

# SEASONS

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

7th February 2021

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



#### Thursday 17th February

Social Justice Group Meeting

7.30pm in PCC

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.



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.

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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

#### Weekday Mass

Wednesday 9.15 am

Friday 9.15 am

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am

10.00 am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm



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.**

~~**Wednesday, 10th February: Morning Coffee** at 10.30am at the home of Sally and Brian McAnallen. 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

### Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$ 687

(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.

**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](http://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.

### STM Child / Young People Safeguarding Committee



John Natoli 0418 208 778

Julie Carter 0420 923 859



## 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: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

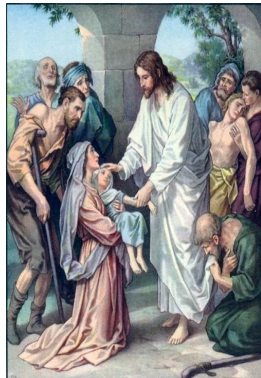
*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

## 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;

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 comes  
in 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

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

2nd Reading: 1 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 to 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.