



# SEASONS

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

4th Sunday in Easter — Year B

25th April 2021

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

## Diary Upcoming:

**Saturday /Sunday April 24/25**  
Bring and Buy stall at all masses

**Wednesday April 28th**  
Finance Meeting, 7PM, PPC



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### During the Week

Tuesday	7.00 pm
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	9.15 am
Friday	9.15 am

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
	& 10.00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday	5:30 - 6:00 pm
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## ANZAC

Day is a poignant and meaningful commemoration for so many Australians. The reality of war with its loss of young lives and destruction, the pitch between life and death, good and evil, the consequences of moral injury for those caught up in it together with the resultant legacy of war on our nation provokes deep and often difficult questions about human existence and its purpose.



What does the so called 'spirit' of ANZAC mean? Over the years we have heard many expressions of this 'spirit' summed up in sometimes extravagant statements in regards to nation building and the Australian identity. Anzac certainly exemplifies for many those positive Australian traits, such as self giving, resilience, courage, generosity, resourcefulness and determination in the face of overwhelming odds that have being demonstrated time and time again since the Anzac event through other wars, in dealing with natural disasters and in tragedies such as the massacre of Port Arthur and Bali among others.

As Catholics how do we individually and as a Church community draw meaning and find hope in catastrophic events that seem to destroy hope? How do we situate the many tragic, destructive and evil events that plague us together with the life-giving, loving and positive situations that constantly make up our world? Even the destructive events, like ANZAC can be transformative and life giving! How does our Christian faith support us in our search for meaning and purpose in all the human realities we face?

In daily embracing the Easter event that we have just celebrated, we are challenged to interpret the realities of our everyday lives holistically through the faith and respond to these challenges with hope in Christ. This coupled with the rich human experiences of our nation such as the Anzac event, through its many forms of expression, symbol and ritual can assist us enormously in personal growth and understanding. Why is it that the suffering and death of young men in a lost battle can be seen as an event that is life giving? Why is it that their lives and war service can be seen as examples of faithfulness and virtue? Why is it that the death of an unnamed soldier can be viewed as a valuable element in the strong foundation of a new nation? Just asking the questions authentically, in the searching and questioning within our own personal situation, God is certainly present, his Grace abounds and new life is the result.

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# We pray for..

**Those who have passed away recently...** Douglas D'Silva

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....** Margaret Smith, Joe Kilgariff, Bernadette Thomas



**The sick...** Mike Seymour, John Xavier Clifton, Shirley Spry, Dennis Mirrabella, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Helen Steinbach, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen

Anstey, Jake Steyn, Adrian Gobel, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and Chronos/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.**

## Parish Sacramental Program Reconciliation & First Eucharist

An **Information Night** will be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 4th May**



If you have a child in Year 3 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact the Parish Office on 9787 7777 or email [mounteliza@cam.org.au](mailto:mounteliza@cam.org.au) before the Information Night.

**Contemplative Prayer "Let tiny drops of silence fall gently through your day"**  
**Silent prayer in the Church each Wednesday from 8:45 am to 9:15 am, followed by Mass.**



Walking With Wisdom—Mother Teresa

"We cannot find God in noise and agitation. Nature: trees, flowers, and grass grow in silence. The stars, the moon, and the sun move in silence. What is essential is not what we say but what God tells us and what He tells others through us. In silence He listens to us; in silence, He speaks to our souls. In silence, we are granted the privilege of listening to His voice.

- Silence of our eyes.
- Silence of our ears.
- Silence of our mouths.
- Silence of our minds.
- ..in the silence of the heart God will speak.

Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear God everywhere—  
 in the closing of the door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing, in the flowers, in the animals.  
 If we are careful of silence it will be easy to pray."

- St Teresa of Calcutta #comeintothequiet

## WELCOME

### Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office



### Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$ 2,194  
 Pledged last weekend .....\$2,613

### Presbytery

Amount received last week .....\$ 696

(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.

