



SEASONS

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

Eighteenth Week Ordinary Time

31st July, 2011

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

Diary

- **Monday**
Poetry Group, 1.30am, PCC
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Meeting, after 10am
Mass, U
Baptism Prep, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
1st Eucharist Workshop, 7.30pm,
MPR



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Mass Times

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| Monday | No Mass |
| Tuesday, Social Club Lit of the Word with Comm | 10.00am |
| Wednesday, followed by Holy Hour | 9.15am |
| Thursday | 9.15am |
| Friday | 9.15am |
| No school Mass | |
| 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.

Bring Them Here To Me



The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves is told by all four evangelists, but each has his own particular perspective. Mark brings out the theme of the Exodus and the twelve tribes being fed on the manna in the wilderness. Matthew makes a number of changes to Mark's story. He does not dwell on the Exodus story but rather emphasises Jesus' role as Divine Wisdom. In the Old testament Wisdom sent out her servants and invited her children to eat freely at her table. 'Come eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have prepared' (Prov 9:5). Only Matthew has Jesus say to the disciples, 'Bring them here to me.' The disciples are Wisdom's servants, inviting all to be nourished by Wisdom's food.

The description of the miracle uses words from the community's Eucharist and so we see in the miracle story the community's understanding of their Eucharistic gatherings. Although Jesus is no longer a physical presence with the community, when they gather at

Eucharist they continue to be nourished by Divine Wisdom's bread and wine.

The miracle emphasises the abundance of food made available. There is a crowd of five thousand, and even more if the women and children were counted. Everyone eats as much as they want and there are still twelve filled baskets of scraps. What this suggests is that the meal can continue beyond this gathering. As we hear this story we are part of its continuation. Every time we gather for Eucharist the miracle happens for us. Hear Jesus' words of invitation to you, 'Come, eat of my bread, drink of my wine.'

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*

Gratitude and Forgiveness

Just as smoke follows fire, forgiveness follows gratitude.

Gratitude ultimately undegirds and fuels all genuine virtue, is the real basis of holiness, and the source of love itself.

And its major fruit is forgiveness. When we are grateful, we more easily find the strength to forgive.

Forgiveness is the deep secret to joy. It is also the ultimate imperative.'

Fr. Rolheiser OMI

We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Ita Koppenol (funeral on Monday at 10am)

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Ellen Day, Peg Collard, Les Collard, Lucy Galvin, Teresa Dunlop, Jean Carter, Brian Carter

and the Sick

Samantha, Tracey Jamieson, Jenny Morrison, Mel Hoban and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



Liturgy - Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Responsorial Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35. 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

Next week's readings:

1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33



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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..... \$2959

Average 2011 \$3230

Pledged per week \$3455

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$776

Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Morning Tea



Your hosts this week are Tim and Catherine Hogan.

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 Kate Hyland & Sally Cooper.

Parish Group Activities

STM Social Club

The **Poetry Group** will meet on Monday, 1st August at 1.30pm in the Parish Community House. Your host this month is Geoff Collins, 9775 2149.

Social Club Meeting, Tuesday, 2nd August, after 10am Mass in the Undercroft.

Just a reminder for members to bring goods for the East Timor Baby Boxes.

Lunch @ Manyung, Thursday, 11th August, 12.30pm. Book at this week's Social Club Meeting.

Frankston Arts Centre, **Choir of Hope & Inspiration** (Melb Street Choir) on Friday, 23rd September @ 10.30am. Bookings will be taken at the Social Club Meeting on Tuesday, 2nd August.

Tour & Lunch @ Parliament House on Monday, 22nd August, 11am tour 12.30pm lunch, details next Social Club meeting on Tuesday, 2nd August.

Beleura House & Garden "Opera in the Garden", either Friday, 25th November or Saturday, 26th November. There is a 5.30pm courtesy bus for 6.30 performance. Also Sunday, 27th November with a 4pm courtesy bus for the 5pm performance. Bookings (\$65) next club meeting Tuesday, 2nd August.

The welfare officers for July are Jim and Betty Bourke ph: 9775 4507.

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.

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



Margo O'Callaghan & Joanne McEvoy will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel. Please encourage your children to join them.

Choir Practice



Our next Choir Practice will be held on Monday, 1st July at 7.30pm in the Church.

