On Sunday At 10am Mass
We Commission Our School Staff For 2017

School Leadership Team
Mrs. Pat McConville - Principal
Mr. Peter Whyte - Deputy Principal
Miss Lorraine Coassin - Education in Faith Leader
Mrs. Mandy Shankie – Learning & Teaching Leader
Mrs. Gianna Hakim
Mrs. Michelle Moncrieff

Year 5/6 Team
Mrs. Michelle Moncrieff – Unit Leader
Mrs. Jill Chaplin - Maths Leader
Ms. Kate McCormick
Miss Samantha Griffin

Year 1/2 Team
Ms. Lorraine Coassin
Mrs. Kelly Scheen
Miss Nicole Cicchini - E-learning Leader
Miss Eleanor Batey

Specialist Team
Mr. Peter Whyte - Technology
Mrs. Olivia Klopper - Music Teacher
Mrs. Vanessa Carbis - PE Teacher

Year 3/4 Team
Mrs. Mandy Shankie - Unit Leader
Miss Jayde Jenkins
Mrs. Sarah Jane Anderson - E-learning Leader
Mrs. Nadine Boundy

Prep Team
Mrs. Gianna Hakim – Junior Unit Leader
Miss Danielle Wells

Support Team
Ms. Lys Crowe – Family School Liaison Worker
Mrs. Cathy McKenzie - Reading Recovery - Literacy Leader Prep-6
Mrs. Cindy Kenny – Maths Support
Mrs. Lorraine Stocker – Classroom Support
Mrs. Annalisa Vallesi – Classroom Support
Mrs. Karyn Leslie – Classroom Support
Mrs. Jacki Goodall – Classroom Support
Mrs. Fria Marquardt – Classroom Support
Ms. Debbie Beasley – Classroom Support
Mrs. Suzanne Baczyk – Classroom Support
Miss Lois Truett - Library Technician

Office Team
Mrs. Danielle O’Connor - Admin Officer
Mrs. Jo Muller - Admin Officer

Weekly Masses

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Diary

- **This Sunday**
  Film Group - Perfect Strangers
  4.25pm, Mornington Cinema

- **Monday**
  St Vincent de Paul Meeting,
  9.30am, U
  Music Group, 2pm, PCC

- **Tuesday**
  Sip 'n' Sew Group, 2pm, PCC
  Parish Education Board,
  7.30pm, PCC

- **Wednesday**
  PPLT Meeting,
  7.30pm, PCC
We pray for...

Those who died recently
Daniel Page, Maria de Lourdes Coelho

those whose anniversaries fall at this time...
Tom Connolly, Terry Sutton, Lee Rayner, Peggy Fox, Alice Murtagh, Trish Hutchinson, Leo Fennessy, Patricia Duguid, Pat May, Lucy Tuck, Clare Sullivan

and the Sick...
Peter Wilson, Penelope Allen, David McDougall, Gordon Foulis, Les Malseed, Len Crowe, Jose Gomes, Des Leyden, Pat Crowther, Margaret Beale, Angela Butler, Sue Kelly, Maria Kelly, Jan Deakin, Will Murray, Sr. Tarcissius, Frank Nolan, Jo King, Paula Stuart, Kathryn Hart, 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.

Liturgy - Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mathew 5:17-37
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Financial Matters

Stewardship
Received last weekend ......................... $6,819
Pledged last weekend .......................... $6,044
Average received in January ................. $1,379

Presbytery
Amount received last week .................... $1,232
Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Next Week’s Roster

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Counters
Alan Ryan
David & Zana Hunt
Dennis Cleary

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 2017

The Parent Information Night for all those who have children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time this year, will be on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in the School Multi-purpose area. Classes for those children who are not at St Thomas More School will begin soon after. Please contact Lys Crowe at the Parish Office for more information.

Morning Tea

Your hosts this week Joanne & Larry McEvoy. 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.

Your hosts next week will be Kelly Griffiths and Tyler or Dylan Griffiths.
What’s Happening Here...

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, 13th February at 9.30am in the Undercroft.

**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.

**Parish Quarterly ‘Teams Meeting’**

Thanks to all who attended the quarterly Parish Meeting last Wednesday.

I found it interesting that when asked what we wanted to “celebrate” about our Parish, the immediate response was “community”. It’s obvious that many do find a sense of belonging and a real pride in our Parish.

In developing our Parish Pastoral Plan for the next three years our Leadership Team tried very hard to listen to the hopes and needs of all and then put together a Plan from the input that had been given at previous Parish Meetings, and from responses to information in ‘Seasons’.

So it was most encouraging that so many people braved a pretty warm night to come together as a Parish Community.

Whether you were at the Meeting or not, please take time to, first of all, read the document. It belongs to the community because it came from the community. Try to be positive in your reading. Find ways in which you can support what is there and enable the “plan” to come to completion. It may mean doing what you are already doing or finding other ways. It is a “living” document to be worked on – by us!!

My sincere thanks to all on the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team who helped to develop this Plan. Its birth effectively signals the completion of the “tour of duty” of the present Team as no less than seven vacancies now happen. Our immediate task up to and including the next Meeting will be to discern who might be part of a new Team which will have the task of actually implementing the Pastoral Plan.

