



SEASONS

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

2nd Sunday in Easter — Year B

11th April 2021

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

Diary Upcoming:

Thursday April 15
Social Justice Group,
7.30pm, PCC

Saturday April 17
Readers Workshop,
10am, Church

Monday April 19
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, Undercroft

Saturday /Sunday April 24/25
Bring and Buy stall at all masses

Welcome



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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

Dear Friends,

Since the birth of Adam and Eve God has been revealing himself to humanity bringing hope, joy, peace and consolation. Through Jesus He revealed himself as 'Father'. Jesus was constantly on the move bringing hope, healing, forgiveness, peace and freedom to people wherever he met them. In everything he did and said, Jesus was revealing the Father's mercy.



In the Gospel passage for the Second Sunday of Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy, Jesus appeared to his disciples on the evening of the first day of his resurrection. They were in a closed room full of fear. He greeted them with the words 'Peace be with him'. They were transformed but one disciple, Thomas was missing. When Thomas returned he could not believe what he was told. The crucifixion had profoundly wounded Thomas and he now doubted Jesus.

But Jesus was patient with Thomas and he appeared to the disciples again, a week later. Thomas was present and Jesus invited him to put his fingers into the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas believed and acknowledged who Jesus was with the words 'My Lord and my God'. Thomas was now wrapped in God's mercy and he was a new person.

Unbelief had overcome Thomas but the wounds of Jesus healed him. Jesus teaches us that Divine mercy is much stronger than our unbelief or misery.

The Feast of Divine Mercy reminds us that all life – peace, joy, forgiveness, hope, courage, and charity come from God.

No matter where we are or what we have done, God is waiting lovingly for us.

The Father left the banquet he gave to celebrate the return of the prodigal son, to enter into the darkness of the elder son, and offer him all that he had.

Jesus protected the woman caught in adultery and gave her new life.

Jesus looked at Peter lovingly after Peter had had betrayed him 3 times. His gaze transformed Peter who wept and repented.

Jesus is always waiting for us – even when we have left him behind. Our task is to be able to receive Jesus and give him the freedom and permission to shower his mercy upon us, and, like Thomas, be transformed.

We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....

Alma Baxter, Nora Hanmer, Donald Young, James Breen Snr., and Harry O-Beirne

The sick...

Mike Seymour, 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.**



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.

Reader's Workshop

The celebration of Mass is at the heart of our life as Catholics. Through the Liturgy of the Word we hear the living voice of God speaking to us at Mass through the lectionary.

We're currently looking for new volunteers to assist with proclaiming readings at Sunday and Weekday Masses. To assist parishioners in this sometimes daunting task, we'll be running a workshop on **Saturday, 17th of April at 10am.**

This workshop is for all new volunteer readers and all existing readers are welcome to join for a refresher. The workshop will explore why readings are chosen and combined, and highlight how readings fit into the liturgical year. Parishioners will learn how to interpret the text to help them proclaim more effectively. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office .



Parish Sacramental Program Reconciliation & First Eucharist

An Information Night will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th May



If you have a child in Year 3 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact the Parish Office on 9787 7777 or email mounteliza@cam.org.au before the Information Night.

Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office



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..... \$ 4,724

Pledged last weekend\$3,853

Presbytery

Amount received last week\$ 735

(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.

BRING AND BUY STALL IS RETURNING

Homemade, Handmade, Home grown Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass

How does it work? *Just bring along anything you have made - could be food or craft - or grown. Donate it to the stall before Mass. After Mass the stall will be open, and people will be encouraged to buy! All proceeds to the Parish. Anything leftover at the end of 10am Mass (except perishable food) will be stored to sell the following month.*

Just remember... * *If you are bringing food of any kind - cakes, jams, chutneys etc, they must be **labelled** with all **ingredients** used, the **date** they were made, and the **name** of who made it.*



* *It would be helpful if you could please price what you donate. Those running the stall have the discretion to lower prices, if need be, in order to sell goods!*

Dates for 2021 are:

24/25 April, 29/30 May, 26/27 June, 24/25 July,
28/29 August, 25/26 September, 30/31 October, 27/28 November.

If you would like to help as a seller at one of the Masses on any of the months, please let Maree Taverna know. (via Parish Office)

STM Social Club

New members are always most welcome! Membership fee is \$30

Please contact : **Carolyn Gascoigne on 0448 871 970**

Because of virus restrictions, there will be no Monthly Meeting in the Undercroft for the time being and no A.G.M. in 2021. 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

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The **Walking Group** will resume on **Friday 16th April**, with a Heritage Walk along Main Street, Mornington. A leisurely walk of about one hour, followed by morning tea
Meet at 10.00am at the Monument on the corner of Main Street and The Esplanade.
For enquiries, contact Christine on 0431 696 084.

