



SEASONS

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

4th July 2021

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

Diary Upcoming:

Monday 12th July
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm in the Undercroft



Thursday, 8th July

PPLT Meeting
7.30pm at the PCC

Friday, 9th July

Movie screening of "All or Nothing" followed by lunch @ PCC

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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

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.

Dear Friends,

School Holidays always seem to slow things down a little, whether it's a quicker commute on the roads, spending more time with family, babysitting or working from home. Amidst this calm may we hear the voice of God speaking to each of us.



Reflection

In the gospel today Jesus takes a trip home to Nazareth. This is not social visit. While there he begins to preach in the synagogue. Initially it seems to be going well for Jesus as the people are astonished when they hear him speak. This doesn't last long and they turn on him saying; 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted to him and these miracles that are worked through him? This is (just) the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, and they would not accept him.' Having turned on him, then they turn their backs on him and reject him. To use a modern phrase, what they are saying is who does he think he is? Because of their attitude and reaction Jesus can work no miracles, curing only a few people. While at first they were astonished at Jesus' words and wisdom, in the end he is amazed at their lack of faith.

At the time of Jesus, the people were waiting and hoping for the Messiah. They had very set ideas about The Messiah. They hoped that he would restore Israel to its former glory and then lead people triumphantly. However, Jesus would not be the kind of Messiah or leader they wanted. He challenges their assumptions about him and their expectations of him.

Not everyone who met and heard Jesus liked what he said and some did not follow him, such as the Rich Young Man. He was asked to follow Jesus, but he couldn't and chose not to go with him. Jesus did not beg him to follow him; he freely called him and he freely let him go. When the word of God came to Mary that she was to be the mother of God she was deeply disturbed and wondered what the words meant. Through this ordinary woman God would do something extraordinary. She heard God's word for her; she listened faithfully with an open heart and responded courageously. Similarly with us, Jesus calls us by our name; he offers us the message he offered those in the gospel. How we respond to this invitation is up to us. We can either accept Jesus and his message or we can reject him as those in the gospel did.

We are made in the image and likeness of God; we have to be careful not to make God or Jesus in our image to suit our needs. It is true that we each have our own idea and image of God or Jesus which helps us to pray and relate to God in ways and in words that we can understand. Jesus talks about himself as the shepherd, the vine, the light, the bread of life, the one who teaches, heals and forgives us. These very simple images that help us enter in to a relationship with Jesus. While Jesus wants to heal, forgive and nourish us, there are times when he challenges us. He asks us to love and forgive our enemies, to welcome the stranger, to care for the poor and neglected, to love others as we love ourselves and to put their needs before our own. He asked to serve others as he serves us. This is the challenging part of his message, the demanding part of the gospel.

**We
pray
for..**

Those who have passed away recently... Valerie Prowse

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Nan Hoban



The sick... Tom Shelton, Len Crowe, 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.*

Sacramental Program Enquiries:

Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation



Baptism Enquiries:

Infant and older Children



Please send an email to the Parish Office

STM Social Club

New members are most welcome!

Membership fee is \$30 Please contact :

Carolyn Gascoigne on 0448 871 970

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 Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559. *All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.*

**The Welfare Officers for June are
Gui Hone and Helen Grech**

This weekend we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time and also the day that the Bishops have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal peoples, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time.

In particular we praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

QR CODES New regulations from the State Government mean that when we reopen for Mass next week, all parishioners will need to be registered before entering the Church by scanning a QR CODE through the Service Victoria app.

In practice, this won't make much difference for parishioners who have already been scanning the QR code on their phones. As all organisations now require signing in via this app, eg supermarkets, petrol stations, cafes, etc, it is likely that the majority of Victorians will be end up needing feature on their phone. If you have not yet downloaded the app, you can do so via the Service Victoria Website: www.vic.gov.au

We are aware there will be a few parishioners who may need assistance to register their entry to Church. We will ensure that newcomers will be able to register your visit through a parish device within the foyer. Fr Patrick

Stewardship Receipts and Envelope Sets (6 months)

are available for collection from the church—near the Exit Door for the next 2 weekends.

Please collect yours today

We have emailed receipts during the week to those who contribute electronically (Direct Debit or Credit Card). If you received a *printed credit/direct debit* receipt, please let us know your email address, so we can correspond via email in the future. Thank you!

Safeguarding Committee

For information: 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](#)

All or Nothing

On Friday the 9th of July St Thomas More Parish will be screening “All or Nothing”, an inspiring story of Sr Clare Crockett. Sr Clare was a 17 year old who in 2001 was destined for the fame of Hollywood. After a dramatic conversion she embraced religious life, leading her to serve in Equador. Her death and faith have inspired many to follow her example of courage and conviction. Parishioners are welcome to join us at the Parish Community Centre at 10am on Friday 9th July for the movie followed by a discussion and lunch. RSVP is appreciated with any dietary requirements by emailing:

mounteliza@cam.org.au

Musicians

In the coming weeks you'll notice musicians accompanying the Masses at the 6pm Vigil and 10am Masses on Sunday. You're most welcome to sing boldly with the lyrics provided! We are blessed to have within our community a number of skilled pianists, organists, guitarists and vocalists. We're very grateful for anyone who might be able sing or play an instrument for the glory of God at Mass. You might be able to play on your own, or accompany those who play an instrument. I know many in our community have previously been involved in choirs or contributed at the special feasts such as Easter or Christmas. If you feel called to help in this way, please speak with Fr Patrick after Mass or contact the parish office by email mounteliza@cam.org.au or phone 03 97877777.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a
prophet among them.

Responsorial Psalm

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own
country'

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Next Week's Readings

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

