

SEASONS

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

Sixth Sunday in Easter — Year B

9th May 2021

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

Diary Upcoming:

Monday May 17th
SVdP Meeting, 7.30pm, U

Saturday /Sunday May 29/30
Bring and Buy stall at all masses

We Welcome
Fr. Joe O'Shea
who will be
celebrating
with
us this
weekend



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During the Week

No weekday Masses during Fr Patrick's leave—Please check with neighbouring parishes



Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am
& 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Dear friends,

I am on annual leave until 25th May. During this time Fr Joe O'Shea will be celebrating the weekend Masses at St Thomas More.

While I'm away, I will continue to pray for you all and offer Mass each Sunday for our community. For weekdays, parishioners may like to check the Mass times at neighboring parishes: Mornington, Somerville and Frankston.

Fr Patrick



Reflection:

The laying down of life for love is the theme of today's Gospel. In these final weeks of Eastertide we listen once again to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus offers himself as the model of love, willing to go so far as to suffer danger and death to express love. The second reading today explains this more fully. John is writing to the early Christian community and tells them, "My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God." And in the first reading we learn that God loves everybody. Peter has been hesitant to go into the home of Cornelius, because he is a Roman soldier, outside the Jewish faith community. But when he does, then suddenly the Holy Spirit is poured forth upon that home. The people receive the Spirit just as the first disciples did after Jesus rose from the dead. Peter says, 'they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have.'

Loving as Jesus loved will require sacrifice. Love is not just a sentimental, warm, fuzzy feeling: it's a conscious decision to share ourselves with others, to give of ourselves for the sake of another.

As followers of Christ today, we are called to love ourselves and others outside our own circle. Following his own example, Jesus taught us to reach out to those who are poor, excluded and marginalized. Let us carry on breaking barriers to reach out to others. Jesus teaches us not just to love those who love us, but to love our enemies too. It takes great courage and conviction to understand that we must love one another as Jesus loves us. And there is a further dimension. Pope Francis taught us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* - issued six years ago this month - to hear "the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth". We are called to care for the whole earth community, described by Pope Francis as "our common home".

All things and all people are connected and united in God's love.

The Living Word. Majellan Publications.



We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... Hermann Schnider

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Lucia Henley, Maud Dayes, Eileen Cookesley, Keith MacGregor, Scott Reade, Colleen Duyvestyn, and Mary-Jo Flood



The sick... Betty Hooper, 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
Please send an email to the Parish Office



Baptism Enquiries:
Please send an email to the Parish Office



Nametags: We have had a few inquiries about the wearing of nametags like we use to before COVID. While we are still under COVID guidelines, we will not be offering labels and pens to write your names on:- however if you have a nametag at home, please wear it to Church. This is just one way of us getting to know each other better.

Contemplative Prayer “Let tiny drops of silence fall gently through your day”
Silent prayer in the Church each Wednesday from 8:45 am to 9:15 am, followed by Mass.



Walking With Wisdom—Mother Teresa

“We cannot find God in noise and agitation. Nature: trees, flowers, and grass grow in silence. The stars, the moon, and the sun move in silence. What is essential is not what we say but what God tells us and what He tells others through us. In silence He listens to us; in silence, He speaks to our souls. In silence, we are granted the privilege of listening to His voice.

Silence of our eyes.	Silence of our ears.	Silence of our mouths.
Silence of our minds.	..in the silence of the heart	God will speak.

Silence of the heart is necessary so you can hear God everywhere—
 in the closing of the door, in the person who needs you, in the birds that sing, in the flowers, in the animals.
 If we are careful of silence it will be easy to pray.” - St Teresa of Calcutta #comeintothequiet

Appeal monies raised and forwarded:
 Additional amount received this week:
 Lent—Project Compassion \$ 110.00



Thank you
 to all who contributed to these worthy causes.

Safeguarding Committee

John Natoli 0418 208 778
 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 \$3,415
 Pledged last weekend \$3,683

Presbytery

Amount received last week \$ 724

(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.

STM Social Club

New members are always 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 the Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559.

All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.

New members would be very, very welcome

Wednesday 12th May Lunch in the BAYVIEW RESTAURANT at the Mornington Golf Club at 12 noon. Two courses (Entrée & Main) with glass of house wine or pot of Australian tap beer. \$39 per head.

Desserts at \$15.50 are also available. Book with Fiona on 5976 7064 by May 5th. Booking is essential.



Friday 21st May The Walking Group will meet in the Balcombe Estuary carpark at 10.00am for a walk along the board walk. B.Y.O Morning tea.

For enquiries, contact Christine on 0431 696 084.



Tuesday 1st June Monthly Meetings will resume in the Undercroft following 10.00am Mass in the Church.

**The Welfare Officers for May are
Carolyn Gascoigne & Aileen Calley**

Dear Parishioners

Our greetings of good health and wellbeing to you and your families.

PAF is unable to run the Mothers' Day envelope drive this year so instead we are suggesting that if you are able to donate to our annual appeal, you can do so by paying cash/ cheque to your parish office: or to the PAF Centre; by cheque or by a direct payment into our account at **WESTPAC BSB: 033 272 ACC: 318726.**

If you would like a receipt, then please provide your name and contact details in an email to pafcares@gmail.com

We thought that this year we could extend the appeal to run the length of May, the month of Our Lady,

Our Saviour's Mother. She is mother to all mothers and knows full well the struggles and needs of disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families.

