



# SEASONS

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

The Baptism of the Lord — Year B

10th January 2021

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

## Diary

Meetings via Zoom



Welcome to our New Parish Administrator  
**Fr Patrick Bradford**  
who joins our  
St Thomas More Parish Family



*Let us pray....*

We pray for all who have been baptised in Christ, that they will hold fast to the freedom that is theirs as the children of God. *Lord, hear us.*

We pray for those who live out their baptism in the ordained ministry, that they will be faithful ministers of word and sacrament. *Lord, hear us.*

We pray for the baptised who play leading roles in education, health care, social service and justice, that they will be blessed in their mission with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. *Lord, hear us.*

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### Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford (Parish Administrator)

Jacinta Griffin (Chairperson)

Sue Carr Leonie Bourke

Carmel Huggard Margaret Jamieson

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### Weekday Mass

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Monday    | No Mass |
| 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 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

As of 6th December, **Our St Thomas More Church has a total capacity (based on current distancing laws) of 130 people.**

**DHHS** has given the following further directives for gathering

of **all** religious groups on 31st December 2020:

- \* Social distancing and Hand sanitising is to be observed at all times.
- \* Wearing of a face-mask is mandatory for indoor events unless you have a valid reason.
- \* Absolutely No physical contact between persons.

**Remember, you are the best person to make the decision for yourself about attending Mass during this time.**

### **Mass Arrangements for STM**

### **Parish from the Weekend of 9/10 January 2021**

**Saturday Reconciliation 5:00 PM—5:30 PM**

Vigil Mass 6:00 PM

**Sunday Masses 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**



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 merging.

## We pray for...

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



**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....** Sidney Smith, Karel Merkus, Tony Pinnuck, Brendan Dickson, Agnes McDonald, Inga Kufer, Keith Jackson, and Michael Gleeson

**The sick...** John Xavier Clifton, Rosemary Ivey, Patricia

Leerson-Dash, Bill Hunt, Shirley Spry, Dennis Mirrabella, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Maria Truong, 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 & 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.**

## The Baptism of the Lord — Year B

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

*Come to the water, listen to my words and you shall have life.*

### Responsorial Psalm

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

### Second Reading: I John 5:1-9

*The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

*You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

**Remember Your Baptism**

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."  
Mark 1:1-11

### Next Week's Readings —Year B

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: I Samuel 3:3-10, 19

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42



### Mass online

[www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

**OR** <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

**OR** <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

**OR** St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Daily and Sunday Mass is available, with the I am Mass live streamed; it is also available as a recording on-demand.  
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

**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.

### Are You New to Our Parish ?



Please take and fill-in a new parishioner form (which are pinned to the Foyer noticeboard)

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

The parish could use them as we begin to tidy up our grounds. Thank you.

### Financial Matters 3rd January

|             | Actual   | Pledge   |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Stewardship | \$ 4,362 | \$ 4,282 |
| Presbytery  | \$ 360   |          |

*Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish.*

## What's Happening Here ...

### 2020 Safeguarding Committee

The next meeting is 21st January 2021 at 7.30pm. ( Via ZOOM at this stage)



John Natoli  
(Coordinator)  
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Julie Carter  
(Banda)  
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Consistent with the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards, the Archbishop, through the Professional Standards Unit has requested that all the clergy, staff and volunteers across the diocese to have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Therefore, we invite every volunteer across all parish ministry groups, to apply for a Working with Children Check, if you have not already done so.

The Working with children Check is free for volunteers.

If you have an existing WWCC card created for another organisation, please contact the Department of Justice to ADD St Thomas More Parish to your profile. The parish office can assist you with the necessary information.

### Hello Volunteers, The Church rosters have expired at end of December. Last Call before I start working on the Jan-April Rosters



I would like to compile our new rosters as soon as I can but I need your help!

I would like to know a) if you are comfortable resuming volunteer duties, and b) what are your current preferences, eg which mass time and which duty/s.

I acknowledge that for some people it is still too soon to return to public circulation. I respect your decision.

Only you know when it is right for you to return or engage in out of house activities.

Hopefully I will receive enough replies back to the Office to provide you with a fair roster so that we do not burn out our wonderful volunteers. No one wants the pressure of Reading or AV operator each week.

**Please have a think over this weekend about what role you can play at St Thomas Mores Parish over the next 4 months.**

Again, I want to state; there is no pressure to attend church or sign up for rosters unless you are comfortable doing so. Bye for now.... Vicki Abbatangelo Parish Office Manager

## STM Social Club Fun & Friendship For All

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

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

### St Thomas More Website:

Due to the age of our main website (<https://www.stm-mteliza.org>), we are having some operating problems and I cannot update any of the pages until the IT department returns from holiday leave and sorts it out.

**Please use our other Website where you can scroll down the home page to find the Sunday Readings and Weekly 'Seasons' Newsletter on the left hand side.**

Website: <http://pol.org.au/mounteliza/Home.aspx>

**STM Parish Office Limited Hours:** leave message on 9787 7777 and Vicki will return your call.

**After Hours or Anointing of Sick :**

Please leave a message on 9787 7777 and Fr Patrick will return your call.



## Pastoral Care for STM Parish during the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic

*This plan will be revised upon further easing of restrictions*

1. **STM Church and Office operating under current restrictions**
2. **Seasons** publish online, send out by email, or by post.  
Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive a copy of *Seasons* by post.
3. **Pastoral visitation: Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the housebound:**  
Contact our Parish Office to speak to Fr Patrick Bradford—9787 7777

### Assistance Required

Due to building density and social distancing regulations, STM Church can only have a total of 130 attendees for each service.

However, before STM Parish can start having 130 attendees at each Mass it is necessary that we have at least a team of 2 volunteers to assist with sanitising the Church after Mass. Also, we need 1 volunteer to supervise the registration process for each Mass. Ideally, we would need to have more than 1 team of volunteers to help with cleaning the Church and to supervise the registration process. If you are able to assist with either of these duties please contact the parish office ASAP.

#### Sat 6:00PM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: Margaret Jamieson

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: Sam Failla

Team 2

Sanitiser 1:

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: Don McKenzie

#### Sunday 8:00 AM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: Barry & Marj Hansen

Sanitiser 2: Mary Goss

Registration: Joan Bekery-Coleman

Team 2

Sanitiser 1: Beatrice Rodriguez

Sanitiser 2: Ron & Charlotte Congues

Registration:

#### Sunday 10:00 AM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: Lien Sy

Sanitiser 2: Stephanie Nguyen

Registration: Maree Shelton

Team 2

Sanitiser 1:

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: Maurie Hutchinson

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST- PPLT

The PPLT are currently under quota and so we are calling on all interested parishioners to put their hands up to join the PPLT. We meet in the evening on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to discuss, plan and implement activities that benefit the whole parish community. During this difficult year we have met via Zoom meetings but usually we meet in the Parish House

Please consider joining the PPLT. This represents us, the people of our community and it's where our voices can be heard. We are an advisory group to the Parish Priest/ Administrator and we work together with the best interests of this Parish in mind. At the centre of our meetings is the Parish three year Plan (which is due for an update) and decisions are made within this framework.

If you want further information or wish to express an interest in joining us you can contact any of the PPLT.

PPLT Members: Jacinta Griffin (Chair), Leonie Burke, Carmel Huggard, Margaret Jamieson