



SEASONS

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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Year B

15th August 2021

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

Diary

Monday 16th August,
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, Via ZOOM

Cancelled:

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

Thursday 19th August,
Social Justice Meeting
7.30pm, Via ZOOM



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During the Week

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

Sunday Mass

(21st) Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm
(22nd) Sunday	8.00 am
	& 10.00 am

Reconciliation

(21st) Saturday	5:30 - 6:00 pm
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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.

Reflection:

In the Assumption of Mary, Christ transforms creation.
We are called to do the same



The Scout handbook still teaches that you should leave the campground cleaner than you found it. It is a noble injunction whose origin lies in Robert Baden Powell's farewell letter to his scouts, "Try and leave this world a little better than you found it."

A spot of earth should not suffer because we visited. As the crown of God's creation, our presence should be a blessing to our environs, not a blight. We were not created by God to abuse the rest of his creation. No, we are to care for it, remembering that it is God's gift to us and to generations still to come.

A teaching that has great antiquity but might appear rather esoteric can teach us a lot about our care for the world in the light of Christ's concern for it. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary reveals the reach of the resurrection into the very depths of creation. It parallels the scout teaching to leave what we touch better than we found it. Everything that the Son of God touches is utterly transformed.

If one believes that Jesus is the living God, the Eternal Son of the Father, how could creation not be transformed by his touch? How could that which opens itself to him not be made what he is: divine? Did he not tell us that he came among us not only to teach, not only to save, but to grant us God's own life? Indeed, does it not appear, in the New Testament and in all subsequent history, that human life is transformed, made divine, to the same degree that it sets aside sin and opens itself to him?

God the Father did not allow the sinless flesh of the Son to suffer corruption. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Father raised him up and glorified the Son in his flesh. What a trio of disciples glimpsed in a singular, mountain-top moment, the Transfiguration of the Christ in the flesh, is now proclaimed from every mountain top.

At his birth, Christ assumed our flesh. In his return from the dead, it is not discarded as dross. Christ assumed the flesh of the Virgin. She is not a mere instrument, used by him only to procure our salvation. No! By his grace she gave a complete "yes" to God, enabling the Incarnation itself. In his resurrection and her assumption, we see how radical the outpouring of God's own self upon creation truly is.

Be kind
Be calm
Be safe

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We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....

Simon Ryan, Andrew Pinnuck, Thomas Hansen, Donn O'Connor, Doris Driscoll, James Kennedy, Kaye Coughlan, Olga Mary Brady, Thomas Smith, Ruby McCartney, Kevin Sheehy

The sick... Jo Chaney, Evyonne Holmes, 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

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

Next Week's Readings

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$ 678

Pledged last weekend \$ 1,260

Presbytery

Received last weekend \$ 40

(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.

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**

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](#)

The next meeting of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** will be held on Monday 16th August at 7.30pm



For ZOOM details , please contact Marilyn Moloney

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In Christ, God comes to his creation. In Mary, creation receives its creator and becomes something permanent and pure, something transformed. “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Lk 1:42). Everything touched by the Son of God, everything set free from sin, shall also be transfigured. “In Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order” (1 Cor 15:22-23).

What began at Bethlehem in the womb is completed at Calvary’s tomb. New life is given to the world in the resurrection of Christ. What took root in the flesh of the Virgin flowers in her assumption into heaven, her passing into a divine existence without the suffering and corruption we call death. She is transfigured, body and soul, lifted into God.

Partial truths of the faith are the most dangerous of all. If you think that Christ is above us but not fully God, you have failed to perceive God’s own gift of self. If you think that renewal and rebirth are limited to his flesh, you fail to see the gift as leavening all of creation. And if you think we were

made lords of creation without being called to care for it, you do not comprehend the new creation that the resurrection birthed. Through us, as through the Virgin, Christ intends to touch and transform creation, to bless it and to make it holy.

Terrance Klein
August 11, 2021



The next meeting of the **St Thomas More Social Justice Group** will be held on Thursday 19th August at 7.30pm. For ZOOM details, please contact Jacinta Griffin

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Collect

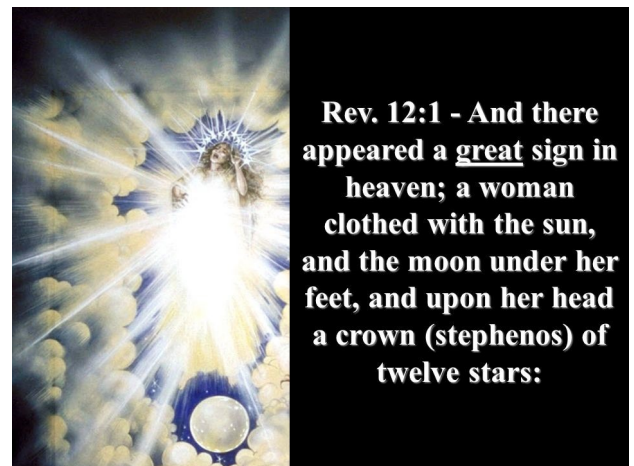
Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, ‘Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.’



Rev. 12:1 - And there appeared a great sign in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown (stephenos) of twelve stars:

Responsorial Psalm 44(45):10-12,16

*The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.*

The daughters of kings are among
your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.

*The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.*

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

*The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.*

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death
came through one man and in the same way the
resurrection of the dead has come through one
man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will
be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their
proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then,
after the coming of Christ, those who belong to
him. After that will come the end, when he hands
over the kingdom to God the Father, having done
away with every sovereignty, authority and power.
For he must be king until he has put all his
enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies
to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put
under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a
town in the hill country of Judah. She went into
Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as
soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with
the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of
all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured
with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the
moment your greeting reached my ears, the child
in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who

believed that the promise made her by the Lord
would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the
greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in
God my saviour;
because he has looked
upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will
call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those
who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and
exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich
sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant,
mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our
ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants
for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months
and then went back home.

**Final Prayer**

God our Father, you crowned the Blessed Virgin
Mary on the day of her Assumption with a glory
beyond compare.

You had looked on her
lowliness
and had made her the mother
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Only-begotten Son.
Grant that, by her prayers,
we may be saved by the mystery
of your redemption,
and share with her in the glory of eternal life.
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.**

**A Reflection for the Solemnity of the Assumption**

Readings (Mass during the Day): 1 Chronicles
15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 | 1 Corinthians 15: 54b-57
Luke 11:27-28

Readings (Vigil): Revelation 11:19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56