We wish a Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers reading this
and may you and your families be blessed abundantly.
Kind regards from the PAF Committee and Volunteers

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WE NEED SPONSORS FOR EAST TIMOR

Education sponsorship can make a big contribution improving the lives of children of our poorest neighbours. Some of the poorer families in East Timor can't afford to send their children to school. The average income for most families is less than \$10.00 per week.

This is mostly earned by selling a few vegetables the families may grow.

Putting the people's income into perspective, a teacher as an example will only earn about \$50.00 per month, or a bus driver may earn \$5.00 per week. When the children reach their early teens many poor families send them to work in the family vegetable garden instead of sending them to school, thereby overcoming the need to pay school fees which they can't afford.

The cycle of poverty is very difficult to break. We attempt to do this by sponsoring the education of poor children.

Sponsors are asked to make a contribution of \$200 at the beginning of each school/university year. This goes a long way to meeting school/university fees. The sponsored support continues for the educational life of the child, continuing in many cases through to University.

Sponsored children's parents are required to enter into an agreement allowing their child to continue being educated.

A copy of the child's end of year school/university report is presented to sponsors together with a 'letter of gratitude' from the child.

If you would like to become a sponsor or discuss the possibility of sponsorship further, contact Les Harper on mobile 0408123562 or email lesharper@optusnet.com.au

More details can be seen on the web site "HELPING EAST TIMOR" AT lesharper.org.

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday 17th May in the Undercroft at 7.30pm.



All parishioners are welcome to come along and talk to our members about the work of the Society. Thank You

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.



Chaplaincy Appeal 2021

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.ccam.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

The envelopes will be in the Church Foyer near Registration List. Please give generously.

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

4. The Principle of Subsidiarity

The principle of subsidiarity places responsibility as close as possible to the people or groups most directly affected by a decision or policy. They should have a key decision-making role. They should only be interfered with in order to support them in cases of need, and to help coordinate their activities with the activities of the rest of society with a view to the common good. It is important to determine the right amount of support that is needed to accomplish a task or to meet an obligation.

When helping others we must be careful not to give too much so that people become fully dependent upon our charity and yet give sufficient that they can make a start themselves with some surety of success. It is important to give a **hand up**, not just a **hand out**.

Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God.' (Acts 10:34-35).

The Papal Encyclical **Quadragesimo Anno** (1931) 'After Forty Years' teaches that

"It is an injustice, a grave evil and a disturbance of right order for a larger and higher organization to arrogate to itself functions which can be performed efficiently by smaller and lower bodies." (#5)

Holy Communion



During Communion adults or children who are not Catholic or not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Please indicate your wish for a blessing by crossing both arms in front of you.

Are You New to Our Parish?
Please take and fill-in
a new parishioner form
in the Church Foyer

WELCOME
to our
PARISH
WELCOME

Do you have any TIP Vouchers from your Council Rate Notices you could donate to the Parish to keep our grounds looking their best?



For further information, contact the Registrar on 5978 2701 or email enrolments@padua.vic.edu.au
2023 ENROLMENTS YEAR 7
 Do you have a child in Grade 5?
 If you would like them to attend Padua College, please visit the College website for details on how to enrol online. Enrolments close Friday 14 May 2021

Pentecost Weekend 23rd May Morning Tea after 10am Mass

You are all warmly invited after 10am Mass to linger for a cuppa and an opportunity to ...

Welcome the new church year,
 Say farewell to the Storr Family,
 and an opportunity to get to know your parish community better.



If you can help with serving Coffee & Tea or can bring a cake, slice or sandwiches, please contact the Parish Office.



Wall of Remembrance

Bronze plaques are available for the Wall of Remembrance, please contact Vicki in the office for an order form, or to make an appointment to come in.

Plaques usually cost around \$290, depending on the wording, and images (if any).

If you haven't already reserved/purchased a brick - to which the plaque will be fixed - this will need to be arranged at the same time, at a cost of \$120.

AMAZING
LOVING
STRONG
HAPPY
SELFLESS
CREATIVE



You never appreciate
 all of the things your
 mother did for you
 until you find yourself
 doing the same things
 for your kids.



Next Week's Readings
The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13
 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



6th Sunday of Easter

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: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
 The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just
 as much as we have.

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

*The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

Second Reading: I John 4:7-10

Let us love one another, since love comes
from God

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

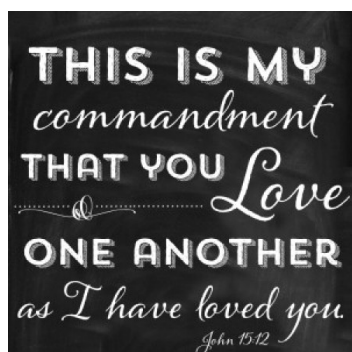
Gospel:

John 15:9-17

You are my friends
if you do what I
command you.

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.

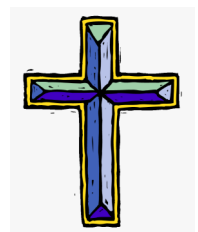
We lift them up to the Lord.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will
send you another Paraclete, to abide with
you for ever, alleluia.