



SEASONS

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

Second Sunday in Lent — Year B

28th February 2021

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

Diary Upcoming:

Tuesday March 2
Confirmation Information
Meeting, 7.30pm, Church

Thursday March 4
Baptism Preparation Meeting,
7.30pm, Church

Friday March 5
[Lenten Program, 10am, PCC](#)
[Ongoing during Lent](#)

Tuesday March 9
Parish Education Board Meeting,
7.30pm, SSR

Thursday March 11
Finance Committee Meeting,
7.00pm, PCC

Saturday March 13
Parish Working Bee



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Weekday Mass

Wednesday 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 pm - 6:00 pm

Reflection: The Transfiguration

It is doubtful that any of us have had the sort of experience that those with Jesus had. While they were with him on the mountain, Jesus is changed and transformed. They are privileged to be given a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory.



However, the voice they heard is very relevant and challenging to us as we continue our journey through Lent; 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.' As well as fasting and almsgiving, the third invitation of Lent is that we pray. However, there is a difference between saying prayers and praying. Yes, it's important to be able to come to God in prayer saying prayers that we have known since our childhood, but it is also important to pray not with words at all, with the hope of hearing something, to listen not with our ears but with open and listening heart. As we continue our Lenten journey, may our prayer be, Speak Lord, I am listening.



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.

We pray for...



Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Peter Wilson, Hilda Fitzhenry, Vin Pearson, Anne Morrow, Molly Gage, Rosemary Kimpton, Marta Egyed, Doug Lang

The sick... John Xavier Clifton, Patricia Leerson-Dash, Bill Hunt, 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.

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. New members would be very, very welcome.

All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.

Wednesday, 17th March: St Patrick’s Day lunch at C.B. Hotel, Mount Eliza, at 12 noon. A chance to wear that new (or old) Green outfit! Please book with Carol on 0448 871 970 or Colleen on 0408 314 409.

Time to book your seat

The Welfare Officers for February are Tom & Maree Shelton



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.

Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office



Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$2,585
Pledged last weekend \$2,242

Presbytery

Amount received last week\$ 786

(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.



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.

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>

Safeguarding Committee

John Natoli 0418 208 778
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FEEL SAFE AND BE SAFE AT OUR CHURCH

To our children and vulnerable:

YOU HAVE RIGHTS

You have the right to feel safe and be safe from harm.

YOU ARE VALUED & RESPECTED

You have the right not to be hurt, spoken to rudely or made to feel uncomfortable.

WE WILL PROTECT

We will protect children and young people.

WE WILL LISTEN & BELIEVE

We will listen to children and young people and believe them.

WE WILL RESPOND

We will respond to matters of safety and harm.

Parish Sacramental Programs

Confirmation

Classes will be beginning soon and an
Information Night will be held at

7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd March

If you have a child in Year 6 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation 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.



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.



PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Parishioners are encouraged to take action on addressing Modern Slavery and the Trafficking of Humans in our world by buying only slavery free chocolate and if your local supermarket does not sell Slavery Free Chocolate, asking them where their slavery free chocolate can be found.

Another ongoing issue is the treatment of Asylum Seekers by the Australian government. It is good news that many of the Asylum Seekers being held in detention in hotels in Melbourne have been released into the community. However, some are still imprisoned in conditions that are worse than in prison.

The Government is still locking up over 100 people, they are losing precious time and are being hurt by indefinite detention, they cannot walk outside like us, cannot start to heal their mental and physical health, or be free to share life with family and friends in the community, like we can.

[Please help us reach the Prime Minister: click here to take action.](#)

While we have our freedom after so many lost years, it is hard trying to rebuild with no future on a six month Bridging Visa. All we can do is try to find any job we can just to be able to live day to day. We want to study, we want to contribute to the community, to live like human beings in a permanent home, with a future. And we hope the Government will listen and give us a home and a future now



Look for these labels
when purchasing
your Chocolate
products

Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place

Saturday March 13th, 8am-1pm.

There are plenty of jobs to be done to prepare the church and surrounds for Easter.

