



SEASONS

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

13th June 2021

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

Diary Upcoming:

Wednesday 16th June
Finance Committee Meeting
Via ZOOM, 7pm

Thursday 17th June
Social Justice Meeting
Via ZOOM, 7.45pm

Welcome

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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,

As I write these words I do so on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 11th of June.



The origins of the Sacred Heart go back a long way to the early Church Fathers: Ambrose, Jerome and Augustine. Yet it was only in the 16th and 17th centuries that this Feast became a devotion. These centuries were a tumultuous time in the Church's history. The Reformation was well and truly underway along with its emphasis on sola fide (faith alone) and sola scripture (scripture alone). God seemed to become more remote and impersonal. Only the very good could be saved, and there was not much someone could do to change God's judgement on them. Many faithful Christians began to lose hope and to fear for their salvation. Some fell into despair.

St John Eudes and Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque began to change the tide by inviting people to consider to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the heart of God who burns with love, mercy and forgiveness. Drawing the gaze of people away from themselves: their weakness, failures and sins allowed them to begin noticing the loving gaze of Christ towards them. It made God a real person, someone who loves us and that we are drawn to love in return. It reconnected people back with a God who could, at times, seemed so far away.

As we emerge from our fourth lockdown since the beginning of COVID-19, we can find ourselves feeling lost and isolated from each other, and from the Church. In these times of uncertainty, we can lose hope and feel overwhelmed by our fears and doubts. When will things go back to normal? When will I be able to see my family and loved ones again? How long will this cycle of up and down continue? These are worthwhile feelings to acknowledge and bring before the Lord.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus is not passive in the face of our struggles. In these days his face is turned towards ours. He feels our pain, suffering, doubt and fear. He feels that with a heart that is like ours – but even more gentle, compassionate, open. Meditating on the image of the Sacred Heart has brought many encouragement and consolation in times of trouble. May we find the heart of Christ beating with ours in these trying times.

It is great news that Masses and Sacraments have resumed at St Thomas More and we're now back to our normal schedule. While there's no need to pre-register attendance, you will notice the Church has a limited capacity with seating more spread out with new rules around mask wearing. We are strictly required to check each person into the Church via the Victorian Government's "QR Code". The easiest way to do this is to download the software to your phone and scan the QR picture as you enter the Church. If this not possible a welcomer can do this for you in the foyer; you need to give your first & last name with your phone number. Please speak to me or Vicki if you have any questions.

After some weeks apart it's wonderful to able for me to able to celebrate Mass with you again. Let us continue to support and pray for each other, mindful of the ongoing impact that recent events have on the emotional, spiritual and practical lives of so many among us.

We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Peter Hellard, Jo Clarke, Peter Jackson, Bill Marshall, Barbara Owsianka, Joan Mitchell, Louise Kasperlik, Ellen Breen and Lorna MaGregor



The sick... Tom Shelton, Eileen Dalley, 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



New Readers Rosters for June to September will be sent out when finalised.

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

WINNERS - 2021 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Parish Location
1	Suzuki Beleno (White)	067629	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
2	\$5,000 Gift Cards	076169	St Simon's, Rowville
3	\$2,000 Gift Cards	032504	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
4	\$1,000 Gift Cards	049130	St Michael's, Ashburton
5	\$1,000 Gift Cards	051855	St Thomas, Clyde Nth
6	\$1,000 Gift Cards	032099	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
7	\$500 Gift Cards	047457	Resurrection, Keysborough
8	\$500 Gift Cards	034273	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
9	\$500 Gift Cards	030396	St John Evangelist, Epping
10	\$500 Gift Cards	053783	Sts Peter & Paul, Doncaster East
11	\$500 Gift Cards	063650	St Paul, Endeavour Hills
12	\$500 Gift Cards	044181	Resurrection, Keysborough
13	\$500 Gift Cards	044752	Resurrection, Keysborough
14	\$500 Gift Cards	050482	St Michael's, Ashburton
15	\$500 Gift Cards	048859	Resurrection, Keysborough
16	\$500 Gift Cards	067768	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
17	\$500 Gift Cards	076793	St Simon's, Rowville
18	\$500 Gift Cards	067736	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
19	\$500 Gift Cards	041340	Nazareth, Beaumaris
20	\$500 Gift Cards	040880	Nazareth, Beaumaris

St Thomas More raised \$ 670 from this fundraiser. Thank you.

The **ST THOMAS MORE PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** will meet on Thursday June 17 via ZOOM. The meeting will commence at 7.45 pm and conclude at 8.30 pm. New members are welcome.

To register for this meeting please send a message via email to Bernard Dobson dobsonb@bigpond.com

Next Week's Readings
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st Reading: Job 38:1,8-11
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Safeguarding Committee

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 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

Stewardship

Received last weekend\$ 3,316
 Pledged last weekend.....\$ 4,915
Presbytery
 Amount received last week.....\$ 70

(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.

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

9. The Principle of Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the judgement of the nations (Mt 25: 31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

We are called to corporal works of mercy.

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| 1 Feed the Hungry | 2 Give drink to the thirsty |
| 3 Clothe the naked | 4 Visit the imprisoned |
| 5 Shelter the homeless | 6 visit the sick |
| 7 Bury the dead | |

This week's gospel reveals aspects of the teaching of Jesus relating to the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice for all where all people share the goods of the world. Matthew's Gospel 25:31-46 refers to the Final Judgement in which the King welcomes the righteous, that is those who performed the corporal works of mercy, into eternal life.

Many encyclicals reinforce this teaching with **Rerum Novarum** (1891) 'On the Condition of the Working Person' referring to the worker's right to a just wage and to decent working conditions.

Octogesima adveniens (1971) - A Call to Action stated; "The function of the rulers of the State is to watch over the community and its parts; but in protecting private individuals in their rights, chief consideration ought to be given to the weak and the poor." (#25)

Centesimus Annus (1991) – 'The Hundredth Year' stated; "A change of mentality is needed, no longer seeing the poor as a burden, or as intruders trying to profit from others, but as people seeking to share the goods of the world so that we can create a just and prosperous world for all". (#28).

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. Once we've worked out all the details, we will let you know how this will work in practice - Fr Patrick

11th 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 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of
Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body and
make our home with the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed
growing into the biggest shrub of all



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

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I
seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life.