

# SEASONS

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

Third Sunday of Easter

8th May, 2011

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

## Diary

- **Monday**  
Music Group, 2pm, PCC  
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**  
Sip 'n 'Sew Group, 2pm, PCC  
PEB Meeting, 7.30pm, SSR
- **Wednesday**  
Confirmation Class, 7.30pm, U  
Pt Nepean, 9.30am, Meet at the  
STM Carpark



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### Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday, (followed by Holy Hour)	9.15am
Thursday	No Mass
Rosa Mystica Mass	7.30pm
Friday	9.15am
School Mass	12.15pm
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00pm
Sunday	8.00am 10.00am

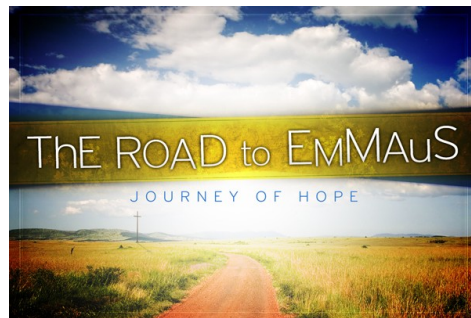
### Reconciliation

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.

## We Had Hopes That He Would Be The One



Perhaps the most important part of this reading is the first sentence about two disciples walking to Emmaus. These disciples had been told by Jesus, 'Wait in Jerusalem' and here they are, with their back to Jerusalem walking out on him once again. They've given up. As they later explained to the stranger who walks with them, they 'had hoped' that Jesus would be the great savior, but things haven't turned out how they wanted.

These two men give me great heart. Like them I find myself sometimes full of 'had hopes' that don't work out. I 'had hoped' this would happen, or that! And somehow I pinned my faith in God to these 'had hopes' so then when they don't happen it seems God has gone. Jesus explains in this journey that God's plan wasn't the same as the disciples, that in fact their 'had hopes' were unreal. Jesus' way of being the Saviour, in some mysterious way, included the event of his execution. God's plan

went way beyond mere political freedom that his disciples had wanted.

It is not easy to let go 'had hopes' and to surrender what I want for what God wants, and yet this is the transformation or conversion that is needed if we are to walk within God's path. What heartens me in this story is that while disciples may walk out on Jesus, he doesn't give up on them (us). Jesus joins these two deserters and gradually in mulling things over in his presence they are able to let go their plans and turn around towards Jerusalem to rejoin the salvation story.

### Emmaus

*Their backs were turned to Jerusalem - the memories of that Friday too bitter - there was nothing to hold them now.*

*They had hoped - even that was cause for sour taste. They'd given him their time, left villages and families to follow; and what hurt most - they'd given him their hearts. His words were strange but they had known his friendship and learned to trust, even to love. But now!*

*They walked on and he joined them. The dry dust of their journey and their hearts clouded their vision. Weighed down with loss, betrayal, and fear, they did not see he travelled with*

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# We pray for...

## Those who have died recently

Laura Clark

## Those whose anniversaries fall at this time

Marea Fennell, Maud E. Dayes, Keith MacGregor, Scott Reade, Colleen Duyvestyn, Tom Brown

## and the Sick

Ria Wilson, Dee Rourke, Lewis Lewis, Bill Oakes, Ron Child, Adrian Gobel and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Ranelagh Gardens Nursing Home.



# Liturgy - Third Sunday of Easter

## First Reading: Acts 2:14. 22-23

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

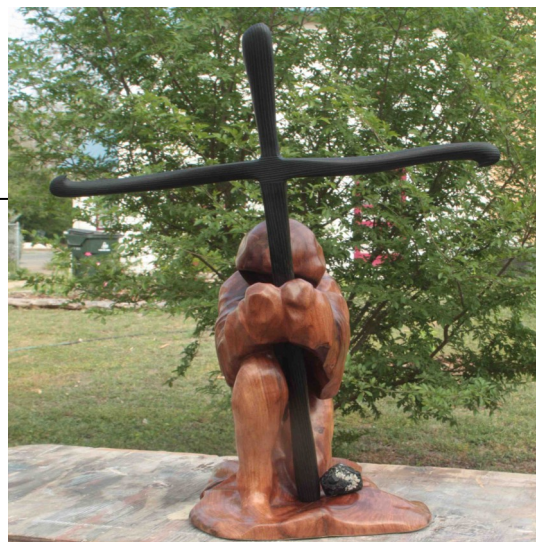
*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Thank You**

Jos & Carolyn Gobel would like to thank everyone who prayed for Adrian - he is recovering well after a successful operation last week.



