



SEASONS

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

First Sunday of Advent Year A

1st December 2019

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

Diary

• Tuesday

Social Club Mass & Meeting,
10am, C & U

Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, PCC

• Thursday

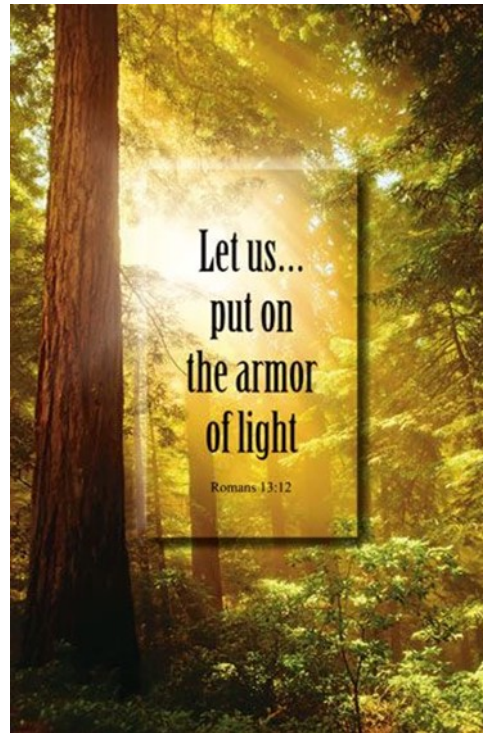
Social Justice Group
7.30pm, PCC

Finance Committee Meeting,
7.30pm, PCC

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,
7.30pm, C

• Friday

Antiques & Collectables Fair
Committee 10.30am, PCC



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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

followed by morning tea

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

For Advent this year, the Liturgy Team has decided to focus on the themes from our 2nd Readings each week.

**This week our theme is
LIGHT.**

In all the places we live and work, is there some dimness or darkness we can brighten with the light of Christ this week?

Perhaps our prayer each day could be

Now is the hour to rouse from our sleep and take up the work of the day.

Jesus, be our light this day. Throw darkness out.

(Anne Osdieck)

We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Paul Wirth (brother of David)

Those whose anniversaries fall at

this time.. Rita Fisscher, Millicent

Leydin, Lola Lamm, Clarence Wearne,

Jim & Ella Hutchinson,

the sick... Eileen O'Beirne, Helen Steinbach,

Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie,



Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Helen Gibson, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Fr. Michael Walsh, Adrian Gobel, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre & Ranelagh Gardens Nursing home.

and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

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First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Next Week's Roster: 7 / 8 December

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	I Owsianka	M Wunder	C Tirtowinoto
Comm.	M Cameron	A Moloney	C Huggard
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> A Wirth	<u>Book</u> H Steyn	<u>Book</u> C McNamara
	<u>Gifts</u> D Wirth M Jamieson	<u>Gifts</u> M Alaimo M Goss	<u>Gifts</u> C Judkins G Hone
AV	B Dobson	B Ribbons	L Moore
Children's Liturgy			C Parks D Parks
Morning Tea			L-A Gibson S Gibson
Counters			R Lindner D McKenzie Y Minton

Next Weekend—7th & 8th December 2019

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal



Melbourne Overseas Missions continues to assist the disadvantaged and marginalized in Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Botswana, Peru and Jerusalem. The work puts a key focus on the education of young people in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Melbourne Overseas Missions very much appreciate

If you are on the Reader's Roster...

Please collect your new copy of Break Open the Word (with your name on it) from the Sacristy as the new liturgical year begins. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Melanie and Brett Paton will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.

Morning Tea Your hosts this week will be Katie Rodgers and Laura Moore. You are all warmly invited after 10am Mass to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to get to know some other members of your parish community better.



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group

Invitation to share in Marian Devotion with the Rosa Mystica Prayer Group on Thursday evenings after the 7pm Mass.



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$2101
 Pledged last weekend..... \$1426
 November Average \$2576
 Church Loose collections..... \$300

Presbytery

Received last weekend\$490

(Please note that the majority of our contributions are done electronically via Direct Debit & Credit Card Payments)

Contemplative Prayer.

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

Silent prayer in the Church each Wednesday from 8:30 am to 9:15 am, followed by Mass.

What's Happening Here...

STM Social Club Fun & Friendship For All

New members are always most welcome!

Membership fee is \$20. All enquiries to:
Brian 0428 776 202 or Grevis 0414 527 172

Tuesday 3rd December - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am Celebration of the Eucharist in Church. New members always most welcome.

Friday 6th December - 'The Pirates of Portsea or The Beleura Buccaneers' at Beleura House, 5.30pm. Enquiries to Colleen on 9787 2479.

Wednesday 18th December - Morning Cuppa and a chat at 'One Pear Tree', Frankston at 10.00am (Park in Fiocchi Ave).

