

# SEASONS

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

The Body and Blood of Christ

6th June, 2010

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting, 9.30am, U  
Music Group, 2pm, PCC  
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**  
Contemp Prayer, 8.45am, C  
Sip'n'Sew Group, 2pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**  
Darnum Musical Village Tour
- **Thursday**  
Rosa Mystica, 7.15pm, U

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Mary Cameron	Adel Cowie

## Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday (Foll. By Holy Hour)	9:15 am
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
School Mass	12.15pm
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.

## Today Is The Day!



Today is the day! You have all had time to read the Parish Directory that was put out two weeks ago. Hopefully you have given some thought to what your talents and gifts, received from the Spirit, are and how you can use them to help further develop the parish community. (I apologise for those activities and groups omitted from the directory. It can only

improve from here.)

This weekend we have a *Parish Community Development Sheet* for you. The information we receive from this will help with planning for the future needs of the parish and the viability of maintaining the various activities. Please take some time to fill in the questionnaire. Past experience is not necessarily an issue as, generally, training can be provided if needed. What is important is the commitment to the parish community.

We are asking for three things today:

- To rate the importance of the different activities within the life of the parish.
- To rate your willingness to participate in the parish activities.
- To provide your insights as to what may be lacking within the parish activities.

This is your opportunity to act on thoughts of 'getting into something'. Maybe you are unsure as to where you want to become involved. That is okay. Mark your interest level for something in which you may be interested and you will be contacted. This allows an opportunity to discuss what the group does, how it works, time issues or any other questions. I am also happy to work with anyone who feels the need for more in depth search into where they may feel they are being called to act.

## We Are What We Eat



"Take and eat, this is my body". These familiar words express our faith that God comes to us as life and nourishment. In the ordinary ritual of sharing food and drink, we are drawn into the presence of God. This faith is found in the writings of the new Testament when the disciples dis-

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# We pray for...

**Recently deceased**

Ida Cheatley (Marj Hansen’s mother)

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time**

Tony Collins, Frederick Eggins, William Mulqueen, Sr. Borgia, fcj

**and the Sick**

Ron Ko, Molly Gage, Leo Mulcahy, Alan Conto, 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, Barbara Leary, Kate Cameron, Fr. Dan McMahan, Cheryl, Linda Watschur, Mary

McKenzie, Noeleen Walker, Carmel McKane, Sr. Helen Nichols, Jo Pendlebury, Leonie Bradley, Frank Butler, Anne Horton, Kylie Mazoletti, Diana Espino, 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 McMahan, 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.

# Liturgy - The Body and Blood of Christ

**First Reading:** Genesis 14:18-21  
*Melchizedek brought bread and wine.*

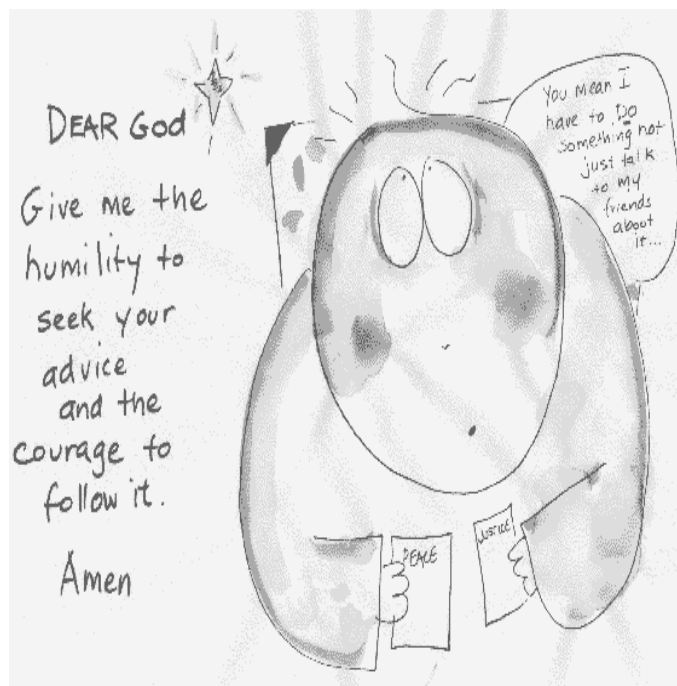
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
 You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia! alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 9:11-17  
*They all ate and were filled.*

**Next week’s readings:**  
 2 Samuel 12:7-10.13  
 Galatians 2:16.19-21  
 Luke 7:36-8:3



# Financial Matters...

**Thanksgiving**

Amount received last week.....\$2606  
 Average since start of Campaign.....\$3436  
 Pledged per week .....\$3660

**Presbytery**

Amount received last week.....\$1480  
*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*

**Morning Tea**



Your hosts this week are Tim & 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 Ria & Peter Wilson.

# Parish Group Activities



## **St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Good Works**

Our next meeting scheduled for 14th June will be bought forward to **7th June** at 9.30am in the Undercroft. All parishioners are welcome.

**A new group of Young Vincentians** has been established on the Mornington Peninsula and they are looking for energetic young adults to join them in their work.

If you are interested call Emily on 0421 471 157 or Jacinta 0439 118 568 or go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

## **STM Social Club**

The **Music Group** will meet in the Parish Community Centre this Monday, 7th June at 2pm.

The next meeting of the **Sip'n'Sew Group** will be held on Tuesday, 8th June in the Parish Community Centre, commencing at 2pm. Your hostesses will be Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315 & Betty Bourke 9775 4507.

