

SEASONS

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

First Sunday of Advent

3rd December 2017

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting,
9.30am, U
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,
10am, C & U
Baptism Prep Night,
7.30pm, PCC
- **Wednesday**
Inter-Church Advent Prayer,
7.30PM, C
- **Thursday**
Finance Committee ,
7.30pm, PCC
- **Friday**
Refurb Sub-Committee,
7pm, PCC



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, Liturgy of the Word	10.00 am
Wednesday	9:15 am
Thursday	7.00 pm
Friday, followed by Morning Tea	9.15 am

Sunday Masses

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

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm



WHEN YOU ONLY PLAN ON THE ORDINARY,
THE UNEXPECTED WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING.

Listen

for the unexpected

Advent has arrived again! This year we have chosen the theme of Listen – and each week we (the Liturgy Team) will encourage you to listen for/to something different in our lead-up to Christmas.

This week our Gospel calls us to listen for the unexpected, to stay awake and be watchful.

It may perhaps seem like a threat, but it is meant to challenge us to be fully alive and alert to people and situations around us and to where God might be present to us. Often in people and places we don't expect!

Advent Inter-Church Prayer

As has now become tradition, we will host the Inter-Church Advent Prayer & Supper in the Church on **Wednesday 6th 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.

Godstart 3 Year Old Mass

At **10am Mass next weekend** all those children who have been baptised in our Parish and have turned 3 during 2017 have been especially invited, along with their families, to come and celebrate their 3rd Birthday with us. This is part of the Godstart Programme in our Parish where we keep in touch with children baptised in our Parish, by sending them birthday cards and inviting them to these birthday celebrations at Mass, each year until they start school. **Please bring a plate of food for morning tea after Mass, so that we can all celebrate with them.**

We pray for...



Recently deceased

Sr. Genevieve Fitzpatrick
those whose anniversaries fall at this time...

Jim & Ella Hutchinson, Millicent Leydin, Lola Lamm, Clarence Wearne, Lloyd Beard, Audrey Hussey

the sick...

Gerard Carra, Anne Shackleton, Erika Stanek, Judy Pessato, Peter Fleming, Luke Carroll, Marcia Fiume, Wal Gibson, Bill Hodges, Anne McGrath, Robyn Da-

vies, 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.

First Sunday Of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8
Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9
The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Break Open the Word

Individual copies of *Break Open the Word* for the new liturgical year are ready **in the Sacristy** for collection by Lectors. Please collect yours this weekend.

Baptism Welcomes



Congratulations and Welcome to **Remy Mogford** (Mother – Tahnee), **Jack Ridout** (Parents – John & Sarah), **lylah Murphy** (Parents – Michael & Jessica) and **Leila Muretic** (Parents – Tomislav & Daniella) who will all be baptised after the 10am Mass this weekend.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$4,865
 Pledged last weekend..... \$2,218
 November average \$3,802

Presbytery

Received last week \$930

Goods From East Timor On Sale

Grainne Snooks from Padua College Social Justice Group will be selling handmade bags, soap, pencil cases, bracelets and more from East Timor **outside the Church after all Masses this weekend.** Please support Padua's East Timor Commitment.

November Mass Offerings

Mass will be offered this week for the intentions of Anne Sutton, M. Hutchinson, Mirabella and Shannon Families.

Cuppa After 10am Mass



We warmly invite you to join us for a cuppa after Mass. Your hosts this weekend will be Anne Davey & John Bruitzman.

Next Week's Roster

Mass Time	Lector	Commentator
6 pm	Graeme Hannan	Des McLoughlin
8 am	Chris Anwyl	Pat McConvill
10 am	Monica Dalstead	Minda Wunder
Mass Time	Ministers of the Eucharist	
6 pm	Michael Canning (Book) Margaret Jamieson (Gifts) Noel Davies (Gifts)	
8 am	Del Seletto (Book) Mary Goss (Gifts) Sue Carr (Gifts)	
10 am	Peter Royal (Book) Colleen McNamara (Gifts) Craig Judkins (Gifts)	
10 am	Children's Liturgy	
	Kathryn Judkins & Rebecca Cresswell	
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.