The Cross For The Road to Emmaus

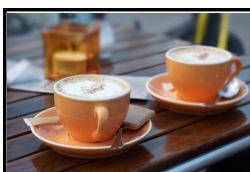
# Financial Matters...

## Thanksgiving

Amount received last week..... \$5725  
 Average 2011..... \$3352  
 Pledged per week ..... \$3554

## Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$1262  
*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*



## Morning Tea Helpers

In the next couple of weeks we'll be drawing up a new 6 month roster for Morning Tea helpers. We could always use a few more hands – all that's required is a quarter of an hour setup before 10 am Mass, and then half an hour afterwards. Everything is provided, and we expect you'd only be rostered for 3 Sundays over the 6 month period.

If you'd like to be a part of this ministry of welcome and hospitality, please call Irene in the office on 9787 7777 between Tuesday and Friday. **To those of you who are already on the roster, please let me know by Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> May if you have any special requests re dates, or whether you'd prefer to discontinue**

# Parish Group Activities



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

This week, the clothing bins have been removed from the carpark, as we have had ongoing problems with unsightly garbage left around them for many years.

Parishioners are advised to take clean and saleable items (in good repair) to either the shop at 184 Main St, Mornington, 175/179 Mornington - Tyabb Rd, or the rear of 60 Davey St, Frankston (where St Francis Xavier Parish has 2 bins).

## **STM Social Club**

The **Music Group** will meet this Monday, 9th May in the Parish Community Centre (Parish House) commencing at 2pm, featuring clarinettist Nick Polities. Your hostess this month is Merecia Gleeson, phone 5974 1554. All jazz lovers welcome.

The next meeting of the **Sip' n ' Sew Group** will be held on Tuesday, 10th May in the Parish Community Centre commencing at 2pm. Your hostesses for the day are Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315 and Betty Bourke 9775 4507.

The trip to **Pt Nepean** on Wednesday, 11th May will depart from STM carpark at 9.30am.

**The welfare officers for May is Carolyn Gascoigne 9775 2315 & Aileen Calley 9787 9652.**

## **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.

## **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 Studies**

The Bible Studies Group will resume at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 25th May (not the 11th, as previously advertised - as we will be going to Point Nepean on that day). Contact Gui Hone 9787 1449



## **Message From Maria**

The services over Holy Week and Easter were a big part of the work for the Liturgy planning team over the past several weeks. We would now

like to get some feedback from you following your involvement with these services. There are very short evaluation forms in the foyer and the team are very keen to hear your comments in order to continue to improve the liturgy here.

I thank you in anticipation of your time taken to provide us with your feedback. Please feel free to make any comments you think will be beneficial to the improvement of the liturgies. If you are interested in being part of the group you can contact Fr Laurie or Maria Newbigin. Being part of the group does not necessarily mean attending meetings or preparing actual liturgies. There are many ways to be involved including behind the scenes preparation and paperwork for some of the major services, artistic involvement, helping to prepare the church. There is always a need for people to become involved in the different ministries that play such an important part of all liturgies.

Thank you also to those who have prepared food for refreshments after funerals here at the Parish. At times of death family are so very vulnerable and in need of support. This is one very practical way of assisting members of the parish family at a difficult time in their lives. As is always the way, we could do with more people to help with this ministry. The more names we have to call on the less often they have to be asked to assist. It is as simple as putting your name on the list and awaiting a call for food. You can always say no, or you can offer to provide either a savoury or sweet plate of food. You could also help with the providing of refreshments on the day – making tea and coffee and clearing up afterwards. It is an extremely rewarding role to be part of in the parish. If you can help in any way either contact Marylou, 9787 2749, or Maria on 9787 7777 (Mondays and Thursdays).

