

SEASONS

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

Palm Sunday

28th March, 2010

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

Diary

- **Monday**
RCIA, 9.30am, PCC
St Vincent de Paul Meeting,
9.30am, U
Choir practice, 7:30pm, C
Social Club Committee Meeting,
1.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**
Contemplative Prayer, 8.45am, C
Prayer Group, 11am, PCC
- **Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7.15pm, C

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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15 am
Wednesday (Foll. By Holy Hour)	9:15 am
Holy Thursday— Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	8.00 pm
Friday—Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00 pm
Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	8:00 am 10.00am

Reconciliation

No Reconciliation this week

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.

It's Not Fair!

How often do we find ourselves saying or thinking, "It's not fair!" Life sometimes hands us matters to deal with that catch us by surprise, that we were not expecting, and that seem to be out of our control. At such times, we can feel powerless and in this can wonder about the fairness of life and even ask, "Is God being fair?"

Luke's emphasis in his passion story is that Jesus is innocent - that his death is undeserved - that it's not fair. Pilate says, "I find no case against this man." After sending Jesus to Herod, Pilate says again, that he found no case against him, and neither had Herod. Even the soldiers who crucify him say, "This was a great and good man." Jesus is innocent.

Jesus' innocence makes his words of forgiveness more powerful. Because he is the one who has suffered undeservedly, he is the one able to pray, "Forgive them." The Cross offers an alternative wisdom and power to the norm we find in the world today. Retribution and revenge are the currency of political powers, even though sometimes hidden behind the rhetoric of justice, or peace-making. And so a spiral of violence and evil spins out of control, with violent acts begetting further violence and hatred. Jesus knows his innocence, but rather

than enter into the spiral of violence he entrusts his life into God's hands. He does not ask God for retribution for his tormentors; he has faith that a loving God is somehow present within the mystery of his suffering. We all face this choice in different situations - to be part of Jesus' choice for peace and forgiveness, or to be part of ongoing violence.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*



We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Baby Abbey Goss

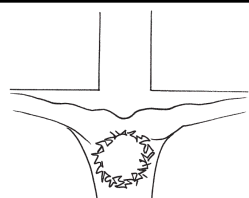
Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Michael O'Brien, Mary Russell, Bartolo Vino, Adolf Wigger, Patricia Lawton, Melinda Flahive, Nancy Smith-Johnston, Carmel Cullen, Rev. Dudley McGrath, Ellen Shannon

and the Sick

Lewis Lewis, Miguel De Barbosa-Mendonca, Liz Wheeler, Arie Peeperkoorn, Margaret Hill, Bill Oakes, Gunter Herrmann, Harry O'Beirne, Allan Pursell, John Dale, Anne-Marie Corcoran, Baby Peter Kost, John Courtney, Trish Sanders, Barbara Leary, Baby Kate Cameron, Fr. Dan McMahon,

Cheryl, Linda Watschur, Mary McKenzie, Noleen Walker, Carmel McKane, Sr. Helen Nichols, Jo Pendlebury, Leonie Bradley, Frank Butler, Anne Horton, Kylie Mazoletti, Diana Espino, Laurie Pendlebury, Edward Riordan, Gillian Richards, Eve Parker, Susan Jones, Pamela Wilson, Rod Van dewert, Judy Linton, Lorraine Curtain, 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 - Palm Sunday

'Father in your hands I place my spirit!'

Luke 23:46 Good News Bible © American Bible Society all rights reserved

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed..

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high..

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23: 56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Next week's readings:

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

AV Operators Needed

We're looking for some responsible year 5s or 6s (or older!) who regularly attend our weekend Masses to operate the PowerPoint slideshows and recorded music from the AV desk, **especially at 6pm on Saturday nights and 8am on Sunday mornings.**

We can arrange for you to sit with one of our experienced AV operators for 1 or 2 weeks before you go solo.

We will be drawing up a roster, but you would need to be **very reliable**, as there would probably be no-one else on hand to do it if you don't turn up or arrange a replacement for yourself.

If you'd like to help, please speak to Fr. Laurie, or contact Irene Owsianka at the Parish Office on 9787 7777 or stm@satlink.com.au.

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....\$4047
 Average since start of Campaign.....\$3475
 Pledged per week\$3711

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1560
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week are Debbie Bradford and Val Finnigan.

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.

No one will be need for next week's morning tea.

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 29th of March.

If you can spare an hour of your time and would like to do something for those less fortunate than yourself in our community, come along and learn more about the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

We Have Recoded The Locks

If you have a security keycard to open the PCC could you please see Fr. Laurie during the next couple of weekends to have them swapped over. Thanks, Irene

STM Social Club

The new committee will meet at 1.30pm on Monday, 29th March in the Parish Community Centre.

