. It is vital to our understanding of these relationships that we recognize that Jesus was a faithful Jew who observed Judaic laws - from the circumcision to the feast of the Unleavened Bread, his Last Supper. No attempt has been made in this meal formula to reconstruct an authentic Passover ritual of either Christ's time or of present day Judaism. But by questions of the Passover meal, Catholics can become somewhat familiar with the tradition of the Jews.

**When & Where:** 30th March, 6.30pm @ Our Lady Help of Christians, 49 Nicholson St, East Brunswick.

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Lou and have a better idea of how it will all work. If you haven't put your name down it is not too late!

To go onto the list of names to help provide food or help with set up, serving or cleaning up for funerals you can leave your details at the Parish Office. It would be hoped we could have enough names that people will only be called on two or three times a year to help out with a plate.



## Canonisation of Mary MacKillop

**Harvest Travel** has been appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sydney Archdiocese as the official tour operator for the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop in Rome.

I'll try to have further details as soon as possible.

Fr. Laurie

## Our Sincere Thanks

I do want to sincerely thank all parishioners and others who sent cards, offered words of support and even attended Carmel's Funeral Mass.

All of that meant a lot to all of us.



## Carmel Bernadette Bainbridge

20 April 1948—20 December 2009



We appreciate the kind thoughts and sympathy you offered at the time of Carmel's death.

She was a wonderful wife and sister and we miss her very much.

Your thoughtfulness then meant so much to all of us.

Please continue to keep her and us in your prayers.

Ron, Laurie, Kevin and Geraldine