



# SEASONS

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

## The Ascension of the Lord

2nd June 2019

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

### Diary

#### • Tuesday

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

Baptism Preparation Mtg, 7.30pm, PCC

#### • Wednesday

RCIA Meeting, 7.30 pm, PCC



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#### Weekday Liturgy

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	Liturgy	10.00 am
Wednesday	Liturgy	9.15 am
Thursday		No Mass
Friday	Liturgy	9.15 am

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am 10.00 am

## MOVING ON .....

On last Thursday morning I had my last “Parish Meeting” – with the Altar Servers! That may come as a surprise as you are probably thinking “Which Altar Servers?” Actually we do have Altar Servers in this parish, but, apart from an occasional Saturday night or Sunday morning appearance by one or two individuals, they only come out at the Friday School Masses. The meeting was called by the kids as they had a couple of issues they wanted to talk about.

But it got me thinking about the future.

Regardless of age or stage of life, we all need to be forward looking people. Since Easter we have been hearing how, in the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas and a handful of others took responsibility for the task of spreading the Good News of the Gospel and built small communities (“churches”) throughout the land. These communities came to be recognised as folk who genuinely cared for one another, who made sure that the poor were fed and who came together to be fed at the table of God’s Word and Eucharist. And in spite of opposition and persecution – they thrived!

After 20 years (only a slight exaggeration) I find myself leaving St Thomas More with mixed feelings. Obviously I will miss people I have gotten to know, but I look back on so many experiences with some pride and satisfaction. And great memories.

I do hope you will look forward to the future with hope and optimism. Obviously there is some uncertainty until a new Parish Priest is appointed, but uncertainty is part of the human condition. Nothing in life is guaranteed. But think of Paul and Barnabas. May this become a time of reflection, prayer and support of one another that will lead into a new and challenging future for this community and for the whole Church. Please support the Parish Leadership Team as they steer our community through this time.

You will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers – and I will be looking at what happens at St Thomas More with keen interest.

Thank you!

**Congratulations Fr Laurie**  
**as you celebrate 50 years of Ordination**

**Happy Retirement**  
**and**

**Thank you**  
**for all you’ve given to STM**

**We will miss you**



# We pray for...

**Those who died recently...**  
Maureen Carlin

**those whose anniversaries fall at this time...** Kathleen Marshall, Ian

Dash, Maria De Jong, Dragana Bedenikovic, Roger Pearson, John Herbert, Frances Taylor, Tony Collins, Harold Redfern

**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.**



## The Ascension of the Lord Year C

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

*He had Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*



### Next Week's Roster 8 / 9 June

	6pm	8am	10am
<b>Lector</b>	G Hannan	J Berkery-Coleman	J Bourke
<b>Comm.</b>	P Leamon	A Moloney	L Bourke
<b>Min Euch</b>	<u>Book</u> M Cameron <u>Gifts</u> L Crowe M Robertson	<u>Book</u> S Carr <u>Gifts</u> B Hansen M Hansen	<u>Book</u> M Shelton <u>Gifts</u> A Ferguson P Royal
<b>AV</b>	J Collins	B Ribbons	A Ryan
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday Weekend</b>		No Liturgy this weekend
<b>Morning Tea</b>			No Morning Tea this weekend
<b>Counters</b>			Sandor Egyed Dennis Cleary David & Zara Hunt

## Financial Matters

### Stewardship

Received last weekend.....\$2678  
 Pledged last weekend.....\$1509  
 May weekly average.....\$2928  
 Church Loose collection.....\$972

### Presbytery

Received last week .....\$302

(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.

**Cuppa after each Mass this Weekend, as we celebrate and farewell Fr Laurie.**



## 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.

# What's Happening Here...

## Appointment of New Parish Priest

As announced at Masses three 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 has arranged 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.

*F. Lawrence*

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

PLOS production of "Les Miserables" at F.A.C. on 7th, 8th or 9th August at 7.30pm \$50 p.p. If interested see Colleen at the end of Meeting.

**Tuesday 11th June - Sip 'n Sew Group** will meet in the PCC at 2pm

**Wednesday 12th June - Cuppa and Chat at the Vesbar Café**, 3/80 Station Street, Somerville at 10.30am

**Sunday 16th June** - Maurie talks Maritime History Pizza Night at 5pm in the PCC. BYO nibbles and drinks \$10 p.p.

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

The **Welfare Officers for June** are Gui and Helen

## 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.

The Winter Edition of Australian Catholics is available in the Church Foyer. Take a free copy with you today.

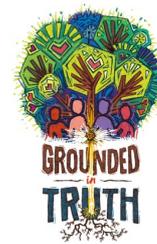
## Bring and Buy Stall

Thankyou to everyone who brought things and bought things from the stall last weekend. We raised \$255 this month. The next stall will be on 29/30 June. We still need volunteers to be on the stall after each of the masses. If you can volunteer for June or any of the months for the rest of the year please let Lys Crowe or Maree Taverna know.



## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories and relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation. The week is framed by the anniversaries of two significant milestones in our reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 Referendum (27 May) and the High Court Mabo decision (3 June). The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2019 is 'Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage'.



## 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.

# 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.

**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](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or book and pay online at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)*

## 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

**See this weekend's insert for more details.**

## Footprints of Jesus – 14 day pilgrimage to Holy Land.

**Dates: 8-21 September 2019**

Tour Chaplain: Fr Joseph Amal

Cost \$5,690 AUD

Please see brochure in church foyer for full details of coverage.

Contact: St Luke's Wantirna Parish on 9801 8411 or Magiholidays Agent on 8839 6615 or Christina Williams at Frankston Parish.

Ref: (FJSEP19A)

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

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 9 June 2019

This week on the Journey, our Gospel is John 20:19-31, and our Gospel reflected on by Fr Greg Barker from Newcastle. Mother Hilda inspires us with St Bede's Angels, in her Wisdom from the Abbey, Sam Clear in his Walking the Walk God spot asks "How Far To The Shop?" and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy shares the joy of Developing our Spiritual Lives. . [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**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.