Outings

Wine & Dine Evening Thursday, 15th April, 6.30pm at Mornington Golf Club. Best menu I have seen for a long time including 2 course senior meals. For more information contact Paul Kost 9787 3757.

Frankston Arts Centre, Australian Ballet School, Friday, 14th May @ 10.30am. Cost is \$16.50 and tickets are available at next weeks Social Club Meeting on the 6th April or for bookings you can contact Carolyn Gascogne 9775 2315.

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.

Invitation



The **Rosa Mystica Prayer Group** will next meet on Thursday, 1st April, at 7.15pm in the Church.

A Time For Saying Thanks

Many thanks to all who took part in the Parish Working Bee last Saturday. Another good turn up ensured that the area around the new car park was tidied up, church windows cleaned, garden beds planted and a lot of other jobs which improved safety and ambience around the Church - and the workers were well fed!

Special thanks to Barry Hansen who once again coordinated the event.

Thanks also to our “new” Liturgy Team for the prayerful Lenten Reconciliation Ritual on last Wednesday.

All our Liturgies these days are enhanced by the help we get from our AV Operators - George Young, Ciaran Snooks, Patrick Taylor, Bob Ribbons, Alan Ryan and others. Thanks to them and to Irene who does all the preparations of the discs.

Thank You

Fr. Laurie

April Rosters

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
6 pm Sat	Dennis Cleary	Chris Young
8 am Sun	Mary Martin	Pat McConvill
10 am Sun	Lois Bracken	Alan Ryan
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
6 pm Sat	Trish Young (Book) Michael Robertson (Gifts) Mary Cameron (Gifts)	
8 am Sun	Tricia Woods (Book) John Taylor (Gifts) Maureen Taylor (Gifts)	
10 am Sun	Michael Canning (Book) Alison Ferguson (Gifts) Valerie Finnigan (Gifts) Peter Royal (Min. of Eucharist) Volunteer please? (Min. of Eucharist)	
Counters	David Hunt Zana Hunt Larry McEvoy	

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.

What's Happening Elsewhere

Life Works Group Programs

Life Works are offering the following Programs:

Step Parenting

Mondays, 26th April - 31st May from 7-9pm. Cost is \$140 or \$200 per couple (concession available).

Grief Kids

Thursdays, 6th May - 17th June, from 4.30pm - 6pm. Cost is \$30.

Parenting After Separation - Men

Thursdays, 20th May - 17th June from 7pm - 9pm. Cost \$140 (concession available).

Parenting for Couples

Mondays, 31st May - 21st June from 7pm - 9pm. Cost \$140 or \$200 for couples (concession available).

To register call 9783 7611 or go on line at www.lifeworks.com.au



The Pregnancy Assistance

Our Frankston Committee cordially invites you to attend **Gerard Koe's** talk "**A Pastoral Approach Versus a Moral Approach**" under the heading of "Being Jesus in our Work" to be held at the centre on Tuesday, 6th April, 10am-12pm. Followed by a light lunch.

Gerard, a Social Worker with the Cyrene Centre in Noble Park and Mary of the Cross centre in Fitzroy, specialises in helping people with drug and alcohol addiction and their families. He has spoken at our centre on several occasions providing our volunteers with essential insights into and knowledge

about addictions and the hope for a cure by healing of the soul. We hope you can join us.

Theology @ The Pub

Is a great monthly event for young adults to learn about the Catholic faith and meet other like-minded people. Come along to hear an interesting talk and make some new friends.

Speaker: Fr. Joe Pich **Topic:** The Spiritual Struggle

Date: Tuesday, 6th April

Time: 6.30pm for meals, drinks and socialising; 7.30pm talk begins

Venue: The Pumhouse Hotel (128 Nicholson St. Fitzroy)

Who for: Young adults (aged 18-35)

Contact: theologyatthepub.com.au or phone John 0430 032 666

Urgent Billeting for "Life Walk"

Walkers taking part in the annual "Life Walk" will be coming through Frankston on Friday, 9th April which is only 2 weeks away.

Your help is urgently needed.

We are looking for accommodation for approximately 40 people. If you could provide a bed for one or more people for the night, and their evening meal/breakfast, could you please ring Margaret on 9783 7271 or 0417 535 028? Thank you.

Free copies of **Australian Catholics** are available at the back of the church.

You're invited to take one with you as you leave today.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2010



Wednesday, 24th March, 7.30pm.....A Ritual of Reconciliation
(Fr. Laurie will be available afterward for individual reconciliation)

Saturday, 27th March, 6.00pmMass with Blessing of the Palms

Sunday, 28th March, 8.00am.....Mass with Blessing of the Palms
10.00am.....Mass with Blessing of the Palms

Holy Thursday, 1st April, 8.00pm.....Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 2nd April, 3.00pm.....Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, 3rd April, 8.00pm.....Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday, 4th April, 8.00am.....Mass
10.00am.....Mass