



SEASONS

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th August, 2011

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

Diary

- Monday**
Social Club Committee meeting,
1:30pm, PCC
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- Tuesday**
STM Playgroup, 9am, U
- Wednesday**
Israel Pilgrimage Info Night,
7:30pm, St Macartans
- Thursday**
RCIA Catechetics, 7:30pm, PCC
Fathers Day Liturgy, 7:30pm, C

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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday, followed by Holy Hour	9.15am
Thursday	9.15am
Friday (Liturgy of the Word with Comm.)	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.

Holy Land 2012

A most successful Information Night was held on Wednesday evening as we commence our preparation for our Holy Land Pilgrimage in April next year.

A short video which highlighted the places we will visit (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Mount Tabor and, of course, Jerusalem -- to name just a few) began to stir our appetite.

We were reminded that the Holy Land is only a very small place -- it fits into Tasmania two and a half times. That means that there is not a lot of travelling involved, and therefore more time to enjoy the history and spirituality of the sacred sites.

Steven Green (ETM Travel) spoke about the Hotels we will stay at (only a few, so we will not be carting suitcases everywhere), our itinerary, food, travel insurance etc. We have ordered a good size bus to ensure we are not overcrowded.

At this stage, our numbers are uncertain, obviously, but my expecta-

tion is that there will be about 25 in our group. As soon as that number is a little more definite we will plan a number of functions and gatherings to help our group to "bond" even before we leave on our adventure.

If you were unable to attend last Wednesday, another similar Information Evening will be held at St Macartans Parish Centre at Mornington next Wednesday at 7:30 pm. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you will attend or simply see me if you require further information.

In the meantime, let us continue to pray for our young people who will receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. Congratulations to them and to their families and sincere thanks for our teachers and catechists who have prepared them.

May God continue to bless all that we do.

Fr. Laurie



We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Alice Dziegielewski

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Leo Mulcahy, Eric Fox, Valerie Crowe, Sr Mary Teresa, Ben Grootcholten

and the Sick

Corey (Russ) Macgregor, Dee Rorke, John Nuttney, Samantha, Tracey Jamieson, Jenny Morrison, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



Liturgy - 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

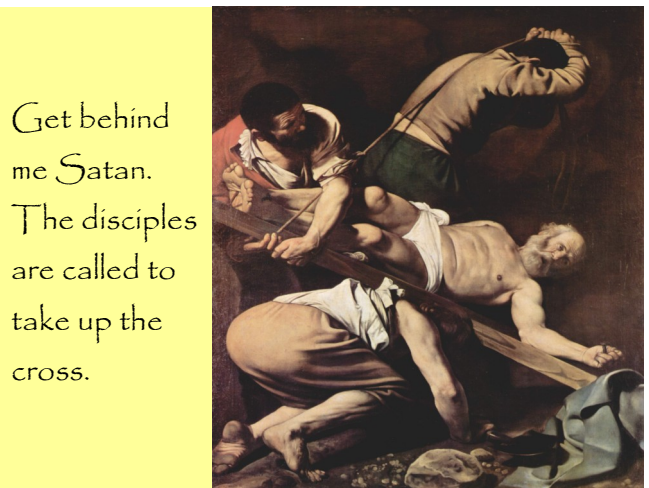
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Next week's readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



Get behind me Satan. The disciples are called to take up the cross.



Are You (Fairly) New To Our Parish?

Are you new to our Parish? We would love to invite you to a meal at Fr. Laurie's house to enjoy the company of other parishioners, both old and new.

Just fill in the form in the folder at the Church porch and we will be in touch.

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week..... \$2200

Average 2011 \$3187

Pledged per week \$3439

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$996

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.

Your hosts next week will be Beatrice Rodriguez and Gui Hone.

Parish Group Activities

STM Social Club

FAC Bobby Darin Story on Friday, 14th October @ 10.30am. Cost \$18. Book at next Social Club Meeting.

The welfare officers for August are Lois Bracken 9787 2970 and Gui Hone 9787 1449.

A Journey To Jordan & Israel



Here is a wonderful opportunity to visit those places with names so familiar to us...Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem.

Our pilgrimage to Jordan and the Holy Land

will begin on 1st April next year.

You are warmly invited to an **information night** at St Macartans Parish Centre, Drake St, Mornington, on **Wednesday, 31st August at 7.30pm.**

Fr. Laurie will speak about the attractions of these sacred sites and Steven Green (ETM Travel) will explain the details and answer your questions. We would love to see you at this evening.

Copies of the itinerary and application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

Fr. Laurie

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.

Children's Liturgy



There will be no Children's Liturgy this week, as the children who don't attend the Parish School will be receiving their First Eucharist at the 10am Mass.