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Friday 21st May **The Walking Group** - walk along the board walk at the Balcombe Estuary. Meet in the carpark at 10.00am. B.Y.O Morning tea.

For enquiries, contact Christine on 0431 696 084.



The Welfare Officer for April is Margaret Gallagher



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



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

The Bishops of Victoria have suspended the Sunday Mass Obligation for all Catholics in Victoria until further notice. **Mass is broadcast** via the Ten Network (6am Sunday) for any one who would like to participate. OR www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass
OR <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
OR <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>



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.



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.

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday 15th April

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP will meet at 7.30 pm in the Parish Community Centre. New members welcome!

Saturday 17th April

Readers Workshop
10am in the Church

All welcome :
Existing and New Readers

Monday 19th April

SVdP Meeting at
7.30pm in Undercroft



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

“Take fresh courage.”

This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary’s canonisation.

During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org.au

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SUPPORT AGENCIES

Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service Phone service 1800 512 348

Webchat <https://cmwssonline.beyondblue.org.au/#/chat/start>

Suicide & Crisis Support/Lifeline 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

GriefLine HelpLine 03 9935 7400—7 days: 6am to 2am

Jesuit Social Services Support After Suicide Phone: (03) 9421 7640 | Email: aftersuicide@jss.org.au

Joseph's Corner (drug & alcohol addiction) <https://www.josephscorner.org.au/>

Asylum Seeker and Refugee Health Hub (03) 8388 7874 / healthhub@cabrini.com.au

Counselling @ CatholicCare Phone: 8710 9600 or Dandenong@cam.org.au—9am to 5pm Monday to Friday

We know that many families and individuals are experiencing challenging and stressful circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. So we're here to help. If you find yourself feeling sad, worried or stuck, it's okay to ask for help. Mental health issues, stressful or traumatic events, and relationship problems are just some of the reasons why someone may seek support from a professional counsellor. During the COVID19 crisis, all counselling sessions are free.

Mornington Peninsula Community Information Directory

By phone 1300 850 600 (24 hours) 5950 1000 (business hours) <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Home>

Home / Community Services / Health & Wellbeing / Community Information Directory

Smiling Mind App (free) for adults & children

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/> Thrive Inside with Smiling Mind—to help you remain inspired, stay connected and foster good mental habits during the Coronavirus crisis.

Beyond Blue Support Service

1300 22 4636 (24 hours/7 days a week)

Help for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

People who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment can contact us by phone using the National Relay Service.

<https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/services-people-disability/accesshub>

Help for people for whom English is not their first language

People who do not use English as their first language can get free translation support from the

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National).

<https://www.tisnational.gov.au/> * Immediate phone interpreting service

<https://www.tisnational.gov.au/Non-English-speakers/Help-using-TIS-National-services/Immediate-telephone-interpreting-for-non-English-speakers>

**Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza Fundraiser
Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle**

Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More. ie: for every \$2 Ticket Sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.
The prize pool is 1 car and 19 gift vouchers. Permit 10110/21—100,000 tkts issued.

From **this weekend until the weekend of 2nd May (4 weekends only)**, the Parish is selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle.

1st Prize	:	Suzuki Baleno GL 1.4ltr Auto including on-road costs valued at \$22,390
2nd Prize	:	Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$5,000
3rd Prize	:	Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$2,000
4th—6th Prizes	:	Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$1,000 (x 3)
7th-20th Prizes	:	Coles/Myer Gift cards, each to the value of \$500 (x14)

Tickets sell for \$2 each.

We will be selling tickets and distribute books of tickets outside the Church after Mass. We encourage parishioners including school families to take a book to sell.

To request a ticket - or better still - a book of tickets, call 9787 7777, or drop into the Parish office or School office.

All raffle books (including unsold tickets) must be returned to the Parish office with payment **by Wednesday 5th May.**



3 O'Clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy

You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for the souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fountain of Life, immeasurable Divine Mercy. Cover the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and the whole world.
(3 times)

Amen

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in You!

Thankyou!



A Parish thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Services.

And a big thank you to everyone for their prayers for our Parish Community. It is delightful to see everyone returning to the Church.

CHURCH ROSTERS

Liturgy rosters are currently being prepared to begin on May 1/2.

Parishioners are invited to assist in some ministry that contributes to our weekly celebrations of the Eucharist.

The active ministries at this time are:
Lector, Commentator, and AV Operators.

Parishioners who would like to be added to the roster are invited to contact the Parish Office.

Volunteers Needed!



You are invited to attend the
Readers Workshop on
Saturday 17th April at 10am in the Church
All welcome : Existing and New Readers

2nd Sunday in Easter Mass Service

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

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6**Sequence****Victimae Paschali Laudes****Gospel Acclamation John 20:29****Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!**

Alleluia!**Gospel John 20:19-31****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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the
nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing,
alleluia.

Next Week's Readings Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19

2nd Reading: I John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