On a brighter note, Happy Mother's Day. I hope all you mothering people get a chance to kick back and relax today.

*Maria*

# What's Happening Elsewhere

## Carmelite Centre Courses & Events

The Carmelite Centre, 214 Richardson St, Middle Park. (Mel Ref 2K C10) has a number of courses and events coming up:

- **Laughter is Good Medicine**, Monday, 9th May, 7pm - 9pm
- **Living The Joy Of Easter Retreat**, Saturday, 14th May, 10am – 4pm (a reflection day).
- **The Good-Book Club**, Monthly meetings begin Tuesday, 17th May, 7.30 – 9pm
- **Explore The National Shrine Of Our Lady Of Mount Carmel**, Wednesday, 18th May, 9 – 12.30pm. Approved Professional Development Program to gain 2.5 hours towards accreditation to teach in a Catholic School (CECV Catholic Education Commission of Victoria)
- **National Conference – The Holy Spirit, Giver Of Life**, Thursday, 19th May, 10am – 3pm. Approved Professional Development Program to gain 1.6 hours towards accreditation to teach in a Catholic School (CECV Catholic Education Commission of Victoria).
- **Listening - It's Good For Your Health**, Thursday, 19th May, 7pm – 9pm
- **Carmelite Spirituality Course Online** The Carmelite Centre Melbourne (TCCM), in association with CIBI will begin offering an online course in Carmelite Spirituality in September 2011. We will launch with the module – 'Mary in the Carmelite Tradition'.

More information and registrations please visit our website [www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org](http://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org) or call 9690 5430 (leave brief message if phone is unattended) or mail or in person to the Parish Office: Level 1, 189 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne, Vic 3207.

## Grease The Musical

The Academy of Mary Immaculate (Fitzroy) and Simonds Catholic College present Grease. Opening night, Thursday, 19 May, 7.30pm in the School Hall; Friday 20th May, 7.30pm; Saturday 21st May, 2pm; Friday 27th May, 7.30pm; Saturday 28th May, 2pm.

For more information call the Academy of Mary Immaculate on 9419 3044.

## 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.

### Our next events are:

- Drinks at Amora Riverwalk Hotel, Friday night, 20th May at 7pm.
- lunch and a walk at Ricketts Point, Beaumaris on Sunday, 22nd May at 12 noon.
- Visit to Mulberry Hill – home of artist Daryl Lindsay and author, Joan Lindsay, who wrote *Picnic At Hanging Rock*. This property is owned by the National Trust of Victoria and will be of interest to people who enjoy art, architecture and antiques. Golf Links Rd, Langwarrin Sth on Sunday, 19th June @ 1pm.

For more information & to RSVP visit our website [www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics](http://www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics)

## CatholicCare's Family Week

During Family Week (2nd - 8th May), CatholicCare (formerly Centacare Catholic Family Services) hopes schools and parishes will explore the theme of **Families on a Journey** - encouraging them to appreciate their own life story and those of others who have different cultures, lifestyles and family situations. By participating in Family Week, we can "dare to care" for those children and families who are socially isolated and disadvantaged and those who need help as they travel on their own personal journey.

For over 75 years, CatholicCare has supported families in all their diversity and from all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Vulnerable families within our communities across Melbourne and Geelong urgently need your support. For more information or if you wish to contribute, go to [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au) or call John McCarthy 9287 5507 or [john.mccarthy@ccam.org.au](mailto:john.mccarthy@ccam.org.au) or [kevin-meese@cam.org.au](mailto:kevin-meese@cam.org.au)

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*them. Even when he spoke, recalling a history. They still did not perceive.*

*Their blind journey continued to Emmaus and could have gone beyond, but for a word - a simple shattering word of invitation. 'Stay with us. The darkness is upon us.'*

*And in the shared darkness their eyes were opened, and their broken hearts healed. In memory of him became Eucharist, and life to be shared with others.*

*Surely this is Easter - not once a past event but in the darkness of our journey, finding a God, walking the dark ways with us, into dawn.*

*Sundays Under the Southern Cross  
Mary Coloe PBVM*