On Wednesday, 9th June, members will travel to the **Darnum Musical Village** in Gippsland for a tour, concert and lunch.

**Wine and Cheese Night** in the Undercroft on Friday, 9th July commencing at 6.30pm. Cost: \$10. Further details at the meeting.



## **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**



The last gathering before winter recess will be our annual Rosa Mystica celebration to be held in the **Undercroft** on Thursday, 10th June at 7.15pm, followed by supper.



## **Children's Liturgy**

Maria McKenzie and Bernd Dremel will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel. Please encourage your children to join them.

## **Prayer Group**

The next **Prayer Group** will meet on Tuesday, 8th June at 11am-12.30pm in the Parish Community Centre to reflect on the Sunday Gospel, Luke 9:11-17. You are all most welcome to join us. For all enquiries please contact Gui 9787 1449.

## **Contemplative Prayer Group**



*"Let tiny drops of silence fall gently through your day".*

Silent prayer in the Church from 8.45am-9.15am followed by Mass.

## **Baby Boxes For East Timor**

We have had a request from the Salesian Sisters of East Timor for more of the Baby Boxes we made up and shipped some two years ago.

The mums of East Timor found them very helpful. We sent over 200 boxes in the first shipment and

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covered an on going presence of Jesus in their midst. "He's alive!" is the joyful message of Easter. In their small gatherings as they shared their stories of Jesus and broke bread together, they knew Jesus was still with them. What we now call Eucharist, they called "The Lord's supper" for Jesus remained with them as host, as surely as he once was host in their many shared meals.

Stories such as the one we hear in today's Gospel link the post-Easter experience of the Lord's presence with their memory of other meals during the ministry of Jesus. This meal with the multitude anticipates his later meal on the eve of his death and the ongoing meals in the Christian communities. Notice in the Gospel that the disciples are told to feed the crowd and to distribute the blessed bread. The action of these disciples continues in our communities today.

In celebrating this feast we not only give thanks for the presence of Christ in the bread and wine, we also celebrate that being nourished by the life of Jesus we become the living body of Christ. As Paul states, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it". (1Cor 12:27)

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross  
Mary Coloe PBVM*

# What's Happening Elsewhere

## Don Bosco Winter Camps 2010



Spaces are filling quickly for the ever popular upcoming **Don Bosco Winter Camps in Safety Beach.**

If you are 9-15 years of age and looking for something fun and different to do in your winter holidays, while eating good food and making new friends then Don Bosco Camp is the place for you.

The camps are run by a team of young, enthusiastic leaders whose primary role is to ensure that each camper has the time of their life.

There are two camps to choose from

- Senior Camp (Ages 13-15) June 28th - July 1st
- Junior Camp (Ages 9-13) July 5th - July 8th

For more information visit [www.donboscocamp.org](http://www.donboscocamp.org) or you can telephone us on 5987 2692.

## The Carmelite Centre Workshops

Welcome to June at The Carmelite Centre – a time to nurture the body and soul as we approach Winter.

- **Meditation Series** - seek a deeper understanding of self and living the present moment - Thursdays 10th, 17th & 24th June at 11.00am and 7.00pm.
- **Find out about the Carmelites** - Discovery day (repeated on 2 days Thursday, 17th June and Saturday, 19th June)
- **Health, Wellbeing and Healing Workshop** - Meditation and Feldenkrais on Saturday, 26th June, 10am-4pm.

For further information phone 9690 5430 or go to our website [www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org](http://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org) or email [thecarmelitecentre@pacific.net.au](mailto:thecarmelitecentre@pacific.net.au)

## Are you interested...

in helping couples to understand and appreciate their gift of fertility? **Billings Ovulation Method™ Teacher Training Courses** trains teachers to empower women to monitor their reproductive health and assist couples to achieve or avoid pregnancy.

The next course is run over 2 days - Tuesday, 15th & Thursday, 17th June, at our East Burwood Head Office.

Spaces available, please contact us on 03 9802 2022 or email us on [thebillingsmethod@woomb.org](mailto:thebillingsmethod@woomb.org)

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

When was the last time you had a great weekend just for the two of you? Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place.

It is based around Catholic values, but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. The next 3 weekends will be held on 25th-27th June & 20th-22nd August and 15th-17th October.

For further information and bookings please contact Peter & Erika Smith 9899 0824 or go to our website [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or you can email us [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au).

## Positions Vacant

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

- Gardener, Building Services, East Melb
- Building Services Officer, Property Building Services, East Melb

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website [www.cam.org.au/human-resources/job-advertisements.html](http://www.cam.org.au/human-resources/job-advertisements.html)

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this supply is now used up. We hope to make up a similar number of boxes this time.

The infant mortality rate of children in East Timor under the age of twelve months is more than 40%. The contents of the boxes is designed to alleviate their difficult circumstances a little.

We ask that the contents be put into the square type of plastic box with a clip on lid which can be bought from Bunnings and other stores. These boxes are very handy for storage and use as a baby bath.

If you are willing to help please contact either Janie on 5974 8364, Kerrin on 9787 9891 or Les Harper on 9787 6784.

See suggestions for contents to be placed in boxes below.

Towels, no medications, rolls of large rubbish bags, small dresses (not sarongs), hair brushes, unperfumed soap etc.

Please watch out in next weeks Season's for more information.

Les Harper