



SEASONS

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

The Ascension of the Lord

5th June, 2011

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

- **Monday**
Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC
9.30am, U
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Meeting, after 10am
Liturgy of the Word, U
Baptism Prep, 7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
Bible Study Group, 1.30pm, PCC
- **Thursday**
Finance Committee Meeting,
7.30pm, PCC
Rosa Mystica, 7.15pm, C

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Mass Times	
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday (Social Club - Lit of the Word with Comm)	10.00am
Wednesday, (Lit of the Word with Holy Comm foll by Holy Hour)	9.15am
Thursday (Lit of the Word with Holy Com)	9.15am
Friday (Lit of the Word with Holy Comm)	9.15am
Saturday, (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8.00am 10.00am

Reconciliation
There will be no reconciliation for the next two weeks.

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.

I Am With You Always

The graphic story of Jesus' Ascension is found only in Luke's Gospel where the Jesus of history is carried up to heaven and so begins a second phase as the Spirit empowers the community to continue the mission of Jesus. This is Luke's perspective. Matthew's is different. There is no description of Jesus leaving; in fact Matthew's Gospel ends with the promise of Jesus - 'I am with you always.' These words 'I am with you' echo the words spoken to Joseph when Jesus' birth is first announced, 'He shall be called Emmanuel - a name that means 'God-is-with-us'. The entire Gospel is framed by this image of God-is-with-us. This is who Jesus is for the first disciples, and this is who Jesus is for all who continue in their footsteps.

Matthew's Jesus is modelled on the great Jewish prophet and teacher Moses, which is evident in this scene. Where the followers of Moses were those within Israel, Jesus commands that discipleship now be extended to 'all nations'. Where belonging to Israel was sealed with the ritual of circumcision, Jesus gives a new ritual for those who would belong to his community, namely, the ritual of baptism. Where Judaism was founded on the teaching and Law of Moses, the community of Christians is founded on the teaching of Jesus.

As the Gospel comes to a close there is a reminder of the frailty of the first disciples: there are now only eleven and some of these still hesitate. Let us be heartened by these words of a God who continues to be with us, even in our failings.

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross
Mary Coloe PBVM*



'And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' Matthew 28:16-20 - Ascension

We pray for...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time
 John Herbert, Roger Pearson, Frances Taylor,
 Tony Collins, Frederick Eggins

and the Sick

Kaye Coughlan, 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.



Thank You

Maree Shelton would like to thank everyone who prayed for her Dad, Bill Oakes, he is recovering well and is now back home.

Liturgy - The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my

gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Next week's readings:
 Acts 2:1-11
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13
 John 20:19-23

Financial Matters...

Thanksgiving
 Amount received last week..... \$2134
 Average 2011..... \$3150
 Pledged per week \$3554

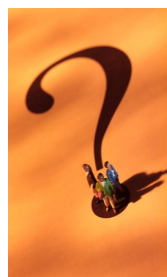
Presbytery
 Amount received last week.....\$1331
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.



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 are Beatrice Rodriguez and Gui Hone.

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

STM Social Club

The **Poetry Group** will meet on Monday, 6th June at 1.30pm in the Parish Community Centre. Your Host will be Tom Johnstone 9775 4004.

The **STM Social Club Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 7th June, after 10am Liturgy of the Word in the Undercroft.

Dinner at Manyung Gallery Restaurant, Sunday, 19th June @ 6pm. Roast and dessert \$22. Payment to be made at the Social Club Meeting on 7th June.

Ferry Trip to Williamstown Friday, 24th June. We will be meeting at Frankston Station to catch the 8.55am train into the city. The ferry leaves for Williamstown @ 10.30am.

The welfare officers for June are Pauline Hook 9787 9907 & Lynda Reid 9787 4483.



Choir Practice

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

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



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

Bible Group

The **Bible Studies Group** will meet on Wednesday, 8th June at the Parish Community Centre 1.30pm - 3pm. All most welcome. Any inquiries please contact Gui Hone 9787 1449 or Lois 9787 2970.



Inter-Church Retreat Day

A day of shared prayer between the Christian Churches of Mount Eliza will be held at the Uniting Church Community Centre on Saturday, 16th July from 9.30am - 3.30pm.

This will consist of opportunities for Guided Meditation, Quiet Time, Prayer activities, Reading and Shared Worship. It will be a very special and fulfilling day.

Further details to follow, but please make a note of the day and keep it free.

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Message From Maria



National Refugee Week, 19th - 26th June, celebrates positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. The Refugee Council has a multitude of diverse activities happening over the week.

