



# SEASONS

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

1st August 2021

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

## Diary

Wednesday 11th August,  
Finance Committee Meeting<  
7pm, PCC

Wednesday 18th August,  
PPLT Meeting, 7.30pm, PCC

Thursday 19th August,  
Social Justice Meeting  
7.30pm, PCC



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### Pastoral Leadership Team

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### During the Week

Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	NO MASS

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am & 10.00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30 - 6:00 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,

Recently I received some news about a close family member who is currently unwell, so I will be away for a few days to spend time with family. In the meantime, Fr Geoff Barron will be looking after weekend Masses at Saint Thomas More. I know that the recent lockdown has been very difficult for our community, with many days being separated from Mass and the Sacraments. Please know, Sunday Masses have resumed with no need to pre-book, but there are no weekday Masses this coming week. We hope and pray restrictions will allow us resume our normal schedule ASAP.



Reflection:

Last Sunday Jesus fed the crowd by multiplying the loaves and the fish. The message of food is contained in both the first reading and the gospel today. In the first reading the people who have been freed from slavery are complaining and hungry. It seems they were happier to be captives and well fed rather than be hungry and free! Moses hears their complaining and asks God to help them. His prayers are answered, and they are fed with manna – bread from the heavens. ‘What is this? Not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses, ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’ They saw this as a sign of God’s care and concern for them. This message continues even more dramatically in the gospel.

This follows directly from last Sunday’s gospel. Having fed the people, they wanted to make Jesus their King, but he slipped away from them. The crowd continue to follow and find him; clearly, they are still hungry. Jesus is not initially that happy when they do find him. He says to them, ‘you are not looking for me because you saw the signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves.’ He is I think suggesting that they are following him for the wrong reason. They still want their immediate material needs met, but Jesus wants to offer them more – something far deeper. He has something far richer and sustaining to offer them and us today.

Jesus even mentions the food their ancestors ate in the desert saying that it was not Moses who gave them the food but God; ‘for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to world. Encouraged by these words they say to Jesus, ‘Give us that bread always.’ Jesus answered: ‘I am the bread of life. Those who come to me will never be hungry, those who believe in me will never thirst.’

Jesus never stops calling us by our name. All that Jesus genuinely wants is that we enter into a personal and intimate relationship with him. It is he who takes the first step and offers us this call and invitation. Like those in the gospel, he wants our friendship with him to be based on a sure and firm foundation. He offers us more than simply loaves of bread, fish or manna, he offers us his very self – his own Body and Blood.

Br Michael Moore OMI

# We pray for..

## Those who have passed away recently...

Bo Sweeney, Helen Steinbach, and Bernie Grant.

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

Peg and Les Collard, Michael McGrath, Mary MacDonald, Lucy Galvin, and Michelle Collins.

## The sick... Len Crowe, 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. All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.

## The Welfare Officer for August is Margo Munro

**QR CODES** If you have not yet downloaded the app, you can do so via the Service Victoria Website: [www.vic.gov.au](http://www.vic.gov.au).

We are aware there will be a few parishioners who may need assistance to register their entry to Church. We will ensure that newcomers will be able to register your visit through a parish device within the foyer.  
Fr Patrick

## 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

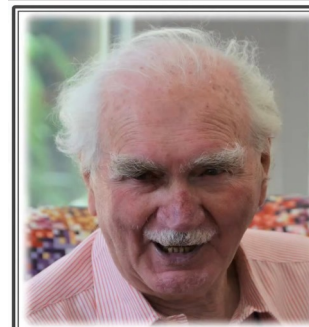
[How to apply for WWCC Card instructions](#)

## POSITION VACANT

The St Macartan's Parish Secretary job has become vacant. There is an opportunity for an experienced Parish Secretary to undertake office administrative functions at St Macartan's Parish in a part time role reporting to the Parish Priest. The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous. This permanent part-time position is based at the Parish Office in Mornington. The role is 26 hours per week, Tue-Fri. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Those wishing to apply are to send their resumes to: [recruitment@cam.org.au](mailto:recruitment@cam.org.au)



*Forever in our Hearts*

*Thomas Johnstone*

*20 April 1928 - 13 July 2021*



## Stewardship

Received weekend	25 July	\$ 1,739
Pledged weekend	25 July	\$ 904
July weekly average		\$ 2,706

## Presbytery

Received weekend	25 July	\$ 270
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(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.

### 313 Canadian Bay Road

Currently there are three places on site sharing the same mailing address at 313 Canadian Bay Road.

This means that Woodlands Early Learning Centre, STM Parish and Presbytery and STM School all share the same physical address. Unfortunately, this also means that we share the same physical mail box and deliveries and visitors often make their way to the wrong entrance. It can take some time for mail and visitors to get where they need to be.

PPLT and STM PAC have recommended that we renumber our address:

no 313 for STM School;

no 311 for STM Parish;

no 309 for Woodlands Early Learn. Centre.

Please let us know any feedback as to how this would affect you in the coming weeks.

—Fr Patrick



“Heart of Life is offering an  
“At-home Retreat  
Moments that are Grace”

– over five weeks, beginning Tuesday, 3  
August and concluding 31 August.

This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion on how God might have been present for you. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email in-

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#### Next Week's Readings

#### St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)



1st Reading: I Kings 17:8-16  
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-17  
Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The Lord sends manna from heaven

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
these we will not hide from their children  
but will tell them to the next generation:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

the glories of the Lord and his might  
and the marvellous deeds he has done,  
Yet he commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.

He sent them abundance of food;  
So he brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had  
won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second reading Ephesians 4:17,20-24**

Put aside your old self and put on the new

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel John 6:24-35**

It is my Father who gives you the bread from  
heaven; I am the bread of life

**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 Antiphon**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from  
heaven, endowed with all delights and  
sweetness in ever taste.