

# SEASONS

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

3rd Sunday in Easter — Year B

18th April 2021

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

## Diary Upcoming:

### Monday April 19

St Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7.30pm, Undercroft

### Saturday /Sunday April 24/25

Bring and Buy stall at all masses



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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,

Our gospel today begins after the two friends of Jesus had met him on the road to Emmaus; ‘the disciples told their story of what had happened to them on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of the bread.’



Having met Jesus they went back to Jerusalem bursting with the good news that he was alive. While they are talking, Jesus appears and repeats the words he used twice in last Sunday’s gospel; ‘Peace be with you.’ Despite Jesus already having appeared to them, they were in state of alarm and fright, thinking they were seeing a ghost.’ Jesus speaks very directly to them; ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?’ To calm these doubts Jesus invites them to touch him to prove that he is not a ghost. He goes further and shows them the wounds in his hands and feet. While their joy was so great, they could not believe it, and they stood (there) dumbfounded. It is obvious from this that Thomas was not the only one who doubted that Jesus had in fact risen from the dead!

We can only imagine the confusion of the disciples. They had spent three years accompanying Jesus as he preached and healed. They had eaten and prayed with him. They saw him being arrested, condemned and crucified. They knew he had died on the cross and had been buried. Now, here he is standing amongst them, talking to them and showing them the wounds he suffered while being crucified. It is any wonder that they are agitated, frightened, dumbfounded and think that that are seeing a ghost! We can almost feel their fear, confusion and doubt. Their reaction is very human and normal.

It is worth noting that while Jesus asks them why they are agitated, he doesn’t condemn, dismiss or criticising them for their response and reaction to his appearance. He not only accepts them as they are, he also reassures and encourages them with his peace and his presence. As we have heard countless times over the last twelve months, because of Covid 19, this has been and sadly continues to be an unprecedented time for all of us. Our ‘normal’ way of life was abruptly halted. This has been a very difficult year for us. Let us not be too hard on ourselves if we too, like the disciples in the gospel, are also agitated and experience doubts in our hearts and daily lives.

As Jesus stood with his disciples in their anxiety and confusion, Jesus too stands with each of us today. He encourages and strengthens us now with the same look of love and words of support as he says, ‘Peace be with you.’ Jesus appeared to his disciples when they needed him the most; he didn’t abandon or desert them. Now more than ever during this season of Easter, we too are asked to believe that the risen Lord is with us; Jesus has not abandoned nor deserted us.

# We pray for..

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

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....**

Laurie Pendlebury, James Bourke, Terence Phillips, Chas Pay, Patricia Bourke, Harry Hodgson, Harold Hoare, Robbie Sinclair, Frank Bracken, Jos Gobel, Josephean Truong, Margaret Smith,

**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.**



## 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](mailto:mounteliza@cam.org.au) before the Information Night.

### 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

#### Baptism Enquiries:

**Please send an email to the Parish Office**



#### Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$ 1,568  
 Pledged last weekend .....\$1,732

#### Presbytery

Amount received last week .....\$ 733

*(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.*

#### 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**

## 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, contact Maree Taverna on 0425 721 207

**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.

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

## **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**

**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



Upcoming Meeting:

**Monday 19th April**

SVdP Meeting at  
7.30pm in Undercroft



**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!**



**Enquire Now!**



Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission. [Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online [InfoZoom](#) on 2 May, visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), or call Palms now on 02 9560

**SMYM PRESENTS!**

**ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP**

**DETAILS:**

- SESSION 2 - 23RD OF APRIL! - 6:30PM - 8:30PM.
- ST MACARTANS HALL - 10 DRAKE STREET MORNINGTON
- FOR ALL HIGHSCHOOL AGED YOUTH IN YEARS 7-9'S
- PARENTS TO SIGN IN YOUTH UPON ARRIVAL.
- FREE PIZZA!
- BRING: GOOD VIBES ONLY!

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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.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

*'He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.'* Lk 9:2

### Catholic Social Teaching



Catholic society that is grounded in the Bible and in the wisdom gathered from experience by the Christian community as it has responded to social justice through history. Catholic Social Tradition is rooted in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. The Hebrew Scriptures call God's People to act justly and to care for the widows and orphans, that is those who have no one to provide for them. There is an obligation to improve the world, to 'repair' the world through the performance of good deeds, that is actions of justice.

*"You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry."*

Exodus 22:21-23

Jesus challenged the unjust norms of his society. When he healed people, he restored their dignity.

