



# SEASONS

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

Easter Sunday

4th April, 2010

## Jesus Is Not In A Tomb

In the first century, there was a belief in resurrection of the dead but this was to occur on the last day, at the end of time. Even though the Gospels report Jesus saying that he would rise, it is clear that the disciples did not expect his resurrection in their life time. Finding the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene draws a very obvious conclusion that someone has come and stolen the body, for an empty tomb does not prove resurrection. The Gospel of John, which we read this week and next, describes two locations for the Easter events, a tomb and a room where the disciples gather. The message to the disciples, and to disciples of all ages, is that you will not find Jesus in a tomb; he is not among the dead.

The two disciples rush to the tomb and there they see signs that suggest this has been no grave robbery. The linen cloths wrapping the body have been removed. For the Beloved Disciple this is sufficient for him to believe that Jesus has risen. The two disciples no doubt recall the miracle Jesus performed earlier when he raised Lazarus from death and Lazarus came out of the tomb wearing the linen cloths of the dead. At that time, Jesus gave the command, "Unbind him and let him go free." The removal of the linen clothes means that Lazarus and now Jesus are released from death and freed to join the living. But Mary's dilemma remains, if Jesus is not in the Tomb, where is he?



*Sundays Under the Southern Cross  
Mary Coloe PBVM*

## Please pray for...

### Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Vittorio Forlin, Cliff Mellican, Alma Baxter, Nora Hanmer

### and the Sick

Lewis Lewis, Miguel De Barbosa-Mendonca, Liz Wheeler, Arie Peeperkoorn, Margaret Hill, Bill Oakes, Gunter Herrmann, Harry O'Beirne, Allan Pursell, John Dale, Anne-Marie Corcoran, Baby Peter Kost, John Courtney, Trish Sanders, Barbara Leary, Baby Kate Cameron, Fr. Dan McMahon, Cheryl, Linda Watschur, Mary McKenzie, Noeleen Walker, Carmel McKane, Sr. Helen Nichols, Jo Pendlebury, Leonie Bradley, Frank Butler, Anne Horton, Kylie Mazoletti, Diana Espino, Laurie Pendlebury, Edward Riordan, Gillian Richards, Eve Parker, Susan Jones, Pamela Wilson, Rod Van dewert, Judy Linton, Lorraine Curtain, Henrique Mendonca, Margaret Beale, Alex Kelly, Mary Lauren, Michaela Baker, Fr. Peter Robinson, Fr. Joe McMahon, Sonia Webb, Nina Lion, Baby Matilda, Robert Fitzgerald, Steven Daniels, Giovanni Lazzaro, Carol Mason and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.

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I would like to wish you all the joy of Easter. May all of you travelling over this period return safely. May you all find some time for your own personal renewal, be that quiet reflective time or a particular activity.

Thank you to everyone who has put in so much to preparing the Easter services. It is a big job and done in a short time span. Well done to those involved.

This week I am attending an Interfaith Symposium on Death and Dying so I will not be in the office, unless there is some unexpected issue that demands my attention. I am looking forward to learning more about the different cultural and religious rituals that surround death and dying. It will no doubt be a challenge to my predominately Catholic knowledge and experience.

## Pilgrimage To Turkey

On Anzac Day a group of 28 pilgrims will travel to Turkey to explore the religious, cultural and historical richness of this wonderful land. Most are parishioners of St Thomas More and are either known to or related to them.

One of the highlights will be our visit to Anzac Cove, a memorable and moving experience. If you are aware of a relative who died at Gallipoli please let me know (name and other information) and we will try to discover the grave and pray there on your behalf.

Obviously no promises can be made, but it is one way of acknowledging those who have gone before us in service of this country.

## News in Brief

### St Thomas More Social Club

The next session of the **Poetry Group** will be held in the Parish House on Monday, 5th April, commencing at 1.30pm. Your hostess is Dorothy McKane, phone 9787 6970.

### Outings

**Wine & Dine Evening** Thursday, 15th April, 6.30pm at Mornington Golf Club. Best menu I have seen for a long time including 2 course senior meals. For more information contact Paul Kost 9787 3757.

**Frankston Arts Centre, Australian Ballet School**, Friday, 14th May @ 10.30am. Cost is \$16.50. For all enquiries and bookings you can contact Carolyn Gascgoine 9775 2315.

### East Timor Collection

On 10th-11th April we will have a special collection for our East Timor project. The funds will go towards the cost of purchasing containers and to cover the freight costs of those containers. Currently we buy the containers for approx \$2000 and the freight from Mt Eliza to E/Timor is around \$5000. We have sent 18 containers filled with an estimated value of donated goods of \$30,000-\$50,000, built a school furnished it & paid for its continued maintenance. Your generosity is to be congratulated as to date contributions are around the \$800,000-\$1m. **Please keep up your weekly donations of rice, lentils & sugar.** These goods are used to assist the poor, widowed & the infirm of Nunira and its surrounding villages.

### Mass Times this Week

**Masses:** Tuesday (Social Club) 10.00 am **to be celebrated as a Easter Mass on Healing and Anointing of the Sick.**

Wednesday 9:15 am, followed by Holy Hour,

Thursday-Friday 9:15 am, Saturday 6 pm (Vigil), Sunday 8 am and 10 am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5-5:30 pm



### Are You 'New' To Our Parish?

If so, please write your family details into the 'Welcome Book' which is located in the Porch of the Church. This will enable us to make contact and welcome you appropriately.