

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

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

Diary **Upcoming:**

Wednesday 17th February

7.00pm in Church





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<u>Weekday Ma</u>	<u>ss</u>
Wednesday	9.15 am
Friday	9.15 am
<u>Sunday Mass</u>	6.00 рт
Saturday Vigil	8.00 ат
Sunday	10.00 ат
<u>Reconciliation</u> Saturday	5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel reminds us of the power of Jesus to heal and renew body and spirit. This same power continues in the Church today through the Sacraments. I'm mindful there are still many parishioners who are not able to come to Church at this time. If you, or someone you know would like me to visit and administer the Sacrament of Anointing or Penance, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit from me.



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Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples-they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this all throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives. Taken from Loyola Press



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.

We pray for...

Those who have passed away recently... Bob Exton

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Laurie Gage, Michael Pierce, Eileen Kilgariff, Hayden Jackson, Tom Connolly, Terry Sutton, Lee Raynet, and Peggy Fox

The sick... John Xavier Clifton, Patricia Leerson-Dash, Bill Hunt, 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 & 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.

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. New members would be very, very welcome.

All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.

This event has now been cancelled due to the COVID guideline changes this week. <u>Wednesday, 10th February: Morning Coffee at 10.30am at the home of Sally and Brian</u> <u>McAnallen.</u> To book or for further details contact Brian on 0428 776 202.

Wednesday, 17th March: St Patrick's Day lunch at C.B. Hotel,



Mount Eliza, at 12 noon. A chance to wear that new (or old) Green outfit! Please book with Carol on 0448 871 970 or Colleen on

0408 314 409 on or before Sunday, 14th of March.

The Welfare Officers for February are Tom & Maree Shelton

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.

Baptism Enquiries: Please send an email to the Parish Office



Stewardship

Received last weekend	.\$	789
Pledged last weekend	.\$	947
January Weekly Average\$2,189		2,189

Presbytery

The Bishops of Victoria have suspended the Sunday Mass Obligation for all Catholics in Victoria until further notice.

Mass is broadcast via the Ten Network (6am Sunday) for any one who would like to participate.

- OR www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass
- OR http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand
- OR https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

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

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers? The parish could use them as we begin to tidy up our grounds. Thank you.





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************** Welcome Fr Patrick

★There will be a tea, coffee and ★ \star refreshments available after each of \star 🎌 the Masses this Weekend.

🟋 All are very welcome to say hello and 🏋 acatch up as we begin this New Year. ****************

World Day Of Prayer, Reflection And Action

ACRATH in Bakhita Day online prayer marathon



Pope Francis has declared the feast of St Josephine Bakhita on February 8 the International Day of Prayer, **Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking.** Join ACRATH and mark this day by sharing information, joining the world community in prayer and committing to do something in your own life to end slavery.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She became a Catholic and eventually a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000.

To mark this year's International Day ACRATH is part of a special seven-hour Marathon of Prayer moving around the globe and including a prayer and address from Pope Francis. In fact a group of ACRATH members and a participant from New Zealand, will kick off the event in the first hour.

To join the online Marathon of Prayer against human trafficking, go to:

https://preghieracontrotratta.org

The marathon begins on February 8 at 8pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time. For 15 minutes, during the first hour, ACRATH members from across Australia will pray the ACRATH song, Can You See Me? by Margaret Scharf OP. Pope Francis will join the Marathon at 11.30pm AEDT.

St Thomas More Parish Social Justice Group is scheduled for Thursday 18 February at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Commissioning of School Staff

This Sunday at 10am Mass the STM School Staff will be commissioned as the new school year begins, for their important role with the children of our Parish.



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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: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to God our praise is due. **R**.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles,

God heals the broken-hearted,

and binds up all their wounds.

he fixes the number of the stars;

and calls each one by its name. **R**.

Our Lord is great and almighty; God's wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; and humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

Second Reading: | Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

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;

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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.

Hosanna

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

Communion

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

Next Week's Readings —Year B Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ist Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 2nd Reading: I Corinthians 10:31–11:1 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45





QR Code Registration System

To be able to use the QR code system you will need a have a smart phone with a camera and internet connection.

Request for volunteers:

Can you help / assist people lining up to Register with the QR Code system before each Mass? This will help reduce the queue waiting times.