I hope many of you will give good consideration to being part of our Leadership Team. You may be new to the Parish and bring with you some insights from other places. You may have been a member of the Leadership group in the past and think that perhaps now is the time to have another go.

Importantly, do note the date of the next quarterly Parish Meeting – it’s on Wednesday May 10th at 7.30pm. At that meeting we will, hopefully, confirm our new Leadership Team and continue to advance our Plan. It would be great to have the same response as we had last Wednesday.

Thanks again.

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**STM Social Club**

**Fun & Friendship For All**

The **Music Group** will commence again at 2pm on Monday, 13th February. Our host this month will be Bill Hunt. Come one, come all!

**Sip ‘n’ Sew** will meet this Tuesday, 14th February @ 2pm in the Parish Community Centre.

There will be a **picnic at Mount Martha Estuary** on Friday 17th February, starting at 11:30am. BYO everything, including chairs.

Exciting news for the **Poetry Group**! We will be changing our gatherings from the 1st Monday of each month to the 3rd Monday at 1:30pm (same time). Our next one will be on 20th February. Please call Catharina if you have any questions about the Poetry Group.

Our next **Pizza Night** will be on Sunday 26th February from 5pm (no need to book).

The **Social Club AGM** will be held on Tuesday 7th March after 10am Liturgy of the Word in the Undercroft.

Our **St Patrick’s Day lunch** will take place on Friday 17th March at Canadian Bay Hotel. Bookings taken at the next Social Club meeting.

New members are always most welcome!

**Film Group** - **Mornington Cinema**

The film this week, **Perfect Strangers** will be on Sunday at 4.25pm. Afterwards those who want to will go to dinner at a nearby Italian restaurant, the Bronx Napoli, in Queens Street. If you want to come for dinner but not the film let me know. For all enquiries please call Christine 5975 6687 or 0431 696 084.

The Welfare Officers for February are Christine Stewart 5975 6687 and Nancy Collinson 5975 7872.

**Invitation To All 2017 Prep Children**

All 2017 Prep children in our Parish and their families are especially invited to **10am Mass on Sunday 26th February**.

This will be a special Mass to acknowledge these young members of our Parish as they begin their schooling, and will be followed by morning tea. All other families without a Prep child, are invited to please bring along a plate of food to share.
From now until the beginning of May, the Parish is selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle.

Please note that ALL of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More. By pooling our resources with other Catholic Parishes, we’ve been able to offer much better prizes than we could possibly fund on our own.

1st Prize: Hyundai GD4 i30 1.8P auto hatch, valued at $25,234
2nd & 3rd Prizes: Hyundai RB4 Accent Hatch 1.4P auto hatch, valued at $18,507 (x2)
4th & 5th Prizes: Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of $1,000 (x 2)
6th-14th Prizes: Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of $500 (x 9)

Tickets sell for $2 each. We’d like to sell tickets and distribute books of tickets outside the Church after Mass from now until the end of April, but we still need more volunteers to take this on. No hard sell involved - the tickets should sell themselves. If you can help, (after one Mass, either for a couple of weeks or the entire time) please call 9787 7777 and leave a message for Irene.

We encourage parishioners including school families to take a book to sell. To request a ticket - or better still - a book of tickets, call 9787 7777, or drop into the Parish office or School office. All raffle books (including unsold tickets) must be returned to the Parish office with payment by Tuesday May 2nd. Permit number 10949/16 150,000 tickets issued.

The Royal Commission
I’ve never seen the Church as a “perfect society” as we were taught in Seminary days. But the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Abuse has, and will continue to do, revealed an ugly side of the Church – a Church which we have grown to love and which has provided meaning for our lives which we treasure.

I know that long after its findings are delivered later this year, the implications for the life and practice of the Church will be significant. I think God only knows what the future holds.

Next week the Australian Bishops who were involved in decision making in the 70’s, 80’s, 90’s and later will appear before the Commission. They will be made to explain how the abuse happened, what practices allowed it to happen and what they have done to ensure that it never happens in the future.

In the meantime we should remember that while the Church is hurting just now, the pain and suffering will never go away for many of the victims of abuse, whether it be institutional or domestic or however else it is inflicted.

The Catholic Parish of St Thomas More, Mount Eliza is committed to welcome all who come here, especially our children, and to be a place of safety and respect for all.

A Great Family Day Out in Yea
Enjoy a great day out in the magnificent country atmosphere of Yea. St Pat’s Race Club Yea is holding its annual Picnic Race Day at the picturesque Yea Racecourse on Sunday 26 February 2017.

There will be great entertainment for both adults and children. Proceeds from the day support Sacred Heart Parish and School in Yea. Bookings for dinner in the Clubhouse and other catering options can be made on the website country.racing.com/yea-st-pats.

You can drive to Yea along the Melba Hwy from Lilydale, or through Whittlesea from Plenty Rd, or along the Hume Fwy and turn off at Tallarook. For more information, see the poster on our noticeboard, or phone Richard on 0418 842 926.

Would you like to advertise your business in this space in Seasons?
- In colour
- Business card size
- $50 for one week

We print 200 copies per week, and distribute to all STM School families by email. It is also available on the Parish website for six months.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9787 7777 for further details.