



SEASONS

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

20th June 2021

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

Diary Upcoming:

Tuesday, 22nd of June

Parish children making their First Reconciliation 6:00PM

Feast of St Thomas More

Mass at 7:00PM



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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,

This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint, Thomas More. In the morning I will celebrate Mass with the whole school community and at 7PM there will be a Parish Mass which all are invited to attend. As was the case last week, there is **no need to book for Mass either on Weekdays or Weekends**. You only need to sign in at the foyer either with your own phone, through the electronic kiosk on the table to the left, or with one of the volunteers seated on the right. All are very welcome.



While on holidays I had the opportunity to finish reading the biography of St Thomas More written by Peter Ackroyd. The story begins slowly, painting a detailed picture of life in Catholic England, on the eve of the Reformation. At times the detail seems a little overwhelming and superfluous. Ultimately though, the author carefully weaves all the threads together into a satisfying finale which faithfully portrays More's humanity, courage (and sense of humour!) It comes with my stamp of approval.

Our founding Parish Priest, then Fr Hilton Deakin, had a great personal devotion to affection for St Thomas. Many of the statues and relics around the Church were obtained from different Churches and Holy Sites through Fr Deakin's efforts. Perhaps Fr Hilton and Thomas More became friends through their shared interest in the humanities: culture, language, literature, art. It was what Thomas understood as *humanism*, and what Fr Hilton might have called *anthropology*. They each share a deep interest and respect for the lived experience and dignity of each person and their background.

Defending these truths makes a real impact in people's lives. St Thomas was a pioneer and advocate for the education of women. In what was unusual for 16th century England, More provided for the holistic education of his daughters in his home school so that they would reach their full potential as contributing members to Christian society. His most famous work, *Utopia*, imagines a society where the common good is underpinned by a deep respect for each person.

Thomas was a firm defender of conscience, freedom and justice. He had a deep devotional life, he loved the Mass and the Sacraments. He would spend some time after meals making his thanksgiving or meditating on the scriptures. He prayed often for his family, and his letters reveal a gentle and loving husband and father.

The Story of St Thomas More has shaped the story of our Parish. Over the years it seems that many of the same ideas and truths that Thomas worked for and believed in have been realised in our faith community through the hard work and dedication of many parishioners. There is much to celebrate on our Feast Day.

As we reflect on the anniversary of our Patron Saint, we remember with gratitude the many years of fruitful mission, ministry, community and outreach at St Thomas More. We give thanks to God for the many Priests, Deacons and committed parishioners who have continued this mission of the Church. We pray for the souls of our faithful departed who have worshipped with us, and we ask almighty God that this work would continue to inspire many and to bear fruit.

- Fr Patrick

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, Tequimata, 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**

Safeguarding Committee

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](#)

Next Week's Readings 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Quotes attributed to Saint Thomas More

"I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first"

"One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated"

"You wouldn't abandon ship in a storm just because you couldn't control the winds"

"The things we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labor for"

"Take something from yourself, to give to another, that is humane and gentle and never takes away as much comfort as it brings again"

"Whoever loveth me, loveth my hound"

"The Utopians wonder that any man should be so enamoured of the lustre of a jewel, when he can behold a star or the sun"

"It profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world, but for Wales?"

"What part soever you take upon you, play that as well as you can and make the best of it"

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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

10. The Principle of Human Equality and the Universal Destination of Goods

There is a radical equality among all human beings as everyone is entitled to respect and dignity because she/he has been created in the image and likeness of God. God intends the goods of creation for the use of all. Everyone has the right to access these goods to meet their needs. People and nations have no right to squander resources when others are in need.

We need to be conscious that we do not exploit resources and so impoverish others or deprive them of necessary goods. Pacific island nations and the rising level of the waters of the ocean are an issue.

This week's gospel (Mark 4:35-41) reveals the lack of faith of the disciples. They misunderstood what Jesus was doing. In their eyes he was not concerned for them as they faced the dangerous storm. "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus is concerned at their lack of faith; they do not trust that he loves them. "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Our trust in God may involve doing something to reverse the effects of the human-induced climate crisis. Our hope and trust are in a God who moves us to action directed towards ensuring that the goods of creation are for the use of all.

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

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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: Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord
gives Job his answer.

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their souls melted away in their distress.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
for the wonders he does for men.

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

We do not judge anyone by the standards of
the flesh.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.. Alleluia!

Gospel: MMark 4:35-41

'Even the wind and the sea obey him'

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

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.