

SEASONS

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

29th May, 2011

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

Diary

- Monday**
St Vincent de Paul AGM ,
9.30am, U
Social Club Committee Meeting,
1.30pm, PCC



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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday, (followed by Holy Hour)	9.15am
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
School Mass	12.15pm
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8.00am
	10.00am

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.

East Timor Trip



On next Monday (June 6th) Les Harper and I will travel to East Timor. The main purpose of the trip will be to visit a number of the missions which have been supported in recent years by our own parish, other parishes of the Peninsula Deanery and various individuals and organizations. Most of these missions are in the care of the Salesian Fathers and Sisters.

As you will be aware the main focus of our own parish's support has been around the school and community at Nunira. Two deceased members of our parish, John Herbert and Pat Browne, also contributed significantly to the building of the school there and to the other schools we will visit.

On arrival in Dili we will stay for 2 nights with the Salesian community there and will visit St Peter's school. This school, like most of those we will visit was (poorly) built during the Indonesian occupation and has needed significant repair.

We will then visit Tequinomata where another rebuilt school is al-

most complete and from there to Laga, a fishing village of about 10,000 people where the Salesians have the Don Bosco Church, a secondary school and residences.

From there we will pay a quick visit to primary schools at Salamari and Saeleri and then on to Nunira for the inauguration of the new extensions to the primary school there. This school is now dedicated to the memory of John Herbert and Pat Browne and it will be our pleasure and privilege to be present for the unveiling of a plaque bearing their names.

Our final two visits will be to a couple of clinics which are run by the Salesian sisters. Sr. Alma is in charge of the clinic at Baucau and Sr. Carolina at Venilale. These clinics have been distributing the Baby Boxes we have been putting together. It is our pleasure to welcome Sr. Carolina to St Thomas More this weekend and at our Masses on Sunday morning she will speak about the work she does and the needs of the people that she meets. Once again my sincere thanks to those who contributed to make this trip possible. I am sure it will be a most worthwhile activity.

Fr. Laurie

'To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.'

Quote from Lewis Smedes

We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time
Francis Lindner, William Mulqueen, Sr. Borgia, fcj, Violet Hoare, Estelle Tracey, Kathleen Marshall, Maria De Jong

and the Sick

Fr. Peter Fulton, Ann Marie Murdoch, Mitchell Gleeson, Fr. Lou Heriot, Jake Noonan, John Moore, Mary McKenzie, Ria Wilson, Dee Rourke, Lewis Lewis, Bill Oakes, Ron Child, Adrian Gobel, Margaret Ryan and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

Update on Fr. Peter Fulton

Peter has been in hospital for an extended period. He is responding to treatment and is improving.



Liturgy - Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my

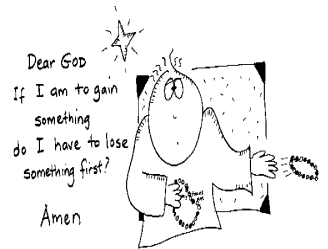
words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Next week's readings:

Acts 1:1-11,
Ephesians 1:17-23 ,
Matthew 28:16-20




Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week.....	\$1714
Average 2011.....	\$3198
Pledged per week	\$3554

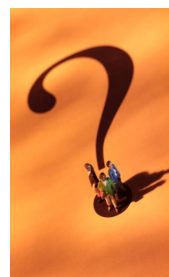
Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$966
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



Our very best wishes and prayers for our young folk who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. This is a very important time for them as their journey of faith continues, and we wish them every blessing at this time.

Enquiry About Catholic Faith



Do you know anyone (family, friends, neighbours) who would like to know about the Catholic faith?

Two Enquiry Sessions will be held at the Parish Community Centre on **Wednesday, 22nd June at 10am and 7.30pm.**

There is no obligation attached to these but there will be opportunity to ask questions or deal with any issues that people might have. Further opportunity will be provided for those who do wish to follow up. As a result of these sessions people do sometimes move on to become Catholic, but there is no expectation of this at this stage.

Although these sessions are provided in the first place for the information of non-Catholics, quite obviously the Catholic partners are also encouraged to be present and to be part of the conversation.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

The Annual General Meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, 30th May at 9.30am in the Undercroft.

All welcome.

All parishioners are welcome to come along and learn more about the work of the Society.

STM Social Club

The **STM Social Club Committee Meeting** will be held on Monday, 30th May in the Parish Community Centre at 1.30pm.



At the **Monthly Meeting** to be held on Tuesday, 7th June we will be celebrating Nellie Taranto's 95th Birthday.

The welfare officers for May are Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315 & Aileen Calley 9787 9652.



Choir Practice

Our next Choir Practice will be held on Monday, 6th June at 7.30pm in the Church.

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.



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.

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.

