



SEASONS

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

Fourteenth Week Ordinary Time

3rd July, 2011

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

Diary

- Monday**
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- Tuesday**
Social Club Meeting ,after 10am
Mass, U
Baptism Prep, 7.30pm, PCC
- Thursday**
Rosa Mystica, 7.15pm, C



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Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, Social Club	10.00am
Wednesday	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.

Come To Me



One of the issues faced by the first Christians was how to speak about Jesus and his relationship with God. Within a decade the disciples were giving Jesus divine status and yet holding true to their Jewish creed, 'Hear O Israel the Lord our God is one.' They looked to the Old Testament to find precedents for the paradox they experienced - the oneness of God and the divine status of Jesus. Matthew's Gospel draws on the image of Divine Wisdom - present with God from the beginning, coming forth from God and coming into the world. For his Jewish community, Matthew presents Jesus as Divine Wisdom who invites all to come and 'team up with' (be yoked to) him.

Listen to Wisdom describe herself in the Old Testament book of Sirach:

Come to me, you who are untaught and lodge in my school. Put your neck under the yoke, and let your souls receive instruction; it is to be found close by. See with your eyes that I have labored little and found

myself much rest (Sir 51:23, 26-27).

The wisdom Jesus offers contradicts the wisdom of the world which is why the learned and clever cannot accept it but those with childlike simplicity of heart can. Jesus has a vision of what is essential that cuts through the many false complexities life suggests as ways to find meaning - busyness, wealth, power, having more of everything. The soul finds no rest in such things. In the words of St. Augustine,

You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*

Message From Maria



No doubt many of you have heard talk of the changes to the words used in the Mass. There has been a great

deal of talk about whether the changes are good or not: will they improve the prayerfulness of the mass? Are they taking us backward or forward? Why can't things just remain the same? There are various responses to all these but at this point in time I would suggest that before we get too caught up in doubt and mistrust or argument about things we have not experienced let us take time to try out the changes.

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We pray for...

Those who have died recently

Joseph McGovern

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Peter McDermott, Veronica Sheehy, Nan Hoban,

and the Sick

Ita Koppenol, Mel Hoban and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

DEAR God
When I am tired retread my
Soul.
Amen



Liturgy - Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9. 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart..

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23



'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' John 6:51-58

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving

Amount received last week\$1898

Average 2011\$3194

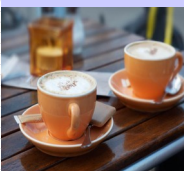
Pledged per week\$3528

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1088

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

Morning Tea



Your hosts this week are John Bruitzman and Anne Davey.

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 Debbie Bradford and Val Finnigan.



Thanksgiving receipts and envelopes are available for collection outside the church this weekend.

Please collect yours as you leave, to help us keep postage costs to a minimum.

Parish Group Activities



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting leaving collections for the annual **Winter Appeal** at all Masses this weekend. We would like to thank the parishioners of St Thomas More for your generous support in the past, and for your continued support at this time when the needs of the less fortunate in the community are so great.

The **next meeting** of the Morning Star Conference Mt Eliza will be held in the Undercroft on Monday, 11th July commencing at 9.30am. Those interested in the work of the Society are welcome to attend.

STM Social Club

The next session of the **Poetry Group** will be held at the Parish Community Centre on Monday, 4th July commencing at 1.30pm. Your hostess is Robyn Thompson, 9775 6762.

The **Social Club Monthly Meeting** will meet after the 10am Mass on Tuesday, 5th July in the Undercroft.

Christmas in July, Grand Hotel, Main Street, Mornington, 3rd July @ 12 noon. Cost \$25, **please have correct money**. For inquiries contact Pauline Hook 9787 9907.

Ferry Trip to Williamstown Friday, 8th July. We will be meeting at Frankston Station to catch the 8.55am train into the city. The ferry leaves for Wil-

liamstown @ 10.30am. (Please note change of date).

Frankston Arts Centre, **The Complete Beatles**, Friday, 5th August @ 10.30am. Tickets \$18. Bookings at Club Meeting on Tuesday, 5th July.

Parliament House Visit, Thursday, 11th August. Lunch and tour. Details at Club Meeting on Tuesday, 5th July.

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

Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the School Holidays.



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

Every Thursday at 7.15pm, with a Mass celebrated by a visiting priest on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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.

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Let's give ourselves some space to allow the changes to wash over us, let's taste what is on offer and allow the Holy Spirit to be our guide. This is what we have been trying to do here as we prepare to introduce the changes.

We hope to keep the changes to a minimum. Some will not be noticed greatly, others will have a more significant impact. Most of the changes impact on the words the presiding priest says rather than the congregation. Our plan is to bring in the changes in stages. The first will happen in two weeks time – 16/17th July. These will be the Apostles Creed and the response to the priest's "Peace be with you". As of the 16th we will respond "And with your Spirit". These will be on the overhead to keep us on track as we adjust. Other changes will come in a few weeks later.

Music will also be impacted. The choir are in the process of choosing suitable music for the altered wording and learning the responses. They will start to teach us all these responses in the coming weeks, before we start to use them during Mass. The introduction of the music will take a bit longer than the spoken word changes. We hope this makes the changes smoother and less daunting for everyone. We appreciate not everyone handles change well and are hoping to make this as stress free as possible. More information regarding the changes; why they have been made, the reasons for the specific changes etc will be addressed in the coming weeks. We thank you for your co-operation in this and your assistance in making this a calm transition in the way we pray together at Mass.

What's Happening Elsewhere



 **LOVE'S BODY** Eucharist in Our Lives



Photo Exhibition on the Eucharist

'Love's Body - Eucharist in our lives' is on at the New North Gallery, 15 A Railway Place Fairfield, until July 16th.

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10am -4pm. 24 large size images of the Eucharist in the lives of 21 contributors, plus a comment from each as to why this photo.

It's a must see.

Bayside Young Disciples Special Event



Theology @ The Pub presents: **From Pro-Choice to Pro Life**. Hear the dramatic true story of Abby Johnson. She worked for the largest abortion provider in the USA. After dramatic events she crossed the life line to fight for women in crisis. We hope you can come along!

When: Sunday, 3rd July, depart St Francis Xavier's at 6.45pm sharp for Fitzroy returning 11pm.

Please bring some \$\$\$ for dinner. You can find us on Facebook or call us on 9783 3484.

Forming Children In Christian Sexuality



Training for parents

Dr Gerard O'Shea, Senior Lecturer in Religious Education and Family Ministry at the John Paul II Institute, will be delivering this special seminar for parents on forming their children in Christian sexuality.

When: Thursday, 14th July

Time: 7.30pm-9pm

Venue: Thomas Carr Centre (corner Victoria Pde & Eades St, East Melb)

Cost: Free of charge

RSVP: Tuesday, 12th July to Anthony Coyte phone 9412 3370 email acoyte@jp2institute.org

Melbourne Single Catholics 35-55

We are a free to join social group which offers: lunches, dinners, walks, sporting and cultural events as

well as lectures on topics of interest to Catholics such as bioethics and apologetics.

David Schutz, who works for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, is giving a talk on the role of the pope in the Catholic Church

When: Saturday, 16th July

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: St. Anthony's 82 Power St, Hawthorn

RSVP: www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics

Positions Available

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

- **Hall Manager** - St Mary's Parish Dandenong
- **Principal**, Mannix College, Monash Clayton
- **Domestic Support:** - St Brendan's Parish, Flemington
- **Parish Life Coordinator** - Parish of Laverton

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

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Web: www.goodshepvic.org.au/microfinance

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.