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

Please add your name and number to the signup sheet after Mass (outside EXIT Door) if you can help on the day, serve or prepare morning tea.



PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

We wish to seek your support to advocate for people on Job seeker. They have just had their basic daily rate increased after 25 years, from \$40.00 to \$43.85 per day with this increased of \$3.85.

Both political parties know that local charities like SVDP will try to pick up the subsidy needed between job seeker payment and the poverty line.

Job seekers weekly rate is now up to \$310.00, the poverty line is defined in Australia at \$480.00 per/week

It was noted at the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics 5th Feb 2021, the RBA Governor Mr Phillip Lowe who said, It is now a matter of fairness and just for a rate rise for job seeker.

We to can join the RBA Governor, Business sector, Charities, local Governments, to advocate by signing the petition to raise the rate at ACOSS and receive up -dates. web site. <https://raisetherate.org.au>

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

The Whistle-blowers' Art Exhibition may be of interest to Parishioners. A key feature is Hoda Afshar's portrait of Behrouz Boochani, on Manus Island in 2018, won the Bowness Photography Prize.

The link to some further details is: -

<https://amp.theguardian.com/culture/2021/feb/10/from-behrouz-boochani-to-bernard-collaery-photographer-hoda-afshar-turns-her-lens-on-whistleblowers>



QR Code Registration System



To be able to use the QR code system you will need a have a smart phone with a camera and internet connection.

Request for volunteers:

Can you help / assist people lining up to Register with the QR Code system before each Mass? This will help reduce the queue waiting times.

Are You New to Our Parish ?

Please take and fill-in a new parishioner form from the Church Foyer



Parishioners are warmly invited to join Fr Patrick in the Parish Community Centre during the Fridays of Lent to discover the Holy Land with Best-selling author Edward Sri's DVD series "No Greater Love".

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us by guiding us through the last hours of Christ's life. We will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

Meetings will take place in the Parish Community Centre on Fridays (after Mass) at 10AM. After Morning tea we'll watch a 30 minute video, followed by a time of fellowship and discussion. No need to register- all are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions, which will conclude around 11am.

Friday, 26 th Feb	The Prayer of Agony: Jesus in Gethsemane
Friday, 5 th March	Are you the Christ? Jesus arrest and trial
Friday, 12 th March	The Trial: Jesus is condemned to death
Friday, 19 th March	The death of the Messiah: Jesus carries his cross
Friday, 26 th March	The seven last words: Jesus the teacher

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 .



**CREATE
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**PADUA
COLLEGE**

**TWILIGHT
OPEN
DAYS
2021**

Rosebud 7-9 Campus
Wednesday 10 March 4-7pm

Tyabb 7-9 Campus
Wednesday 10 March 4-7pm

Mornington 7-12 Campus
Thursday 11 March 4-7pm

Experience a taste of the curriculum, sporting, cultural and spiritual life that Padua College can offer your child.

Year 7 2023 Enrolments
Open 1 February 2021
Close 14 May 2021

Visit our website to enrol online or book a Twilight Open Day tour
www.padua.vic.edu.au



Next Week's
Readings -Year B

**Third Sunday
of Lent**

1st Reading:
Exodus
20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

2nd Reading:
I Corinthians
1:22-25

Gospel:
John 2;13-25

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

Catholic Parish of St Thomas More
Mount Eliza



Holy Week/Easter Calendar 2021

Wednesday 17th March

7:00 pm Reconciliation

Saturday 27th March - Passion (Palm) Sunday

6:00 pm Mass with Blessing of Palms

Sunday 28th March – Passion (Palm) Sunday

8:00 am Mass with Blessing of Palms

10:00 am Mass with Blessing of Palms and Procession
(beginning in Memorial Garden)

Thursday 1st April – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Saturday 3rd April – Holy Saturday

8:00 pm Easter Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection

Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday

8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass

2nd Sunday in Lent—Year B

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: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSE:

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I have kept my faith, even when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones. **R.**

O Lord, I am your servant.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord. **R.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved: listen to him.

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.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy
Church.

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.