



# SEASONS

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

24th October 2021

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

### Diary

**Thursday 21st October**

Social Justice Meeting  
via ZOOM at 7.30pm

### Changed:

**Wednesday 27th October**

PPLT Meeting

PCC at 7.30pm

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### Pastoral Leadership Team

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### Temporary Schedule

**(During 70% - 80% transition)**

#### Mass

**Tuesday—Friday 10 am**

**Saturday 5 pm**

**Sunday 10 am**

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday 3pm**

*(Reconciliation also available)*

#### Reconciliation

**Saturday 4.30 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,

After a long and painful separation it is very welcome news that we're finally able to reopen St Thomas More Church for Masses and Sacraments from this weekend going forward. This means our first Mass will be Saturday, 23rd of October. After Mass this weekend you're most welcome to join us afterwards for fellowship including tea and coffee. I know how much this means to our community who have been separated from the Mass, the Sacraments, the familiarity and comfort of the Church and from meeting each other for the last several months. This also means our many parish groups will be able to meet and support each other in person.



Unlike the many other times we have emerged from lockdowns, this time is different. This time we are staying open! The announcement earlier this week is the first step on a long road to recovery. We look forward to the time where greater numbers will be allowed to gather an After the Masses with less restrictions. In the meantime, we will be running a limited schedule in line with government guidelines. **This temporary schedule is not intended to remain permanently.**

I have scheduled weekday Masses from Tuesday to Friday at 10am with the presumption that we will have the Mass indoors. If it turns out our numbers don't allow this, we will need to move Mass outside. An outside Mass at 10am will mean less disruption as school drop off would be finished, and it would hopefully be a little warmer too. Owing to greater attendance on weekends, those Masses will need to be outdoors for the next few weeks. On Saturday this is scheduled a little earlier @ 5pm as there would hopefully be more light and warmth than 6pm. The same goes for Sunday mornings at 10am rather than 8am. **There is no need to pre-register or book your attendance at any of our Masses.**

I have spoken in an earlier issue of Seasons about the importance of solidarity and inclusion at this time of polarization and division. Through Baptism, Christians are incorporated into the body of Christ, we belong to one flock under same shepherd. Christ proclaimed the radical teaching that Christians are in a relationship of family—brothers and sisters to each other. As a pastor I am especially responsible for all the souls coming to Mass, both vaccinated and unvaccinated. We also each have a responsibility to each other—both in regards to safety and also respecting the dignity of conscience. I have worked to ensure we're operating within the restrictions imposed by government to validate both safety and inclusion for all our people.

Working within these limitations, weekday Masses will be open to all. There is no need to pre-register, visitors need only to scan the QR code on arrival or register at the desk upon entry. As the Saturday and Sunday Masses will be outdoors, we have different options to ensure that everyone is welcome and included. Parishioners are asked to scan one of the QR codes upon arrival and to ensure distance between families and groups. DHHS advises that masks are to be worn both indoors and outdoors. Please remember to dress for the weather. There will be limited shelter under the eaves of the Church, but this may not be available for all.

Our COVID Marshals will have the challenging role of helping us to comply with these rules. If you have any questions or issues, please speak with me in the first instance and we will try and find a way to accommodate your circumstances. As Archbishop Comensoli said earlier this week, these arrangements are far less than ideal, but they are at least a start.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.—Fr Patrick

# We pray for..

**Those who have passed away recently...** Ron Montarosso

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....** Ronald Taylor, John Pierce, Bruce Wright, Beverley Smith and John Hooper.



**The sick...** Keith Donovan, Martin & Helen Steyn, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Shirley Spry, 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, 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

## 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.



*You're Invited!*

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 Officer for October is Catharina Tirtowinoto

### 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](#)

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](#)

**Lockdown Light**  
A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

### Stewardship

Received last weekend	\$ 3,454
Pledged last weekend	\$ 2,154

### Presbytery

Received last weekend	\$ 521
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Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.

### Lockdown Light—a weekly series

*A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...*

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at [www.bit.ly/LockdownLight](http://www.bit.ly/LockdownLight)

**Lord,** we pray for our elderly and vulnerable people in our communities, and those in self-isolation, quarantine or hospital. We pray for protection, healing and timely help and assistance. Amen.



## Reflection

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.



Catholic Theological College  
2021 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 4th November at 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Professor Eleanor Bourke  
Truth Telling & the Yoo-rrook  
Justice Commission

Bookings and Info: [ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture)  
Enq: [sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au](mailto:sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au) or  
Phone 9412 3333  
Venue: online



## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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 Jeremiah 31:7-9

**I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble**

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125(126)**

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

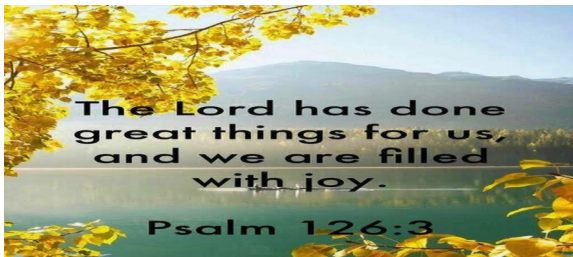
Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

**Second reading Hebrews 5:1-6**

**'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek,  
and for ever'**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*. The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel Mark 10:46-52  
Go; your faith has saved you**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**Prayer**

Lord God, deepen our faith,  
strengthen our hope,  
enkindle our love;  
and so that we may obtain what  
you promise,  
make us love what you command.  
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****31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34



For the next 2 weekends  
Outside Lawn/Verandah Masses

**Saturday 5 pm**

**Sunday 10 am**

QR Sign in — No need to book