

SEASONS

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

2nd October, 2011

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul, 9:30am, U
Choir Practice, 7:00pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Social Club meeting, after 10am
Mass, U
Baptism Preparation, 7:30pm,
PCC
- **Thursday**
Social Club Return Dinner, 6 for
6:30pm, U



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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday (Social Club)	10:00am
Wednesday, followed by Holy Hour	9:15am
Thursday	9:15am
Friday	9:15am
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.

The Folly of Divine Love

'Seen from a human point of view, salvation history (the story of God's dealings with humanity) is a tragedy; but the divine mercy and generosity has turned this tragedy into God's triumph. This great drama comes to its climax, of course, in the life, death and resurrection of the Saviour: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." The parable of Jesus in today's reading from Matthew's gospel refers to the tragedy that he now recognises to be inevitable.

'The story unfolds predictably; the services of tenant farmers was commonly made use of by absentee landlords - a situation that not infrequently gave rise to disputes and conflicts. The audience is suddenly confronted by an unexpected turn of events. In this case it is the unreasonable decision of the landlord to send his own son on an errand that has led to so much violence and bloodshed: 'They will respect my son'. Against the background of the vineyard theme, Jesus, who has come to recognise that his death is inevitable, confronts his hearers with the final expression of the folly of divine love.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Thornhill SM

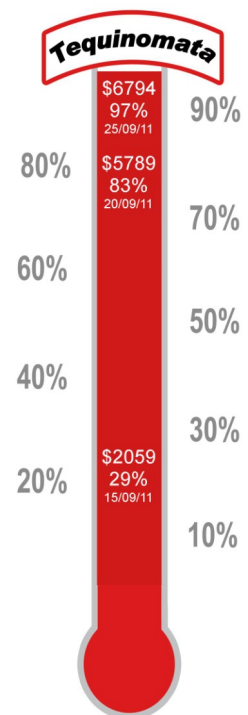
A Letter of Reference from the Poor

'Nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor! For the great prophets of Israel, the quality of your faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land. And the quality of justice in the land will always be judged by how "widows, orphans, and strangers" are faring while you are alive. That's a scary thought which becomes scarier when we see how Jesus strongly endorsed that view.

'The demand to live lives that reflect justice and real concern for the poor is an integral and non-negotiable part of Christian discipleship. It's an essential part of the gospel, equal in demand to praying, going to church, and keeping my private moral-life in order. Ruth Burrows asks: "Does our rhetoric about the poor actually help them or does it just help us feel better about ourselves?"

'Gustavo Gutierrez: "Minimally, make sure that you always have at least one concrete poor person in your life to who you are specially attending. This will ensure that your commitment will always at least have some concrete flesh!" A single letter of reference from the poor is better than no letter at all.'

Excerpts from a reflection by Ron Rolheiser OMI. Read the full text at:
<http://www.ronrolheiser.com/columnarchive/?id=662>



We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Thomas Kelly, Cameron Le Brocq, Raymond Joseph Williams, Edward Mast, Francis McCoy, Edna Pearson, Edward Horrigan, John Hill, Keith Marshall.

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 - 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation:

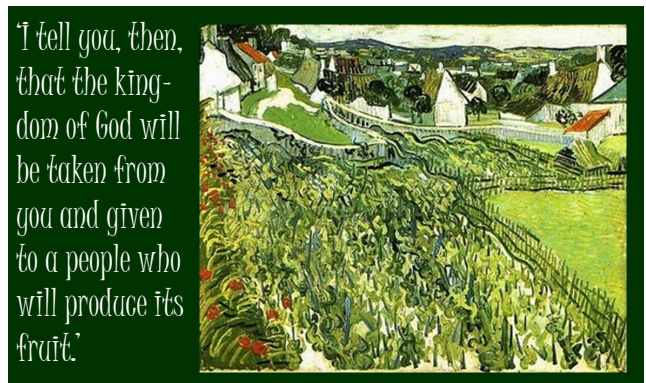
Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Matt 22:1-14



Parish Group Activities

Social Club

The next **monthly meeting** of the Social Club will be held in the Undercroft after 10am Mass this Tuesday, October 4th. New members are always welcome. Donations for Social Club Christmas Hampers welcome at this meeting.

Return Dinner

This 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 Tuesday's meeting. Numbers are limited.

Frankston Arts Centre

Bookings and payment for the 2 final FAC performances for this year at Tuesday's meeting.

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

FAME - 1st Tuesday in November. \$30 per head. Payment required at Tuesday's meeting.

The **Poetry Group** will meet this Monday, 3rd October in the Parish Community Centre at 1:30pm. Our

host this month will be Tom Johnstone.



St Vincent de Paul Society
Good Works

Social Justice

Last Sunday was Social Justice Sunday and we were reminded about many of the social injustices being experienced in the World today. One of the most serious injustices encountered by our members, in responding to requests for help in our own community, is the lack of affordable housing. The St Vincent de Paul Society has a Social Justice Group which has made this issue one of its top priorities. However, furthering this cause has proven to be very difficult task. We are always open to ideas and to offers of community help in pursuing this cause.

Next Meeting

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.