



# SEASONS

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

14th November 2021

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

Diary:

**Monday 15th November**

St Vincent de Paul Meeting  
Undercroft, 7.30pm



**Thursday 2nd December**

Baptism Preparation Meeting  
Church, 7.30pm

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Services are Vaccination

Status 'Unknown' unless stated:

**During the Week**

No weekday masses  
this week as

Fr. Patrick is on retreat.

**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm

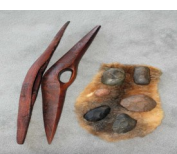
Sunday 8.00 am

Vaccinated- 10.00 am

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 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 Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Fr Patrick

# We pray for..

**Those who have passed away recently...** Matteo Chiaiai

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....** Christopher Fulton, Antonina Socha, Mark Landman, Margo Moloney, Lauren Kelly, Margaret Carr, Brighty Leneaux-Gale, Kevin Barnes, Gwendaline Pay, and Mark Sorensen.



**The sick...** Thomas Parrish, Keith Donovan, Martin & Helen Steyn, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Dennis Mirrabella, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, 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**

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.



This year COVID has made getting together very difficult. So instead of our usual Christmas Lunch the Social Club will have a **Social Christmas Morning Tea in the Howard Parker Reserve.** (off Canadian Bay Rd—Melway ref: 101 E12) on **Wednesday 8th December** between 10am-12noon.

BYO tea, coffee, nibbles and a chair if possible.

We will have a chance to catch up with friends and have a good chat. Hope to see you there.



The Welfare Officers for November are Tom & Maree Shelton

## 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](#)



*Be kind  
Be calm  
Be safe*

### During the month of November:

Prior to COVID, we would have the Book of the Names of the Dead displayed in the church during November.

You can still put forward your Names of the Dead Prayer intentions via the Yellow November Mass Intention Envelopes in your Thanksgiving sets or pick up an envelope in Church Foyer. Fill out and place in collection bag or hand to Fr Patrick.

### Stewardship

Received last weekend \$ 2,050

Pledged last weekend \$ 3,526

### Presbytery

Received last weekend \$ 30

Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

Our Parish MISSION Discussion  
6th October Meeting  
minutes and information can be located  
on our Website Home Page or follow this link.

[STM Parish MISSION Discussion](#)

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (formerly the Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement, helping Christians live out their desire to serve God with their whole lives and their whole selves.

Christians are invited to make a daily offering of themselves to the Lord and to pray for the Pope's monthly intentions. This habit of prayer encourages a spirituality of solidarity with the Church and loving service to others. At the centre of this program is the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In Australia, the prayer intentions are promoted and shared in Australia through the daily [Pray.com.au](http://Pray.com.au) e-newsletter, as well as *Madonna* and *Australian Catholics* magazines.

Join the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network at [www.clicktopray.org](http://www.clicktopray.org).

November: People who suffer from depression

Good Father, who looks at your sons and daughters with love, We know that you have deep compassion for those who suffer the most. Your Son Jesus healed so many, restoring sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the mute and walking to the disabled. Today, we pray for those whose heart is clouded by sadness and pain; Brothers and Sisters lost in depression and extreme exhaustion. Send your Spirit upon them to find rest and comfort. And give us a heart to love and support them, opening to them paths of hope and new life. Amen.

Prayer for those we have lost::

God, our father,  
You hold dear what You have made and spare all things, for they are Yours.  
Look gently upon Your servant, and by the Blood of the cross forgive their sins and failings.  
Remember the faith of those who mourn and satisfy their longing for that day when all will be made new again in Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You forever and ever. Amen.



**'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.'**  
**Deuteronomy 31:8**

Advent Anticipation' (in-person reflection event), Saturday 27 November 2021, 10am-3.30pm. We invite you to join us for a day of prayer, offering time to make space for anticipation and hope. This is an opportunity to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands. Led by Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60. Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.



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### Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**First Reading Daniel 12:1-3**  
**Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace**

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15(16):5,8-11**

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

**Second reading Hebrews 10:11-14,18**  
**When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

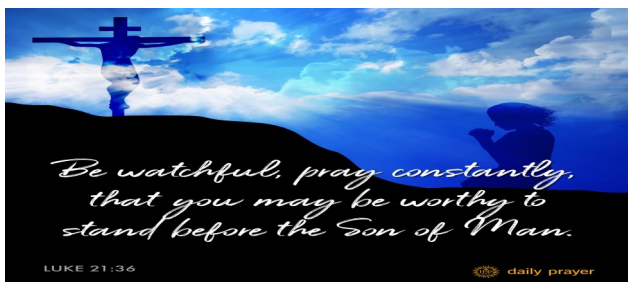
The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand  
before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 13:24-32**

**The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**Prayer**

Lord our God,  
give us grace to serve you  
always with joy,  
because our full and lasting happiness  
is to make of our lives  
a constant service to the Author of all that is good.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
(one) God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.



**Next Week's Readings**  
**Christ the King Sunday**

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14  
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8  
Gospel: John 18:33-37