You can see all the details at <http://refugeeweek.refugeecouncil.org.au/events/vic.php>

Part of the purpose of Refugee week is to provide an opportunity to experience the diversity refugees bring to our society and celebrate with them. It is a way of showing our support for those who have come to this country when fleeing atrocities, war and loss of human rights in their own countries.

As part of the celebrations, the Emerge Festival has its main event on Sunday, 19th June 12 - 5pm; Fitzroy Town Hall, 201 Napier Street, Fitzroy, hosted by Multicultural Arts Victoria. Napier Street will be closed off to create a huge street party with music from around the world, food, cultural story telling, henna tattoos, hair braiding, kids activities and what sounds like a world wide marketplace party.

For more information contact Jessica Fairfax 9417 6777 or email projects@multiculturalarts.com.au

Act For Peace is putting on a multicultural concert (including a Middle Eastern and West African dinner included in the cost) on Sunday, 21st August 3 - 5pm at St Kilda Town Hall, 99A Carlisle St, St Kilda. Cost \$15. Contact Visier Sanyu, Refugee Coordinator 9650 6811 or email vsanyu@ncca.org.au

June 5th - 12th is **World Week of Prayer** for Christian unity and is prepared this year by Christians in Jerusalem. The theme they chose is Acts 2:42, 'They devoted themselves to the apostles'

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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

100th Year for St Brigid's Parish School



Sunday, 7th August, 2011. Beginning with 10.30am. Mass at St Brigid's Church Mordialloc, 520 Main Street, Mordialloc and afterwards - Come and visit our school at 129 Albert Street, Mordialloc. Stay and enjoy some light refreshments or a sausage from our sausage sizzle. Come along and see how our school is now and enjoy photos and memorabilia from how it was in years gone by. **Past students, teachers or parents.** If you have anything of interest – school photos, uniforms etc. that you would like displayed kindly contact the school office – we will take good care of them.

Contact us by emailing our school office 100years@sbmord.catholic.edu.au

A Man For All Seasons



Don't miss Robert Bolt's inspiring play on St Thomas More which is now playing. Tickets are still available for 3 of the Melbourne performances as listed below.

Venue: St Martin's Theatre (St Martin's Lane, South Yarra, near the Botanical Gardens)

Transport: No 8 Tram

When: Friday, 10th June @ 7.30pm
Saturday, 11th June @ 2pm
Sunday, 12th June @ 2pm

Ticket Prices: Special parish discount price of \$25 per ticket, (\$15 discount on normal adult price). The Special Parish Offer can be accessed by using the Promotional Code '**Special Parish Offer**' when booking via www.arteschristi.org.au or by phoning 0424 648 034.

Don Bosco Winter Holiday Program



Please find below details of our July school holidays camps for four days of hearty meals and good fun! 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

For more information go to www.donboscocamp.org or call us at camp 5987-2692

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.



MSC is having their next event on Sunday, 19th June @ 12 noon. We are going to **Mulberry Hill, Langwarrin, a National Trust Property**, and then **Morning Star Estate Winery**. For more information & to RSVP visit our website www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics

Stella Maris F.C.J. Frankston



Past pupils, staff, F.C.J. Associates and Friends are invited to a gathering.

When: Sunday, 5th June @ 2.30pm

Where: John Paul College, McMahons Road, in the staff room.

All most welcome. **RSVP** Edna 9783 110 or Sr. M. Ben F.C.J. Ph/Fax 9364 1918.

If convenient, please bring a plate.



MacYac Retreat Weekends

MacKillop Young Adult Community would like to invite young single adults (18-35) to attend one of our two Retreat Weekends being offered this year..

• **'Mary McaKillop - Women For Our Times'**

When: Friday, 24th June - Sunday, 26th June

Where: Jan Juc - please RSVP by 17th June

• **'Mary MacKillop - Role Model For All'**

When: Friday, 12th August - Sunday 14th August

Where: Rye - please RSVP by 15th August

Cost for either weekend is \$60 (employed) with a concession rate for students/unwaged. An e-copy of the brochure for the Retreat Weekends is available from

macyac@sosj.org.au - there are limited places so please apply early. For all enquiries phone 9306 8903 or Rita 0419 299 065 or Janette 0411 406 152.

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teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.' Certainly the Christian churches in Jerusalem are living the reality of striving for unity in the face of great problems. They are called to live the call each day not just talk about it.

A Little Bit Of Humour

Bill and Jack had been down on their luck all their life – until one day they won Lotto. They celebrated with a beer at the local pub and agreed that ten million dollars would not change their way of life – except for one thing. They would each buy a fancy car.

Bill paid for the beers and off they went to the imported car showroom where they shocked the salesman by ordering a Rolls Royce each. Bill produced his new cheque and reached for a pen when Jack said: 'No, No, Bill! Fair go. You paid for the beers.'