Cancellation Of Parish Working Bee



It was agreed to cancel the working bee on Saturday 2nd December due to the weekend's weather forecast.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered. We hope you will be able to help us at the appropriate time before Easter when we will again need many willing hands.

Choir Practice



In preparation for Christmas Eve Mass (9.30pm with a 9.00 pm Carol Service), there will be two practices in the church at 7.30pm on Monday 4th & Tuesday 12th December 2017.

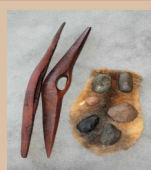
Rosters

Next week, I'll be preparing the first instalment of the 2018 rosters (January to April) for **Lectors, Commentators, Ministers of the Eucharist, Children's Liturgy, and Morning Tea**, and the **Counter Roster for the whole year**.

Please contact Irene via email MountEliza@cam.org.au or phone 9787 7777 by **this Tuesday, December 5th**,

- If there are **any specific dates on which you would be unavailable** during that period.
- For those of you in liturgical ministries, if you prefer to be rostered for a **whole month at a time**.
- If there are any other changes you'd like to make regarding your preferences for Mass times and ministries

We're also keen to hear from new Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Commentators, Morning Tea hosts and Counters. Please talk to Irene, Lys or Father Laurie if you're interested.



Acknowledgement of Original Owners of this Land

As we do on the first weekend 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.



St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held in the Undercroft on Monday, December 4th at 9.30am.

- December 11th is the final day to bring toys for our appeal.
- Colomban Calendars and Christmas Cards are available after each Mass.

St Vincent de Paul – Toys for Christmas

Thankyou to all those who have donated toys for the Christmas Toy Appeal. If you haven't already left your unwrapped toy in the donation box in the foyer of the Church, it's not too late!

You have until next Sunday 10th December. We currently have enough toys for the 1 - 5 year olds, so if we could have more donations for the 6 - 14 year olds (especially boys) we would be very grateful.



Morning Tea

After 9.15am Mass on Friday

This will be held on **Friday 8th December**. All are welcome to come along to the Parish Community Centre to share in their special hospitality of our Year 4 hosts.

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.

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. Please book and pay at the December Meeting. Enquiries to Grevis on 0414 527 172.

The December **Welfare Officers** are Sally & Brian McAnallen.



Contemplative Prayer

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

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

What's happening here & elsewhere....



Christmas Bowl Appeal

Once again our Parish will collect for the Christmas Bowl Appeal in Mount Eliza. Collection point is outside Village Fruits, Mount Eliza Way, on Wednesday, 20th December between 9am - 4pm. If you can offer a couple of hours on that day please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheets outside the Church. Thank you. Fr. Laurie

Christmas Hamper Raffle—Parish Fundraiser



Tickets are \$1 each and are now on sale for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. First Prize is a patchwork & quilted Christmas Banner, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Prizes are Hampers. Raffle will be drawn at 10am Mass on Sunday 17th December.

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.

Early Learning Centre

Included in ‘Seasons’ 2 week’s ago, 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.

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.



Sausage Sizzle



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 30th December**. This is a really good fundraiser for our Parish, and many hands are needed to make it a success. Thankyou in anticipation!

Melbourne Catholic Magazine

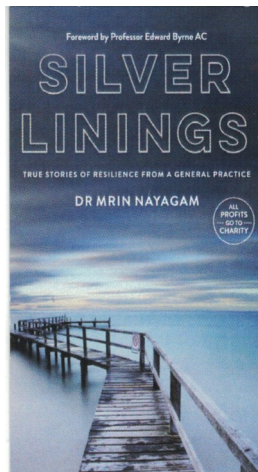
The December edition of Melbourne Catholics is now available from the Church Foyer. \$4 per copy.

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

Silver Linings

Parishioner and local GP Dr Mrin Nayagam will be selling copies of her book **Silver Linings: True Stories of Resilience from a General Practice** after the 10am Mass this weekend and on December 17th. 100% of profits from sales go to the Silver Linings Charitable Trust, supporting financially disadvantaged members of the Frankston and Mornington communities. \$20 per copy; cash or EFTPOS.

Ideal gift: copies are also available from Mt Eliza Newsagent, Robinsons Bookshop and Farrell's Bookshop at the RRP, \$29.95.



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