Holy Hour



All parishioners are invited to 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



The Rosa Mystica Prayer Group will recommence on Thursday September 8th, on the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday at 7:15 pm.

Program:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Cenacle & Confession
Holy Mass - Celebrant Rev. Fr. Edwin

Supper in the Undercroft *All welcome!*

A Message From Maria



This is Refugee & Migrant Sunday. It was on the 30th August 1999 that East Timor held its Independence Ballot and there was a 78.5% vote for independence. Here in Australia we take our independence

and freedom for granted much of the time. Today may be a good day not just to keep the refugees and immigrants who are such a huge part of Australia in our prayers but also to give thanks for all we take as our right as citizens and residents of this land.

As you read this I am enjoying the sights of Rome. Tomorrow I am off to Pompeii. It will be interesting to see how it has changed as it is over 40 years since I was last there. At the end of this week I head off to Ireland to catch up with family and meet my newest great nephew. A dramatic difference from Pompeii!

Maria

September Rosters

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
6 pm Sat	Mary Cameron	Joan Noal
8 am Sun	Emergencies	Emergencies
10 am Sun	Marg Ulbrick	Alan Ryan
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
6 pm Sat	Mary Charley (Book) Michael Robertson (Gifts) Anne-Marie Hyde (Gifts)	
8 am Sun	Tricia Woods (Book) Barry Hansen (Gifts) Marj Hansen (Gifts)	
10 am Sun	Valerie Finnigan (Book) Betty Hooper (Gifts) Colleen McNamara (Gifts)	
Counters	Richard Lindner Dick Wood Irene Owsianka/Emergencies	

What's Happening Elsewhere

Vocations Forum

The **Bayside Young Disciples Youth Group** at St Francis Xavier's Parish, Frankston, will be hosting a Vocations Forum: a panel of guest speakers who will talk and answer questions about their vocations to the priesthood, religious and married life.



When: Sunday, 18th September

Time: 6.45pm - 9.15pm

Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 60 Davey St, Frankston, **food & drinks provided**

Bayside Young Disciples warmly invites anyone who may be interested, especially those between the ages of 12 - 35. For more details contact the Parish Office 9783 3484 or find us on Facebook.

One Human Family Across Borders



Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, in association with Australian Catholic University, invites you to attend the first annual Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration 'One Human Family Across Borders'

Welcome: Fr Maurizio Pettena, Director of Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Christopher Prowse (Bishop of Sale) and The Honorable Chris Bowen (Minister for Immigration & Citizenship)

My Story: A refugee journey to Australia

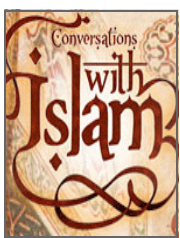
Facilitator: Anton Enus (SBS Television Presenter)

When: Thursday, 8th September @ 7pm - 9pm

Where: Central Hall Melbourne Campus ACU, 24 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

RSVP by Friday, 2nd Sept by email adminassistant@acmro.catholic.org.au

Econference for Years 10, 11 & 12



The Australian Catholic University presents **Conversations With Islam**

When: Friday, 16th September from 10am - 12pm.

For more information go to www.acu.edu.au/conversationswithislam or **Register**

now: ecomference@acu.edu.au

Parent Seminars For September

A program for parents, careers, guardians & grandparents of students in Catholic primary & secondary Schools.

Valuing Girls - Presenter: Andrew Fuller

When: 6th September @ 6.30pm - 9pm

Where: St Pauls, 122 Jasper Rd, Bentleigh, Ref Mel. 77 E2

Anxiety in Children & Teenagers

Presenter: Murray Evely

When: 15th September @ 6.30pm - 9pm

Where: St Mary's, 74 Roseberry St, Ascot Vale, Ref Mel. 28 F9

Registration & Seminar Cost: \$10 per person to be paid in advance. For Registration and further information contact your school or Catholic Education Office Melbourne, Parent Seminar Series Coordinator: Mrs Shirley O'Sullivan on 9464 5225 or email Shirley@stclaresthomastown.catholic.edu.au



Ugandan Watoto Children's Choir

For one night only.....see the world acclaimed Ugandan Watoto Children's Choir performing at the Peninsula Community Theatre, Cnr Wilsons Rd & Nepean Hwy, Mornington.

When: Sunday, 11th September @ 7pm

Admittance is free. There will be a voluntary collection taken up to support the work of the Choir and the welfare of the orphans in Uganda.

The children put on a terrific concert and I am sure anybody that comes along will really enjoy it.

Mission Watoto Australia

Taize In Victoria

Two brothers from the Taize community in France will be visiting Victoria in September, the theme for the prayers during their visit is *Joy, Compassion & Forgiveness*. These events are aimed at the 19-35 age group. For more info visit www.taize.fr/en_article7190.html