## Safeguarding Committee

John Natoli 0418 208 778  
 Julie Carter 0420 923 859



Existing Volunteers are asked to provide to the Parish Office :

1. A copy of their Working With Children Card and
2. Sign the Code of Conduct Declaration Form after reading the Code of Conduct.

[Code of Conduct Document](#) to read  
[Code of Conduct Declaration Form](#) to sign

[How to apply for WWCC Card instructions](#)

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ANZAC can be broadly described as sacred, even though it is a human event, as are all human events sacred. Why? Because God walks in and is a present to us through every human event within our imperfect world. The birth of Christ, His taking flesh and living amongst us is enduring and transformational. Christ lives with us and is immersed within our human condition, both good and evil.]



ANZAC is sacred because human life is sacred. Each human being is precious in God's sight. The life and fate of each soldier who died at Gallipoli matters to God. The nobility, the courage, heroism, the selfless acts and mateship of each matters to God and indeed are graced by Him. The immense grief of loved ones for the dead matters, God grieves with them as does the communal mourning of a nation stripped of so many young lives, this matters to God. This Anzac Day citizens will march with both pride and honour. This will be seen on their faces, both young and old, gathered in unity of purpose. This matters and is sacred to God. The sacredness of each human life compelled God to send his Son so that through his Death all may have life.

Each generation will find new meaning in the celebration of Anzac day. Many in our secular world focus entirely on human values which is very good in itself. The prism of faith will hopefully allow us a far deeper and richer understanding of the human condition in the person of Jesus as we ponder the significance of this Anzac event and deal resiliently with world events. In Christ's Death and Resurrection we have a source of hope that not only support us in those catastrophic events but can aide us greatly in the challenges of every day human existence. Ritual is sacred, for we Catholics the sacraments are the ultimate sacred ritual, the salvific events in which we find Christ. The Holy Eucharist is our daily Bread, the seedbed for regular nourishment for life's journey, the source of life.

author: Monsignor Peter O'Keefe

## BRING AND BUY STALL THIS WEEKEND AFTER EACH MASS *Homemade, Handmade, Home grown*

***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 2021 are:**

24/25 April,	29/30 May,	26/27 June,	24/25 July,
28/29 August,	25/26 September,	30/31 October,	27/28 November.

If you would like to help as a seller at one of the Masses on any of the months,  
contact Maree Taverna on 0425 721 207

## Holy Communion



During Communion adults or children who are not Catholic or not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Please indicate your wish for a blessing by crossing both arms in front of you.

## Upcoming Meeting:

**Wednesday April 28th**  
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## CHURCH ROSTERS

Liturgy rosters are currently being prepared for the Month of May.

The Parish Office will contact the 1st Weekend Readers during the week.

Parishioners who would like to be added to the roster are invited to contact the Parish Office

## Volunteers Needed!



**Are You New to Our Parish ?**  
Please take and fill-in  
a new parishioner form  
in the Church Foyer



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.**

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

The next residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South** (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



PREGNANCY  
ASSISTANCE

Dear Parishioners

Our greetings of good health and wellbeing to you and your families.

PAF is unable to run the Mothers' Day envelope drive this year so instead we are suggesting that if you are able to donate to our annual appeal, you can do so by paying cash/cheque to your parish office: or to the PAF Centre; by cheque or by a direct payment into our account at **WESTPAC BSB: 033 272 ACC: 318726.**

If you would like a receipt, then please provide your name and contact details in an email to [pafcares@gmail.com](mailto:pafcares@gmail.com)

We thought that this year we could extend the appeal to run the length of May, the month of Our Lady, Our Saviour's Mother. She is mother to all mothers and knows full well the struggles and needs of disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families.

We wish a Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers reading this and may you and your families be blessed abundantly.  
Kind regards from the PAF Committee and Volunteers

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St Thomas More acknowledges the Traditional Land owners, the Bunurong people on which we live, work and worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.