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch at Norwood House at 12.00 noon \$55pp
Enquiries to Brian on 0425 776 202



Upcoming Films at Mornington Cinema.
Sunday 8th Fisherman's Friend
Sunday 15th Knives Out Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

The Welfare Officers for December are Sally and Brian

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thankyou to everyone who has donated Christmas goodies for our Parish Fundraiser Hampers. So many different things! It's well worth winning! We have 1st prize (including a turkey), 2nd prize and 3rd prize Hampers.

Raffle tickets are now on sale at all Masses, and will be for the next 3 weekends.

\$1 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 15th December at 10am Mass.



Morning Tea After 9.15am Mass on Friday

The next morning tea will be this **Friday 6th December.** All are welcome to come along to the Parish Community Centre and share in the special hospitality of some of our Year 4 students.

Annual Advent Inter-Church Prayer

We have again invited the communities of St James the Less Anglican Parish and the Village Uniting Church to join us for an Advent Prayer time together on **Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm**, followed by supper. **As we are the hosts of this night, please bring a plate to share for supper as we take this opportunity to pray and engage with our neighbouring Christian communities.**



Bring and Buy Stall

Thankyou to everyone for all your generosity in bringing and/or buying at our monthly homemade, hand-made, home grown stalls throughout the year. Last weekend's stall raised \$440, and over the 10 stalls held this year we have raised \$3,114.50. This is a fantastic Parish fundraising effort – ThankYOU.

The next stall will be 21/22 February 2020.

Choir Practice for Christmas

The next choir practice (especially for the 9.30pm Christmas Eve Mass) will be on **Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm** in the Church. New members are always welcome.



Annual Christmas Bowl Appeal

Each year we join with the local Anglican and Uniting Churches to support this appeal by taking our turn to sit in the Mt Eliza Shopping Centre, outside Village Fruits, and collect money for the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Our day this year is Thursday 19th December. If you are able to help for an hour or so please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Nametags: The PPLT invites and encourages everyone to please wear a nametag to Mass as a way of us all getting to know each other. You can BYO or stick-on ones are available outside the Church each weekend. **This will be a really helpful way for Fr Joe to get to know us all, so even if it hasn't been something you have been used to doing, please consider wearing one now!**

What's Happening Here and Elsewhere...

Those who are affected by the **BUSHFIRES**:—How can I help?
Donations can be made through
Vinnies Bushfire Appeal
www.vinnies.org.au



For injured wildlife—Donations
can be made through



Wildlife Rescue on [1300 094 737](tel:1300094737) or

<https://www.wires.org.au/donate/emergency-fund>

Don't forget to look at
our Church Noticeboard
There is always a great variety of
current Notices & Information displayed

Baptisms These are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:15 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**. The next one will be on **Tuesday 3rd December**



Children to be baptised, and their families, are then invited to a Welcome Mass prior to Baptism where they are introduced to the Parish Community and welcomed by them.

St Vincent de Paul Society Giving Tree Appeal

The Giving Tree Appeal is for children's gifts which will be included in the family Christmas Hampers given to disadvantaged families by the St Vincent de Paul Society this Christmas.

There is an image of a Christmas Giving Tree placed on the inside of the front door of the Church with labels attached. The labels define the age and sex of a children belonging to the families we assist.

There is a box placed beneath the tree in which donations of toys and other gifts can be placed.

These should not be wrapped. **Thank you to all those who have taken the labels.**

The gifts, with the label attached, need to be received by the 8th December—Next Sunday

so that they can be delivered with the Christmas the hampers being delivered to the families during the following week.



Acknowledgement of Original Owners of this Land

As we do on the first weekend of each month, this weekend at all Masses, we will sing the Aboriginal Lord's Prayer.

As a Parish we acknowledge the original owners of this land, the Bunurong people. We will respect and care for these environs. And we especially remember, and pray for, the communities of Bathurst Island and Alice Springs whom we met on our Pilgrimages.

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne INFORMATION SHEET: Working with Children Check Requirements

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) acknowledge that the requirement for a Working with Children Check (WWCC) across all clergy, employee and volunteer roles across the Archdiocese is but one component of a comprehensive approach to child safety.

All persons in parish, agency and entity roles represent the Archdiocese and hold a position of trust in our communities, irrespective of whether their role involves direct, indirect or no contact with children and young people. The rigorous WWCC requirements of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) exceed the requirements of the WWCC legislation. CAM's blanket approach to WWCCs ensures that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people, and demonstrates our commitment to excluding persons who pose an obvious risk to children and young people from roles within our parishes, agencies and entities.

Extract from: CAM Professional Standards Unit Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework (inc Policy, Information sheets)

St Thomas More Parish invites every volunteer across all parish ministry groups, to apply for a Working with Children Check, if you have not already done so. The Working with children Check is **free** for volunteers and is valid for 5 years. If you have obtained a WWCC but have not given a copy to the parish, please can you do so as soon as possible because we need to keep a record of the WWCC for each volunteer. Vicki, our Office Manager, will be able to help anyone who may need assistance with completing the online application for the WWCC.

