



SEASONS

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

31st January 2021

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

Diary

Wednesday 3rd February

Rest in Peace:

Funeral for Ray Kelly will be held
11.30am. Viewing at 10.45am

Upcoming:

Baptism Meetings;
Contact the Parish Office
for more details.



Dear Friends,

Thankyou for the warm welcome I've received so far at St Thomas More! It's been great getting to meet so many of you over the last few weeks, including representatives from the different parish groups working around Mt Eliza and beyond. Parishioners are rightly proud of their parish and have been keen to tell the story of where we began, how we got here and our hopes and dreams for the future.



Owing to COVID-19 I'm conscious that we haven't been able to gather as a whole community for some time, so work is currently underway to bring the whole parish together as circumstances allow. After nearly a year of restrictions it's been heartening to see parishioners meet reunite. To this end, there will be a tea, coffee and refreshments available after each of the Masses on the 6th and 7th of February. All are very welcome to say hello and catch up as we begin this New Year.



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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 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

You would have noticed in Seasons that we have been advertising over the last several weeks for volunteers to assist with running the A/V equipment at each of the Masses. I'm mindful that our Mass count remains subdued while some of our vulnerable parishioners are choosing to stay at home. Unfortunately we are still well short of finding enough parishioners to fill these rosters. Vicki, our Office Manager spends time each week on the phones trying to fill these slots. If gaps still remain by Saturday, Vicki has often filled in at Masses where parishioners are not available. Often, those volunteering to assist with A/V are also readers or commentators as well. While I'm very grateful for the generosity of all those who have helped us during this time, these efforts are not sustainable going forward as we need a reliable roster to operate the A/V for both sound and picture. A further consideration is the current advice from the Archdiocese on music at Mass. Because of the physical arrangement of our Church, current COVID-19 guidance means that no words or lyrics for songs are able to be projected onto the screens, which limits our ability to fully participate in the liturgical celebration.

As a temporary solution, from this week going forward, all the texts and responses for Sunday Masses will be printed in Seasons. Copies of the newsletter will be freely available as you enter the Church and should be taken with you when you leave. When the restrictions on music ease further and as more parishioners return and are available to volunteer, I hope to review this arrangement as soon as resources allow. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer in any capacity.

Fr Patrick



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... Ray Kelly, Lilian Rodriguez

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Fr Peter Fulton, Anne McGrath, John C. & John M McCartney, Adelheld Behrenbruch, Jeremy Lourey and Bill Oakes

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 & 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, 10th February: Morning Coffee at 10.30am at the home of Sally and Brian McAnallen. To book or for further details contact Brian on 0428 776 202.



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 on or before Sunday, 14th of March.



The Welfare Officers for February are Tom & Maree Shelton

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

Teachers & Staff



Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office



Stewardship

Received last weekend \$1,103

Pledged last weekend..... \$1,152

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$ 606

(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.

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>

Are You New to Our Parish ?

Please take and fill-in a new parishioner form (which are in stand in Church Foyer)

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

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

STM Child / Young People Safeguarding Committee



John Natoli 0418 208 778

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Welcome Fr Patrick

There will be a tea, coffee and refreshments available after each of the Masses Next Weekend on the 6th and 7th of February.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

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Commissioning of School Staff



Next Weekend
7th February
at **10am Mass**
the STM School Staff will be commissioned as the new school year begins, for

their important role with the children of our Parish. We wish them well for the year ahead.

Office— Keeping:
Have you changed your address, email or phone number recently?

Please email the office so that we can update our database records.



Blessed
be the name of the
LORD

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth and he will tell them all I command.

Responsorial Psalm

R. If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us
kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people
who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by God's hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to God's voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on
that day at Massah in the desert when your
ancestors put me to the test; when they tried
me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 7:32-35

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of
the Lord, that she might be holy.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

*This is a new kind
of teaching that
speaks with
authority.*



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.

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.

Next Week's Readings —Year B
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

