



SEASONS

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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th October 2019

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

Diary

Monday

Poetry Group, 1.30pm, PCC

Thursday

Rosa Mystica Prayer Group,

7.30pm, C

Liturgy Team Meeting

7.30pm, PCC

Friday

Morning Tea after 9.15am Mass,

PCC

WORLD MISSION

APPEAL



Reach out. Give life.

Vikhonuo can work towards achieving her dream of becoming a designer thanks to the opportunities given to her at the Eden Gardens Children's Home. Nestled high in India's mountainous north-east is the state of Nagaland, where, due to its remoteness, many people do not have access to electricity or running water, let alone education and varied career opportunities. The communities in these areas often rely on subsistence farming and local trade, as they have for many generations. This means that children like fifteen-year-old Vikhonuo are not always given the opportunity to follow their dreams. Vikhonuo is fortunate to live at the Eden Gardens Children's Home, a place where 250 children from remote and disadvantaged backgrounds are given access to education, as well as a safe home that fulfils their physical and spiritual needs. "We are just trying to give direction to their dreams ... that is the main aim," says Father Rajesh Lobo, who runs the home with Father Raymond De Souza. In addition to the ongoing struggle of covering running costs, the home is currently faced with water shortages. Distressingly, the water tanks at the home do not hold enough water to last through the dry season, and water must be rationed due to unpredictable weather. This can put a strain on the staff and children at the home, as necessities such as washing are sometimes cut, and purchasing and transporting water is very costly. The Eden Gardens Children's Home strives to provide the children with their basic needs, and with support from generous donors like you, can continue doing so for years to come. Please give generously today to help missionaries like Father Raymond and Father Rajesh continue to provide opportunities for children in Nagaland and around the world so they can pursue their dreams!

Freecall: 1800 257 296 or online at : catholicmission.org.au/india



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Weekday Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am
School Mass	12.15 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.



We pray for...

Those who have died recently..

Fr Bart Sang

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. John Eggins, Bunty Bowring, Veronica Wood, John Pierce, Ronald Taylor, William and Irene Ryan, John Gallagher

the sick... Helen Steinbach, Raymond Reynolds, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty

Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, 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, Tequiomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses Kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Next Week's Roster 26 / 27 October

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	K Dobson	C Anwyl	C Judkins
Comm.	L Crowe	A Davies	D Coyne
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> C Gascoigne <u>Gifts</u> J Hannan N Davies	<u>Book</u> B Hansen <u>Gifts</u> M Hansen S Carr	<u>Book</u> L Bourke <u>Gifts</u> H Grech P Royal
AV	B Dobson	B Ribbons	L Moore
Children's Liturgy			E Batey M Moncrieff
Morning Tea			A Davey J Bruitzman
Counters			J Collins M Hutchinson I Owsianka



Dear parishioners,
Consistent with the

requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards, the Archbishop, through the

Professional Standards Unit has requested that all the clergy, staff and volunteers across the diocese to have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). As a diocese, we are working towards creating safe environments in our communities, organisations and parishes where children and young people are able to grow and develop.

Therefore, I write to invite 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. 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all that you have done to help us proclaiming the Gospel to the people of Mount Eliza. All of you are highly valued by our staff, PPLT, parishioners and myself!

Kind regards, (Fr) Joe Truong

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

Monday 21st October - Poetry Group will meet in PCC at 1.30 pm.



Tuesday 22nd October - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10.00 am.

Wednesday 23rd October - Morning Coffee

and a chat at 'The Sober Mule', Peninsula Lifestyle Shopping Centre (M104-J11) at 10.00am.



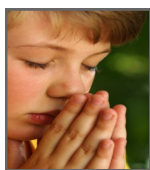
Enquiries to Carmel on 9787 3757

Sunday 27th October - Film 'Judy' the story of Judy Garland at Mornington Cinema. **Time-TBA.** As this is likely to be an extremely popular film to ensure good seats can you let me know by 12 noon Friday 25th if you want tickets. Of course you are welcome to turn up on the Sunday. Contact: Christine Stewart on 0431 696 084 or 5932 5473

Tuesday 29th October - Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10.00 am celebration of the Eucharist. in Church.