*"When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Isaiah 61:1-2)*

*And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

Luke 4:16-21

The formal teaching of the Church on Social Issues can be found in documents such as Statements of Bishops, Papal Bulls and Papal Encyclicals. **These articulate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.**

### PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

1. The foundation concept of the social teaching is the sacredness or **dignity of the human person**. The social ministry of the Church exists to protect and promote human dignity. Human dignity is the starting point and central concern of Catholic thinking about human rights.

Each person is created in the image and likeness of God and so has an inalienable, transcendent, God-given dignity. We are all children of the one God. Thus, we must treat each other as equals; we must regard and treat others as 'God like'! We do not lose our right to be treated with dignity as a result of race, creed, status, possessions etc. or gain this dignity through accomplishments, possessions and power etc.

In [Laudato Si'](#) – On Care for Our Common Home (2015) Pope Francis calls us to respect the dignity of the human person and of creation by listening to the cry of the earth, and the cry of the poor.

# Eastertide Explained

## The 50 days of Easter

For many, Easter is simply the weekend that begins with Good Friday and ends with Resurrection Sunday, or for more secular people Easter Monday (simply due to when public holidays happen).

It is often forgotten, however, that the full Easter period begins with resurrection Sunday and ends with Pentecost Sunday, lasting 50 days in total.

### The tradition behind Eastertide (Easter season)

Easter Sunday and Pentecost correspond to pre-existing Jewish feasts: The first day of Pesach (פסח) and the holiday of Shavu'ot (שבועות). In the Jewish tradition, the 49 days between these holidays are known as Counting of the Omer (העומר ספירה).

In Christianity it is symbolic of the days that passed for the followers of Christ from the Lord's resurrection to the Pentecost which commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. Nowadays, it is a time for celebration, including prayer and jubilation. A time to ponder on a crucial, yet less discussed period that defined Christianity. However, in case you were hopping on using the 50 days to fill up on even more candy than sorry you're out of luck ;)



**Resurrection Sunday** (1 Peter 1:3) The day our Lord resurrected "According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."



### First Sunday

John 20:190

*On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."*

The first Sunday is known as the "Dominica in albis" or the Octave of Easter, or Low Sunday (as it is often know in the Anglican community. This day celebrates the appearance of Christ to his disciples. On the Monday after Low Sunday is celebrated the feast of the Joys or Exultation of Mary at the Resurrection of her son.

### Second Sunday

In the Latin Church the second Sunday is called from its Gospel the Sunday of the Divine Mercy and from the Introit "Misericordias Domini".

### Third Sunday

The third Sunday is called from the Introit "Jubilate" and the Latin Church has assigned to it the feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph.

### Fourth Sunday

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

### Fifth Sunday

ACTS 9:26-31

"When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus."

### Sixth Sunday

Sunday within the octave of Ascension is called "Exaudi" from the Introit; in some dioceses it is called Feast of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles; in Rome it was called Sunday of the Roses ("Pascha rosarum" or "rosatum"), since in the Pantheon rose-leaves were thrown from the rotunda into the church. The Sunday of the Roses drew influence from the Ancient Roman festival of Rosalia.

### Pentecost

This is the final day of the Easter season when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus.

The Acts of the Apostles. Chapter 2 begins, "And when the day of Pentecost [ten hemeran tes pentekostes] had come, [the first followers of Jesus] were all together in one place" (2:1). All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind, filling the house where the people had gathered. Something like tongues of fire rested on their heads. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak" (2:4)



## Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More 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 (3 weekends remaining)**, 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.**

## 3rd 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 3:13-15,17-19

*You killed the prince of life: God,  
however, raised him from the dead*

**Responsorial Psalm*****Lord, let your face shine on us.***

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy  
and hear me!

***Lord, let your face shine on us.***

It is the Lord who grants favours to those  
whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

***Lord, let your face shine on us.***

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

***Lord, let your face shine on us.***

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at  
once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in  
safety.

***Lord, let your face shine on us.*****Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins  
away, and the world's.*

**Gospel Acclamation of Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you  
speak. Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 24:35-48**

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and  
on the third day rise from the dead*

**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**

The Christ had to suffer and on the  
third day rise from the dead;  
in his name repentance and  
remission of sins must be preached to  
all the nations, alleluia.

**Next Week's Readings Fourth Sunday of Easter**

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