June Rosters

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
6 pm Sat	Robyn Donaldson	Chris Young
8 am Sun	Chris Anwyl	Colleen Hurren
10 am Sun	Mercia Gleeson / Helen Madden	Jim Bourke
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
6 pm Sat	Trish Young (Book) Michael Robertson (Gifts) Noel Davies (Gifts)	
8 am Sun	John Hurren (Book) Mary Goss (Gifts) Del Seletto (Gifts)	
10 am Sun	Adrian Coughlan (Book) Betty Hooper (Gifts) Colleen McNamara (Gifts)	
Counters	Jenny McCulloch Irene Owsianka Corinna Landman	

Message From Maria



What a week coming up for Social Justice issues. We have International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29th May); Mabo Day, Catholic and Anglican Martyrs of Uganda & Day of Prayer for Catholic and

Anglican Reconciliation (3rd June); International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, Anniversary of the 1989 Tianamen Square Massacre (4th June); World Environment Day (5th June). All of this leading up to World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and then, close on the heels of that, National Refugee Week.

Does any of it really have an impact on each one of us as we enjoy all the comforts of our privileged lifestyles? I am aware that many here in the local community struggle to make ends meet. There are many families and individuals who are affected by homelessness, addiction, violence, financial pressures, health issues and no work. We are very fortunate though in that we have many agencies and organisations, both government and non-

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Copies of **Kairos** are on sale at the back of the church. Please leave \$2 in the container marked KAIROS.

What's Happening Elsewhere

A Public Debate On:

Protecting Human Rights In Australia

Greg Hunt, Member from Flinders & Mark Dreyfus, Member for Isaacs present their hopes for protecting human rights in Australia. After the presentations, two panellists will question the parliamentarians: **Emily Howie**, director Advocacy & Strategic Litigation, Human Rights Law and **Dr Russell Solomon**, a Director of Amnesty International Australia & Senior Lecturer RMIT University.

All Welcome.

Where: Peninsula Community Theatre, corner Nepean Highway & Wilson's Rd, Mornington (Mel 145E2)

When: Thursday, 9th June, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
RSVP to Erin or Emma 5950 1685 or spcdadmmmin@mornpen.vic.gov.au by 6th June

Admission is free.

Don Bosco Winter Holiday Program

Winter is upon us and what better way to warm those winter blues than by coming to Don Bosco Camp in the July school holidays for four days of hearty meals and good fun! The camps are run in the spirit of the Salesians by a team of young, enthusiastic leaders whose primary role is to ensure that each camper has the time of their life. The Salesians of Don Bosco are a Catholic religious order dedicated to working with young people. There are two camps to choose from:

Junior Camp (girls & boys aged 9-13)

4th - 7th July

Senior Camp (girls & boys aged 13-16)

11th -14th July

Places are filling fast so get in quick! If you'd like an application form or more information go to www.donboscocamp.org or call us at camp 5987-2692 or email emily@donboscocamp.org

Melbourne Single Catholics

MSC is a free to join social group for 35-55 year olds which holds events such as: dinners, walks, gallery and winery visits, speed dating and lectures on matters of faith, morals and bioethics.

Our next event is:

Visit to Mulberry Hill. This property is owned by the National Trust of Victoria and will be of interest to people who enjoy art, architecture and antiques. Golf Links Rd, Langwarrin South on Sunday, 19th June @ 1pm.

For more information & to RSVP visit our website www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics

Positions Available

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- **Communications Officer** - Catholic
- **Domestic Support** - Flemington
- **Care Ministry** - Nazareth Parish
- **Ministry Secretary** - Genazzano

Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at www.cam.org.au/jobs/ or you can telephone 9926 5780

Carmelite Centre June Programs

Mediation Prayer of the Heart Series


When: Wednesday, 8th, 15th & 22nd June

Facilitator: Peter Thomas

Cost: \$10 or \$5 concession

For more information and to register go to <http://thecarmelitcentremelbourne.org/rtj15/index.php/component/content/article/40-roknewspager-frontpage-2/139-meditation-prayer-of-the-heart>

Help - Accommodation Wanted

 Female relative of STM family and Monash Student seeking boarding/share accommodation.

Suit empty-nesters, retiree/s, etc. Quiet, studious, tidy and conscientious.

Please telephone Anna on 5977 2241 or 0414 892 211.

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government, that provide assistance for a great many of these suffering people.

We are fortunate because we do not have a government persecuting us for our rights to free speech, religion, how we spend our money, who we associate with and how we live our lives. We have access to education, financial support when we are experiencing

hard times, clean water and access to doctors and hospitals. It may not be perfect, but how fortunate we are.

Over the coming weeks let us remember those who are so much worse off than we are here in Australia and those who have given their lives to help bring about a more just world.