New members always very welcome.

The Welfare Officers for October are Catharina and Aileen



Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass Clare and Daniel Parks will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass.



Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be Bernice Clutterbuck and Sarah Harland. 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.



Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place on **Saturday 9 November, 8.30am to 1pm.**

There are plenty of jobs to be done to the church and surrounds, including weeding, a few handy-person maintenance items and church window cleaning. Quite often we don't make it through the list of projects, however the more pairs of hands we have, the more we'll be able to achieve.

If you can spare some tip vouchers, we would very much appreciate them: whatever we don't use on the day we can keep for the next working bee. Please add your name and number to the signup sheet if you can help on the day, serve or prepare morning tea.

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!

Bring and Buy Stall - Homemade, Handmade, Homegrown - Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass—NEXT WEEKEND

How does it work? - Just bring along anything you have made - could be food or craft - or grown. Donate it to the stall before Mass. After Mass the stall will be open, and people will be encouraged to buy! All proceeds to the Parish. Anything leftover at the end of 10am Mass (except perishable food) will be stored to sell the following month.

Just remember... If you are bringing food of any kind - cakes, jams, chutneys etc, they must be labelled with **all** ingredients used, the **date** they were made, and the **name** of who made it. It would be helpful if you could please price what you donate. Those running the stall have the discretion to lower prices, if need be, in order to sell goods!

Dates for the rest of 2019 are: 26/27 October and 23/24 November.

Next Weekend's Masses Thankyou to those who have volunteered to be on the stall -

- 6 pm** - Marg McCorry
- 8 am** - Jo Mitchell
- 10 am** - Volunteers needed

Please contact Lys Crowe or Maree Taverna if you can help.



What's happening here & elsewhere....



Jesuit Social Services
Building a Just Society

Brosnan Services
The Peninsula Support Group

TRIP TO BROSINAN SERVICES

There are three available seats on the 25 seater bus for **Friday 25th October** visit to Brosnan Services in Brunswick. **This is a very special opportunity to hear about their work with disadvantaged and troubled youth** and this year they have organised a bus to collect us at 9.45 a.m. at the Parish Office Car Park for departure at 10a.m. Brosnan Services will also be providing a light luncheon. **All that is required is a donation of \$10 towards the hire of the bus. Please contact Tom or Maree Shelton 0418337950 or 0428337950 as soon as possible.**



Morning Tea

After 9.15am Mass on Friday

Morning Tea will be held after the 9:15am Mass this Friday, 25th October (not the first Friday of the month as usual). All welcome to come to the Parish Community Centre to enjoy the special hospitality of some of our year 4 students.

Are You New to Our Parish ?

Please fill in a new parishioner form



Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$1803
Pledged last weekend \$1756
Church Loose collections\$215

Presbytery

Received last weekend.....\$471

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

Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Baptism Welcomes

At the 6pm Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Eleanor & Olivia Mackinnon** (Parents – Andrew & Nicola),

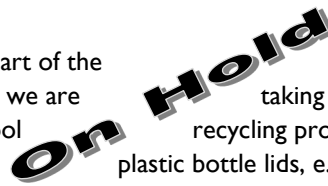
At the 10am Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Romeo Trudgett** (Parents – James & Eloise) and **Alfie Martin** (Parents – Gareth & Jacinta).



Congratulations and Welcome to **Xander Lassen** (Parents – Dan & Alexandra) who will be baptised after 10am Mass.

St Thomas More School— Promoting Sustainability

As part of the school's sustainability unit, we are taking part in a whole school recycling project. We are collecting plastic bottle lids, e.g. milk bottle tops.



THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD AS THE PUBLIC RESPONSES HAVE BEEN SO GREAT. It is expected to be 3-6 months before we are asked to continue collecting.

BIG THANK YOU for everyone's efforts.



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 Liturgy.

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.



Rosa Mystica Prayer Group



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

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 12th November** (due to Cup Day)

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.