



SEASONS

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

27th June 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



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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,

Once again we're back to our capacity of 130 for Mass. All are welcome, there is no need to register

Reflection

Last Sunday we heard about the disciples being caught in the storm while at sea with Jesus. They asked Jesus to save them; he calmed the wind and assured them that he was with them. We ended our reflection by mentioning the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment. Today, with her we meet Jairus who asked Jesus to heal his daughter. Both come to Jesus in desperation but also in faith.

Jairus is an important person in the community; he is one of the leaders in the synagogue. He meets Jesus, falls at his feet and begs him saying, *'My little girl is very sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.'* Jesus agrees to his request and goes with him. While on the way the crowd press around Jesus. A poor woman who has been sick for years believes that if she can just touch the edge of Jesus' clothes she will be healed. She touches Jesus and is healed. When Jesus asked who touched him, she steps forward. Jesus says to her, *'My daughter, your faith has restored you to health; go in peace.'*

What these two people have in common is that they are both desperate for healing and help. What they also have in common is faith. Both believe that Jesus will do what they ask of him. They had no one to whom they could turn except Jesus. Jairus puts his pride and position aside and begs for help. The woman who has spent all she has on treatment is literally spent herself. All she has left is the hope that Jesus will cure her. Such is the quality of their desperation. Such is the quality of their belief and faith in the power of Jesus. When they arrive at the house of Jairus his daughter is dead. But Jesus calmly says, *'Courage, only have faith.'* At the word of Jesus the girl rises from her bed and is given back to her father. Jesus did not ignore or dismiss either of them; they came to him trouble but also in faith and he responded with healing and compassion.

This gospel is offered to us today as Good News. It is presented to us to nourish and nurture our faith in Jesus. It invites and challenges to follow the example of both Jairus and the woman. Jairus, important and prominent though he is has the courage and humility to simply ask Jesus for help. The woman similarly is desperate and knows that Jesus is the only one who can now help and heal her. While they both encourage us, they also challenge us. I ask myself frequently what the quality of my faith is. Do I have the courage, humility and faith of either Jairus or the woman? Sometimes.

As we slowly but gradually emerge from lock down, as churches and more shops open and we are free to travel, perhaps we are still feeling a little vulnerable. Perhaps there are parts of lives that are a little bruised because of what we have gone through and experienced. Can we follow the example of Jairus, come to Jesus and humbly but faithfully ask for his healing touch and compassion? Can I make his prayer my own today, *'Lord, lay your hands on me and restore me to health?'* Of all the women in the gospel, I believe this one who had the courage and faith to reach out in faith to touch Jesus is the most powerful. If only I had her faith.

If we, like her stretch out our hands to Jesus, he in turn will stretch out his to us. He will heal us. He will say to us; *'Your faith has restored you to health; go in peace.'*



We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Melinda Mitchell, Alfred Bardsley, Maria Knuckey and Lillian Oakes



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.*

Thank you for your prayers—Eileen Dalley has recovered and is doing well.

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

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](#)

**Annual Collection for
the Intentions of the Holy Father
will be held this weekend at all Masses**

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

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!

Stewardship

Received weekend 13 June.....\$ 1,627

Pledged weekend 13 June.....\$ 1,122

Received weekend 20 June.....\$ 1,717

Pledged weekend 20 June.....\$ 4,643

Presbytery

Received weekend 13 June.....\$ 580

Received weekend 20 June.....\$ 620

(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

11. The Dignity of Work

Jesus was a worker. A carpenter. As such he elevated work. The work we do, with our hands, hands and hearts, are an expression of our God-given dignity. Work makes us co-creator of the world with God.

"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts..." - Pope Francis, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and World Labor Day, 1/5/2013

In this week's gospel (Mark 5:21-43) both the young Jewish woman and the older Jewish woman are in need of the saving power of God mediated through Jesus the healer. We see the healing ministry of Jesus in action as he heals both of them. Jesus challenges the accepted norms of his society by healing them. The father speaks for the young girl and the woman was seen as being unclean due to her haemorrhage. He restores their dignity by healing them.

St Paul encourages the people of Corinth to use the surplus derived from the fruits of their labour for works of mercy.

The encyclical Rerum Novarum (1891) In 'On the Condition of the Working Person' the Church focussed on the plight of the worker leading to policies to protect and aid the worker.

The encyclical Laborem Exercens (1981) - On Human Work sought to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated. It sees human work as an act of co-creation with God.

The encyclical Mater et Magistra (1961) 'Christianity and Social Progress' addresses the situation of developing countries.

"Let people make all the technical and economic progress they can, there will be no peace nor justice in the world until they return to a sense of their dignity as creatures and children of God, who is the first and final cause of all created beings.: (#215)

Pacem et Terris (1963) 'Peace on Earth' addressed the relations between states and grounded rights and duties of persons to their inviolable dignity as creations of God.

Laudato Si (2015) 'On Care for our Common Home' addresses the challenges facing the world, integrates questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (#49) and states that "The climate is a common good," (#23)

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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: Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24
God takes no pleasure in the extinction of
the living.

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those
who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment;
his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning
into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

The Lord Jesus became poor for your sake, to
make you rich.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with
death and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Little girl, I tell you to get up.

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Next Week's Readings

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

