



SEASONS

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

26th May 2019

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

Diary

- **Monday**
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, PCC
- **Tuesday**
Social Club Liturgy & Meeting,
10am, C & U
- **Wednesday**
Choir Practice, 7.30pm, C

Welcome to
Fr. Brenden Hayes who will
be celebrating the 6pm
Confirmation Mass with
us.



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Weekday Masses

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	9.15 am
<i>followed by morning tea</i>	
<i>School Mass</i>	12.00 pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday	5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
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Confirmation



Congratulations to our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 6pm Mass this weekend.....

Jack Andaloro, Isaak Edens, Jack Vaughan, Bailey Marshall, Isabella Saporito, Jack McKernan, Massimo Lancia, Quinn Piva, Archer Vandermeer, Cristina Clinch, Nicholas Muccignat, Kade Rosenfeld, Grace Nottingham, Samia Pezzimenti, Luca Palamara, Tom Jones, Sarah Norris, Isabella Landman, Sienna Delord, Charlotte Crawford, Dakota Thompson, William Steel, Jack Powell, Thea Reid.



Fr Laurie's Farewell Next Weekend

The celebration of Fr Laurie's 50th Ordination Anniversary and his last weekend in the Parish before he retires will be on 1st/2nd June.
We will celebrate at all Masses next weekend with a cuppa after each Mass - please bring a plate of food to share.
At 10am Mass we will have presentations and speeches.





We pray for...

Those who died recently...
Sam Meadley

those whose anniversaries fall at this time... Sydney Jackson, Ted Marshall, Francis Lindner, Kevin O'Grady, Leslie Calley, Violet Hoare, Estelle Tracey, Ben Bedenikovic, Kathleen Murphy, Eric Crowe

the sick... Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, Bev Johnstone, David

Dole, Maria Kelly, Linda Rezek, Helen Gibson, Len Crowe, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Marcia Fiume, Judy Pessato, Maureen Anstey, Fr. Michael Walsh, Jake Steyn, 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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

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.

Financial Matters

Stewardship

Received weekend 12th May.....	\$2141
Pledged weekend 12th May	\$2053
Received last weekend	\$2269
Pledged last weekend.....	\$2544

Presbytery

Received weekend 12th May	\$997
Received last week	\$1673

(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.

Next Week's Roster - 1 / 2 June

	6pm	8am	10am
Lector	M Leamon	D Snooks	J Bourke
Comm.	G Hannan	M Wunder	R Storr
Min Euch	<u>Book</u> A-M Hyde <u>Gifts</u> L Crowe M Robertson	<u>Book</u> T Woods <u>Gifts</u> B Ribbons M Alaimo	<u>Book</u> P McConvill <u>Gifts</u> M Shelton A Coughlan
AV	J Collins	L Crowe	D Coyne
Children's Liturgy			No Liturgy this weekend
Morning Tea			Fay Fitzgerald Kate Hyland
Counters			Sandor Egyed Dennis Cleary David & Zara Hunt

Morning Tea

Your hosts this week will be **Lou-Ann and Stuart Gibson**



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. Next Weekend there will be a Cuppa after all Masses.

Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass

Eleanor Batey and Michelle Moncrieff will lead the children in an exploration of this week's Gospel at the 10am Mass. Please encourage your primary school age children to join them in the Undercroft, or you might like to go with your pre-schoolers.

Caritas Australia—Project Compassion

We raised \$2034.70 for their good works. Cash Receipts are in the church foyer. Credit Card Receipts will be mailed from Caritas office after processing. Thank you to all who participated in this worthy venture.

What's Happening Here...

Appointment of New Parish Priest

As announced at Masses two weekends ago, the appointment of a new Parish Priest at St Thomas More will be considered at the next meeting of the Archbishops Personnel Advisory Board on June 11th. Presumably this will take time to come into effect. In the meantime the Vicar General's Office will arrange for supply priests to celebrate Sunday Masses and to officiate at Baptisms and Funerals. Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated regularly on weekdays although there may be alterations to our normal schedule. Your patience and understanding during this time will be appreciated.