August Rosters

| Mass Time | Lector | Commentator |
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| 6 pm Sat | Bernadette Tolan | Robyn Donaldson |
| 8 am Sun | Irene Owsianka | John Kinnaird |
| 10 am Sun | Emergencies | Jim Bourke |
| Mass Time | Ministers of the Eucharist | |
| 6 pm Sat | Charlie Simpson (Book) Colleen Simpson (Gifts) Margaret Jamieson (Gifts) | |
| 8 am Sun | John Taylor (Book) Maureen Taylor (Gifts) Pat McConvill (Gifts) | |
| 10 am Sun | Volunteer please? (Book) Volunteer please? (Gifts) Volunteer please? (Gifts) | |
| Counters | Dennis Cleary Chris Young Alan Ryan | |

A Message From Maria



I wanted to draw your attention to an art exhibition with a difference. It is of **Biblical / Spiritual Paintings by Judy Racz**. Judy is a Catholic involved in the parishes of Diamond Creek and Greensborough.

More details are available on the flyer.


As we move into August we also move into **National Homeless Person's Week**. It is also the month of Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic Lunar calendar. The feast starts 10 days earlier each year thus covering every month and season of the year. This means some years the fast is more arduous than others due to the longer days. It is seen as a time to better themselves – spiritually, physically and socially and is a time of bonding for believers globally.

Unlike our Lenten fast, Ramadan calls for no eating or drinking during daylight hours. They generally have a small meal before dawn and a large meal with friends after sunset. It is also about increasing their faith by actively increasing in worship, prayer and reciting the Qur'an.

What's Happening Elsewhere

Padua College School Tours

2011-Terms 3 & 4

 See Padua College in action.... You're invited to bring your child to Padua College for a guided tour of the school. Tours begin at 9.15am and conclude at approx 10.20am. Please book by telephoning Reception at either Mornington 5976 0100 or Rosebud Campus 5982 9500.

Please note that places are allocated according to where you live.

If you live east of Humphries Rd, Frankston, your child would not be eligible to go to Padua College as your home address is in the zone for John Paul College, Frankston - for further information on John Paul College please visit their website www.jpcvictoria.catholic.edu.au

Mornington Campus Term 3

Tuesday 2nd August
Wednesday 17th August

Term 4

Wednesday 2nd Nov
Thursday 10th Nov
Tuesday 22nd Nov

Rosebud Campus Term 3

Wednesday 3rd August
Thursday 18th August

Term 4

Thursday 3rd Nov
Tuesday 15th Nov
Monday 21st Nov

Pastoral Associates' Reunion

This is an opportunity for all past and present Pastoral Associates to get together and celebrate this

lay ministry.

Let's catch up with each other's journey, share a liturgy & just enjoy being together. Kindly pass this on to former PA's you know or those who have preceded you in your current parish. Don't presume someone else will do this. Please let Carol Harris know the details of whom you have sent it to so we can update our database.

A \$20 donation on the day would be appreciated to defray the costs of organisation & catering (finger food, juice / soft drink, etc). BYO hard drink!

When: Sunday, 21st August from 2pm onwards

Where: St Brendan's Hall, Church St, Flemington

RSVP ASAP (by Australian horses' Birthday - on the 1st August) to carolharris@hetspace.net.au

Please bring photos / clippings to be copied for inclusion in our Archives.

Free e-Book

Fr Ted Tyler of the diocese of Parramatta has written a book with the Gospel of each day of this liturgical year A-I (Dec'10 to Nov'11), together with a Reflection for each day's Gospel. It carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP.

The title of the book is **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-I**. The book is meant for the lay person. The e-book (in PDF or DNL format) may be downloaded onto your computer, e-reader or i-phone, free of charge, from this URL source: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/



Caritas Australia's East Africa Crisis Appeal

"If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world. In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth." Pedro Arrupe SJ. 1976

Caritas Australia invites the Catholic Community to pray for and support the victims of the worst droughts in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and across East Africa in 60 years which has left at least 10 million people in need of food, water and basic facilities. Half of those are children. Tanzania and the new state of South Sudan are experiencing serious food and water shortages too.

Through Caritas Australia's East Africa Crisis Appeal, you can help provide food relief, clean water and basic necessities, and help the most vulnerable families to maintain their livelihoods in this time of crisis.

For more information or to donate please visit www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis or call 1800 024 413; or post donations to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830, Melbourne, Vic 3001 or 383 Albert Street East Melbourne 3002.