

# SEASONS

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

Christ The King, Year A

26th November 2017

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

## Diary

- **Sunday**  
Pizza Night, PCC, 5pm
- **Monday**  
Music Group, 2pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**  
Social Club Committee Meeting,  
10am, PCC  
Sip 'n' Sew Christmas Lunch,  
12 noon, Dava Hotel
- **Wednesday**  
RCIA, 7.30pm, PCC

# WELCOME

We're So Glad You're Here!



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### Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9:15 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	9:15 am

### Sunday Masses

Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

## Thank YOU

On our final weekend in the Liturgical Year 2017, this is a very appropriate time to say thanks to all who have contributed to the life and activity of our Parish during this year.

It would be impossible to mention all of those activities and the many ways in which groups and individuals have supported our mission throughout the year, let alone naming all those who have been involved. But you know who you are!

We often speak of our parish "community" and most seem to be able to find a way to physically contribute to the "life" of the community. I like to think of ourselves as a "community of disciples" whose responsibility is to one another as together we try to recognise God's plan for the lives of each one of us. I think that most also understand the Gospel is not a "private" document but is something to be shared with others. And in serving others we serve Christ!

So this weekend lets us celebrate our Parish. We come together in what most have appreciated as a fine "new" Church in which we can give honour and glory to God. Our Liturgy and prayer will reflect our gratitude to God and our thanks to all who have made a contribution to our community during 2017.

Please stay around after Mass - a chance to "welcome the stranger", ask others about how they feel about the parish and in what activities they engage. Even a chance to "blow your own trumpet" a little bit as you share your own experience. Meet someone new.

Our time after Mass will be pre-dinner nibbles after 6pm Mass on Saturday evening and tea, coffee and cake after both Masses on Sunday morning.

Thanks to our Parish Pastoral Leadership Team for their initiative and to all of you!

## First Eucharist Congratulations

Congratulations to **Felissia Piovillico** and **Paige & Sara Clarke** who will receive the Eucharist for the first time at 6pm Mass this weekend.

## Advent Inter-Church Prayer

As has now become tradition, we will host the Inter-Church Advent Prayer & Supper in the Church on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**. This is a great chance for us to pray with and meet our neighbours. All are welcome. Please bring a plate of supper.

## Baptism Welcomes



Congratulations and Welcome to **Jake and Brooklyn Edwards** (Parents – Karen & Scott) who will be baptised at the 6pm Mass this weekend, and to **Jack Sinclair-Wadham** (Parents – Joshua & Aleesa) who will be baptised at the 10am Mass.

# We pray for...



## Recently deceased

Margaret Carr, John Hunt, Aurelio Carvalho

## those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Dr. John Hamilton, Jane Collins, Wilfred Oakes, Vernon Hussey, Helen Sorensen, Rita Fisscher

## the sick...

Sr. Genevieve Fitzpatrick, Anne Shackleton, Erika Stanek, Judy Pessato, Peter Fleming, Luke Carroll, Marcia Fiume, Wal Gibson, Bill Hodges, Anne

McGrath, Robyn Davies, Jinny Reinhard, Rod McKenzie, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Pam Montgomery, Penelope Allen, Gordon Foulis, Len Crowe, Des Leyden, Pat Crowther, Margaret Beale, Angela Butler, Sue Kelly, Maria Kelly, Will Murray, Sr. Tarcissius, Frank Nolan, Fr. Michael Walsh, Shane Dobson, Ken & Mary Allen, Ray Grant, Rob Nicholls, Adrian Gobel, Rachael Sanderson (nee Davies), 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.**



## Book of the Names of the Dead

During November – the month we especially remember those who have died - we display this Book and everyone is invited to write the names in it of their families and friends who have died. They will then be prayed for at each of the Masses.

## November Mass Offerings

Mass will be offered this week for the intentions of Wines Family, John & Teresa O'Brien, Anon.

# Liturgy - Christ The King

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading:** I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

## Cuppa After All Masses This Weekend



We warmly invite you to join us for a cuppa after Mass. Your hosts this weekend will be the PPLT.

# Financial Matters

## Stewardship

Received last weekend ..... \$2,860  
 Pledged last weekend..... \$2,854  
 October average ..... \$3,038

## Presbytery

Received last week ..... \$1124

## When You Come To Receive Communion

A reminder - in this new configuration of our seats - that when you come to Communion (or for a Blessing) - whether you are receiving the wine or not - **please come up via the centre aisle and return via the side aisles.** This will allow for easy access for everyone and less congestion. Thankyou.

## Next Week's Roster

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
6 pm	Mikaela Leamon	Peter Leamon
8 am	Pat McConvill	Beatrice Rodriguez
10 am	C. Tirtowinoto	Alan Ryan
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
6 pm	Barbara Hunt (Book) Helen Steyn (Gifts) Judi Hannan (Gifts)	
8 am	Barry Hansen (Book) Marie Alaimo (Gifts) Marj Hansen (Gifts)	
10 am	Alison Ferguson (Book) Adrian Coughlan (Gifts) Leonie Bourke (Gifts)	
10 am	Children's Liturgy	
	Andrew, Chiara & Siena Postregna	
Counters	Alan Ryan David & Zana Hunt Dennis Cleary	

# What's Happening Here...

**Nametags:** The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team invites you to wear a nametag to Mass! This is just one way of us getting to know each other better. You can BYO, or we will have some stick-on ones available each week.