Fr. Laurie

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

Sunday 26th May - Film Group at Mornington Cinema for The Top End Wedding at 1.15pm—
For entry—Buy own ticket

Monday 28th May - Committee Meeting in PCC at 10am.

Wednesday 29th May - Big Afternoon Tea for the Cancer Council (with C.W.A.) at Barbara and Bill's house at 2.00pm. \$5 entry. Bring a gift to auction. Enquiries to Barbara on 5975 2818

Tuesday 4th June - Monthly Social Club Meeting in the Undercroft after the 10am Liturgy in Church.

Films - coming up at Mornington Cinema - Poms, Red Joan and Rocketman. Contact Christine Stewart 0431696084 or 59325473

The **Welfare Officers for May** are Carol and Fay

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.

Bring and Buy Stall this weekend – homemade, handmade, home grown



Please stop and have a look at the Stall (after each Mass) and see what you may be able to purchase - lovingly made or grown by fellow parishioners. A Parish fundraiser.

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team

Thankyou to Ange Virgona who finished on the PPLT last week. The new Chairperson will be Jacinta Griffin. More members are needed for this important Team, but we have made the decision to wait now until we have a new Parish Priest.

Morning Tea after 9.15am Mass on Friday



Morning Tea will be on this coming Friday – 31st May (instead of the first Friday in June as that is a school closure day). **All are welcome** to come along and share in the special hospitality of some of our Year 4 students **and to celebrate 50 years since Fr Laurie was ordained.**

Choir Practice

The next Choir practice will be held at **7:30pm** in the Church on **Wednesday 29th May**



Baptism Welcome



At the 10am Mass this weekend we have the Rite of Welcome for **Harlow McCartin** (Parents – Kane & Bianca).

The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held in the Parish Community Centre on Monday 27th May at 7.30pm.

This meeting is open to all parishioners who are interested in helping their fellow man and woman.



Thank you. Marilyn Hoban

St Thomas More Social Justice Group

Dates for your diary

June 20th: Damian Moloney from Australian Red Cross will be our special guest speaker.

June 16th - 23rd: Refugee Week

What's happening here & elsewhere....

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. We will forward what we collect onto Envision, a local charity that is collecting bottle top lids to make prosthetic arms for underprivileged children in India.

It takes 800 bottle top lids to make one arm, so Envision have set a challenge of collecting 1 million bottle tops by the end of the year. Please spread the word to family and friends, all bottle top lids are welcome!
[Bottle tops can be left at the Parish or school offices.](#)



An Invitation from The Village Uniting Church

As our regular hiring group who run programs for children and/or youth, we just wanted to let you know of a First Aid workshop we are running at the church on **Saturday 15th June**, as we'd love to get as many people as possible along.

One day First Aid Training



For those who do not have a First Aid Certificate (and / or need to renew), the workshop will run from 9am - 4pm and importantly, will include added information around 'providing emergency response in an educational care setting' (HLTAID004) eg: managing and reducing the risk of allergies/asthma/anaphylaxis. For those who just need to

complete the annual CPR certificate renewal, this will be covered in the second part of the day from 12.45pm - 4pm. More details are in the flyer on our notice board.

Parish Forum: Homelessness" - What Can Parishes Do?

When: Saturday 8th June, 2019 **Time:** 9.30am-1.00pm **Cost:** \$20 includes lunch

Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

With the onset of Winter, Catholic Social Services Victoria will host a forum "Homelessness – What can Parishes do?" Come and hear what the Australian Bishops have to say about making a home for everyone in our land, what the Christian community is already doing to assist, and join in discussions how you and your parish can help. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Lucia Brick 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

pondering Grief - Sat 22 June 2019, 10am-4pm. This Reflection Day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie, psychotherapist, supervisor, educator and author with 35 years' experience specialising in loss, grief and trauma. Cost \$80 including materials. Contact Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne

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.



Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?
 The parish could use them.
 Thank you in advance.



Baptisms

These are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 11:15am 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 4th June**

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.