## STM Social Club

**New members are always most welcome!** Membership fee is \$30

Please contact : **Carolyn Gascoigne on 0448 871 970**

Because of virus restrictions, there will be no Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft for the time being and no A.G.M. in 2021. Committee positions from 2020 will remain, except for Brian and Carmel who are retiring. Membership fees from 2020 will carry into 2021. Those with fees outstanding from last year, or anyone who would like to join the Club, can contact the Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559.

All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.

**New members would be very, very welcome**

**Wednesday 12th May Lunch in the BAYVIEW RESTAURANT at the Mornington Golf Club at 12 noon.** Two courses (Entrée & Main) with glass of house wine or pot of Australian tap beer. \$39 per head. Desserts at \$15.50 are also available. Book with Fiona on 5976 7064 by May 5th. Booking is essential.



**Friday 21st May The Walking Group** will meet in the Balcombe Estuary carpark at 10.00am for a walk along the board walk. B.Y.O Morning tea. For enquiries, contact Christine on 0431 696 084.



**Tuesday 1st June Monthly Meetings will resume** in the Undercroft following 10.00am Mass in the Church.

## The Welfare Officer for April is Margaret Gallagher



Confirmation Congratulations to our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday April 29 and Friday April 30.

This is a special sacrament that brings the candidates into full initiation in the Catholic Church.

Fr. Brendan Hayes will confirm the students on Thursday night and  
Fr. Patrick will confirm those who attend on Friday night.



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# SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

*'He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.'* Lk 9:2

## Catholic Social Teaching



## PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### 2. The Principle of Solidarity

The principle of solidarity means basically that we are all really responsible for each other. It is not about a vague sort of compassion or shallow distress at the misfortune of others, but involves a determination to commit oneself to working for change so that everyone will be able to reach their potential. It is about respect for the promotion of the dignity and rights of our sisters and brothers. We have a duty to look out for each other.

Peter (*Acts 4:8-12*) shows his commitment to challenge unjust norms of his society through an act of kindness to a cripple. John (*First John 3:1-2*) speaks of God's love for us all and calls us all children of God. We are members of the one family and share responsibility for each other.

In (*John 10:11-18*) Jesus tells us that there are other sheep that are not of this fold, and that he must lead these too. Jesus was committed to caring for all humanity, to look out for all; as his followers, we also have a duty to look out for each other.

The Papal Encyclicals *Mater et Magistra* (1961) 'Christianity and Social Progress' and *Pacem et Terris* (1963) 'Peace on Earth' stress the need to acknowledge and respect the rights of others and to act for other responsibly. It is the duty of the laity to ensure that the State acts for all people.

**Nametags:** We have had a few inquiries about the wearing of nametags like we use to before COVID. While we are still under COVID guidelines, we will not be offering labels and pens to write your names on:- however if you have a nametag at home, please wear it to Church. This is just one way of us getting to know each other better.

### Next Week's Readings Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31  
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24  
Gospel: John 15:1-8



## Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More Fundraiser - 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.  
ie: for every \$2 Ticket Sold—  
we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.

The prize pool is 1 car and 19 gift vouchers.  
Permit 10110/21—100,000 tkts issued.

From **this weekend until the weekend of 2nd May (2 weekends remaining)**, the Parish is selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle.

1st Prize :  
Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4ltr Auto including on-road costs valued at \$22,390  
2nd Prize :  
Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$5,000  
3rd Prize :  
Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$2,000  
4th—6th Prizes :  
Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$1,000 (x 3)  
7th-20th Prizes :  
Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$500 (x14)

### Tickets sell for \$2 each.

**We will be selling tickets and distribute books of tickets outside the Church after Mass.**

**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 Wednesday 5th May.**

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth  
peace to people of good will.  
we praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty  
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

The name of Jesus Christ is the  
only name in which we can be  
saved

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

*The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.*

**Second Reading: I John 3:1-2**

We shall see God as he is.

**Gospel Acclamation John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel 10:11-18**

The good shepherd is one who lays down  
his life for his sheep.

**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

**Hosanna**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Communion Rite**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the  
word and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.