## STM Social Club

### Fun & Friendship For All

**New members are always most welcome!**

Membership fee is \$20. All enquiries to:  
Grevis 0414 527 172 or to Colleen 9787 2479.

**Sunday, 26th November - Pizza Night** in the Parish Community Centre at 5pm. BYO drinks and nibbles.

**Monday, 27th November** - The final meeting of the **Music Group** will take place at 2pm in the Parish Community Centre. Newcomers most welcome.

**Tuesday, 28th November - Committee Meeting** in the Parish Community Centre at 10am.

**Tuesday, 28th November - Sip 'n' Sew Christmas Lunch** at the Dava Hotel, the Esplanade, Mt Martha, 12noon for a 12.30pm start. Ring Aileen or Colleen for details.

**Tuesday, 5th December - Monthly Meeting** in the Undercroft after 10am Liturgy of the Word. New members always welcome.

**Tuesday, 12th December - Christmas Lunch** at Norwood House. \$40 per head. Enquiries to Grevis on 0414 527 172.

This month's **Welfare Officers** are Marie & Tom Shelton.



## St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

### Toys

We are asking the Parish to help with our Toy Appeal again this year. We would be very grateful of any donations of toys (unwrapped) for children between 1-5yrs (books, pens, pencils, Plain paper pads lego, Smiggle). Leave it in the box in the foyer of the church before or after mass.

Langwarrin St Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for accommodation for a 61yr old woman. A granny flat or an independent annex suitable for one person. If you can help please contact **Michael Quinn on 0407 820 447**

## Our New Noticeboard

The "proper" new noticeboard will be installed in the foyer of the Church very soon. In the meantime there are still notices in the same space. Not everything can be included in 'Seasons' each week so the noticeboard often contains other news and information about events etc. We thought by bringing the noticeboard inside the Church, more people may take the opportunity to have a look at all that is there. For example, the School Newsletter is included there each week.

## Wall of Remembrance



Bronze plaques are available for the Wall of Remembrance. Please contact Irene in the office for an order form, or to make an appointment to come in and prepare a draft. Plaques usually cost around \$235, depending on the wording, and images (if any). If you haven't already reserved/purchased a brick - to which the plaque will be fixed - this will need to be arranged at the same time, at a cost of \$120.



### Parish Working Bee

As Christmas approaches we do want to have the Church surrounds looking at their best.

A Working Bee has been arranged for **Saturday, 2nd December from 8.30am.**

Can you give an hour or two (or three) of your time on that morning? That would include some help in providing and serving some Morning Tea. A "sign up" sheet is outside the Church this weekend.

Thank you in anticipation. *F. Lavinia*

## Early Learning Centre

Included in last week's 'Seasons' was a copy of all the information about our new Early Learning Centre - to be called Woodland Early Learning Centre - which is now taking enrolments for 2018. You may have someone in your family to enrol, or you may know someone you could pass the information on to. Extra copies of the flyer are in the Church foyer.



## Morning Tea

**After 9.15am Mass on Friday**

This will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** (not the 1<sup>st</sup>) as our Year 4 hosts will be on camp this week. All are welcome to come along to the Parish Community Centre to share in their special hospitality.

## Melbourne Catholic Magazine

The November edition of Melbourne Catholics is now available from the Church foyer. \$4 per copy

# What's happening here & elsewhere....



## Thankyou

Thankyou to all those who were able to help at our stall at the School's Christmas Fun Fair last Sunday – Anne-Marie, Carolyn, Kath, Kevin, Justin, Pat, Jacinta, Lys - and especially to Maree Taverna for her idea and organisation of it all. \$300 was raised.

## Job Opportunity

One of our parishioners who owns a gardening and mowing business is looking for someone to help, 2-3 days a week. Would suit a (fit) semi-retiree. For more information, please call Chris on 9787 2749.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle



These are the **last few days to bring along something** with a Christmas theme to include in the Hampers. **From next weekend we will be selling tickets for the Raffle.** If you've forgotten to bring something to Mass, please drop it in at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday this week. Thankyou to all those who have so generously donated already.



## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

It's time to sign-up! Outside the Church this weekend are the sign-up sheets if you can help for an hour or two at our Sausage Sizzle at Mornington Bunnings on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December**. This is a really good fundraiser for our Parish, and many hands are needed to make it a success. Thankyou in anticipation!



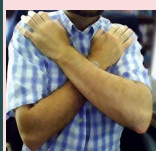
## Baptisms

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. 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. In order for this to happen, preparation needs to begin at least **4-6 weeks** before the Baptism, with a call to confirm parents' attendance at the Preparation Night. When children of school age are to be baptised an extended preparation time is required.

It is important to remember that Baptism is about the initiation of a child into a community of Faith or a community of Disciples. There is no such thing as a 'private' Baptism... it is something done by the whole Church.

## Holy Communion



During Communion adults or children who are not Catholic or not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing to any of the Eucharistic Ministers. Please indicate your wish for a blessing by crossing both arms in front of you.

## World AIDS Day Vigil Mass

CatholicCare HIV/AIDS Ministry invites you to the World AIDS Day Vigil Mass to REMEMBER those who have died from AIDS, to CELEBRATE the great inroads in treatment of HIV and to HOPE for a cure.

**When & Where:** Thursday, 30th November @ 5.30pm at St. Francis Church, corner Elizabeth & Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne

Seasons this week is sponsored by **Community Real Estate**. If you would like your business advertised here, please contact the Parish Office on 9787 7777 for details & cost.



### THINKING OF SELLING?

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