

# SEASONS

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

17th January 2021

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

## Diary

Meetings via Zoom



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### 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

Dear Friends,

As I spent time in our Church this week I was struck by the deep links that connect our Parish to our Patron Saint, Thomas More. The relics and statues around the Church are a tangible sign of our communion with St Thomas More and of his unwavering commitment to justice and truth. They remind us of those men and woman whose courageous sacrifices have inspired our own faith. They offer us encouragement and inspiration in our vocation to holiness in our different states of life. This great calling was a central concern of the Second Vatican Council. The Council affirmed *“All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity”* (LG40).

I am very excited to be appointed as Administrator of St Thomas More Parish. My inspiration as Pastor comes from Vatican II: to assist and enable each person to experience the fullness of Christian life, and to grow more in love of God and of neighbor. This mission is already well underway. After reading *Journey of a Faith Community*, I was impressed that our parish has a proud history of building up community, of supporting the poor and vulnerable, of adult faith formation and celebration of the sacraments. My hope and prayer is that we can continue to build upon all the good that has gone before us. I want to acknowledge the recent contribution of Fr Joe, who reached out in so many different ways to parishioners during a very difficult time and Fr Laurie whose priestly love and care for parishioners continues to bear much fruit. I am very grateful for all those who have continued to support the parish financially, practically and spiritually, especially throughout these months of transition and change

Now is the time to rebuild and recover from all that COVID-19 has wrought on our community. As we enter this phase of “COVID- Normal” I want to reaffirm that all are very welcome to join us for Masses and Sacraments at St Thomas More. We have space for 130 people at each Mass, and there is no need to pre-book, as contact details can be recorded upon entry. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the coming weeks after Mass or around the parish, and working with our committees and parishioners to find opportunities to build up the community at gatherings and events throughout the year ahead.

Please pray for me, as I continue to remember you in my prayers, especially at the Altar of Praise.

St Thomas More: Pray for Us!

Sincerely

Fr Patrick Bradford



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...**

Keith Edwards and Rosemary Ivey

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....**

James Breen, Ralph Skinner, Elizabeth Morse, Margaret Connolly, and Maisie Horrigan

**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.**

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

**First Reading: I Samuel 3:3-10, 19**

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

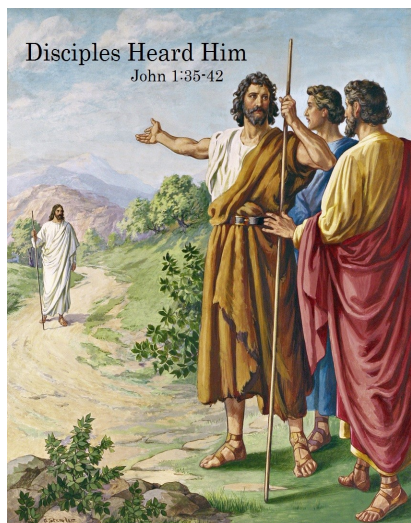
*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 1:35-42**

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*



**Next Week’s Readings —Year B**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



### Mass online

[www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

**OR** <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

**OR** <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

**OR** St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne. Daily and Sunday Mass is available, with the I Iam Mass live streamed; it is also available as a recording on-demand. <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

**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.

### Are You New to Our Parish ?



Please take and fill-in a new parishioner form (which are pinned to the Foyer noticeboard)

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

The parish could use them as we begin to tidy up our grounds. Thank you.

### Financial Matters 10th January

	Actual	Pledge
Stewardship	\$ 1,147	\$ 1,874
Presbytery	\$ 304	

*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*

## What's Happening Here ...

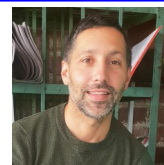
### Safeguarding Committee

Unfortunately, the 21 January meeting has been cancelled.  
Next Meeting - to be advised.



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Consistent with the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards, the Archbishop, through the Professional Standards Unit has requested that all the clergy, staff and volunteers across the diocese to have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Therefore, we invite every volunteer across all parish ministry groups, to apply for a Working with Children Check, if you have not already done so. The Working with children Check is **free** for volunteers.

If you have an existing WWCC card created for another organisation, please contact the Department of Justice to **ADD** St Thomas More Parish to your profile. The parish office can assist you with the necessary information.

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST- PPLT

The PPLT are currently under quota and so we are calling on all interested parishioners to put their hands up to join the PPLT. We meet in the evening on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to discuss, plan and implement activities that benefit the whole parish community. During this difficult year we have met via Zoom meetings but usually we meet in the Parish House

Please consider joining the PPLT. This represents us, the people of our community and it's where our voices can be heard. We are an advisory group to the Parish Priest/ Administrator and we work together with the best interests of this Parish in mind. At the centre of our meetings is the Parish three year Plan (which is due for an update) and decisions are made within this framework.

If you want further information or wish to express an interest in joining us you can contact any of the PPLT.

PPLT Members: Jacinta Griffin (Chair), Leonie Burke, Carmel Huggard, Margaret Jamieson

## STM Social Club Fun & Friendship For All

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

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

### St Thomas More Website:

Due to the age of our main website (<https://www.stm-mteliza.org>), we are having some operating problems and I cannot update any of the pages until the IT department returns from holiday leave and sorts it out.

**Please use our other Website where you can scroll down the home page to find the Sunday Readings and Weekly 'Seasons' Newsletter on the left hand side.**

**Website: <http://pol.org.au/mounteliza>**

### STM Parish Office Tue-Fri 9am-5pm:

Leave message on 9787 7777 and Vicki will return your call.

### After Hours or Anointing of Sick :

Please leave a message on 9787 7777 for Fr Patrick.



## Volunteer assistance

As we continue to invite parishioners back to Mass and the Sacraments, we need more volunteers to assist with welcoming and registration before Mass, proclaiming the readings, A/V support, collecting and sanitising the Church.

These roles are an important part of our COVID-Safe plan and allow us to safely welcome back more parishioners from our community up to our capacity of 130.

At the moment we don't have enough volunteers to cover all our Masses. If you are able to help once a week or even once a month, please contact the Parish Office to express your interest.

Thanks for your support.

## Pastoral Care for STM Parish during the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic

*This plan will be revised upon further easing of restrictions*

1. **STM Church and Office operating under current restrictions**
2. **Seasons** publish online, send out by email, or by post.  
Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive a copy of *Seasons* by post.
3. **Pastoral visitation: Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the housebound:**  
Contact our Parish Office to speak to Fr Patrick Bradford—9787 7777

## Assistance Required

Due to building density and social distancing regulations, STM Church is able to have 130 attendees for each Mass. However, before STM Parish can start having 130 attendees at each Mass it is necessary that we have at least a team of 2 volunteers to assist with sanitising the Church after Mass. Also, we need 1 volunteer to supervise the registration process for each Mass. Ideally, we would need to have more than 1 team of volunteers to help with cleaning the Church and to supervise the registration process. If you are able to assist with either of these duties please contact the parish office ASAP.

### Sat 6:00PM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: **Margaret Jamieson**

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: **Sam Failla**

Team 2

Sanitiser 1:

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: **Don McKenzie**

### Sunday 8:00 AM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: **Barry & Marj Hansen**

Sanitiser 2: **Mary Goss**

Registration: **Joan Bekery-Coleman**

Team 2

Sanitiser 1: **Beatrice Rodriguez**

Sanitiser 2: **Ron & Charlotte Congues**

Registration:

### Sunday 10:00 AM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: **Lien Sy**

Sanitiser 2: **Stephanie Nguyen**

Registration: **Maree Shelton**

Team 2

Sanitiser 1:

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: **Maurie Hutchinson**