

# SEASONS

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

Passion / Palm Sunday — Year B

28th March 2021

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

## Diary Upcoming:

**Thursday April 15**  
Social Justice Group,  
7.30pm, PCC

**Saturday April 17**  
Readers Workshop,  
10am, Church

**Saturday /Sunday April 24/25**  
Bring and Buy stall at all masses



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### HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 9.15 am  
Stations of the Cross after Mass

Thursday 7.00 pm

Friday 3.00 pm  
Reconciliation after Service

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 8.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am

10.00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 10 April 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Dear Friends,

It was about this time last year that COVID restrictions began to hit hard and Churches were closed due to the pandemic. For the first time in living memory, Churches lay silent during the solemn celebrations of Easter. This year promises to be a time of rebuilding and restoration of hearts and lives that have been disrupted by COVID-19. As we walk the final steps with Jesus on the journey to Calvary, let us try and soak in everything the Church offers us through the beautiful liturgies of this season.



### Reflection:

The story which begins of Palm Sunday is basically a human drama; it is our drama. As Jesus enters into his final week, he takes humanity with him and continues to do so every Easter. We are not just remembering an historical event that happened over two thousand years ago. We celebrating and taking part in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as it happens today to us and for us.

His entry in to the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground and they shout out his name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcome Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, *Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout '*Crucify him, Crucify him.*' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

There is a real danger that we can get up and lost in getting the liturgy of Palm Sunday and indeed the whole of Holy week just right. If we are not careful we can lose sight of what we remembering, celebrating and taking part in. As well as celebrating this great week with dignity and reverence, we also need to ask ourselves what it is all about and what it means to each to us.

Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm Sunday and plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on Easter? Where am I as Jesus passes by on the donkey? Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in any way? When have I betrayed others or Jesus? When like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? How am I like Simon or Veronica who help Jesus in his time of need? Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with the same people spitting out insults as I shout '*Crucify him! Crucify him!*'

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be. During this busy week of prayer, liturgies and ceremonies, let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and talking part in.

As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our constant companion. May we enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.



## We pray for...

**Those who have passed away recently...** MYLEE TREVITT and MOIRA RENOUF

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....**  
KATE GLOURY, JACK HOOKER, BETTY SULLIVAN,  
MARY RUSSELL, BARTOLO VINO, NANCY FLUME,  
ADOLF WIGGER, PATRICIA LAWTON, JANET  
LINDNER, MELINDA FLAIVE

**The sick...** John Xavier Clifton, 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, Tequimata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.**

MYLEE TREVITT: Funeral Mass for Mylee Trevitt will be offered at the Church of Immaculate Conception (St Marys) 71 Marine Pde. Hastings on Wednesday 31st March at 1.00pm. At the conclusion of Mass, burial prayers will take place at the Crib Point Cemetery.

MOIRA RENOUF: Funeral Mass for Moira Renouf will be offered at St Thomas More, Mount Eliza on Tuesday 6th April at 11.00am. Private Burial.



## Project compassion



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413



### 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.

**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.worndonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.worndonfire.org/daily-mass) OR <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> OR <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

### Stewardship

Received last weekend..... \$ 2,049  
Pledged last weekend .....\$ 2,083

### Presbytery

Amount received last week .....\$ 669

*(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.

### Safeguarding Committee

John Natoli 0418 208 778  
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**

## 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.

All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.

**New members would be very, very welcome**

The **Walking Group will resume on Friday 16th April**, with a Heritage Walk along Main Street, Mornington. A leisurely walk of about one hour, followed by morning tea

Meet at 10.00am at the Monument on the corner of Main Street and The Esplanade.

For enquiries, contact Christine on 0431 696 084.



**The Welfare Officers for March are Jim & Betty Bourke**

Current COVID guidelines are relaxing,  
however during the Easter Services  
it is recommended you carry a mask with you.

Reserve your seat for  
the **EASTER Masses**

Please use the On-line  
booking service—

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPRYK>

If you do not have internet  
please call the Parish  
Office to make the booking  
for you.

### **EASTER volunteers:**

**Registration Desk and  
after-Mass Cleaners are still**

**REQUIRED for MASSES held on:**

Holy Thursday 7.00 pm

Good Friday 3.00 pm

Easter Saturday 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday 8.00 am

**(Still need 1 Reader)**

Easter Sunday 10.00 am

**(Still need 1 Reader)**

**Please contact the Parish  
Office to put your name on the  
lists.**

## **Parish Sacramental Program 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](mailto:mounteliza@cam.org.au) before the Information Night.

## 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 .



### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 2nd April  
after 3pm Service

Saturday 10th April  
5.30-6pm

Or by appointment through Office

**Nametags:** We have had a few inquiries about the wearing of nametags like we use to before COVID. While we are still under COVID guidelines, we will not be offering labels and pens to write your names on- however if you have a nametag at home, please wear it to Church. This is just one way of us getting to know each other better.

### 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.

### Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to  
the Parish Office



**Are You New to Our Parish ?**  
Please take and fill-in  
a new parishioner form  
in the Church Foyer



**Do you have any TIP Vouchers from  
your Council Rate Notices you could  
donate to the Parish to keep  
our grounds looking their best?**

Next Week's Readings **Easter Sunday**  
1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43  
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9



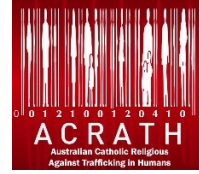
St Thomas More acknowledges the Traditional Land owners,  
the Bunurong people on which we live, work and worship.  
We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.



# SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

*'He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.'* Lk 9:2

## Slavery-Free Easter



www.acrath.org.au  
People are NOT for sale

## The sweet, but sometimes-bitter truth about Easter Chocolate

**Let's Make One Change in 2021,  
the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour**

Australians will purchase over \$200 million in chocolate this Easter. A 2018 report by [IBISWorld](#) found that Australia's chocolate spend had risen by \$26 million over the previous five years (up to 2018).

But some of this chocolate is tainted by slavery and comes at the cost of a child's health, education and sometimes his or her freedom. Much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region. Many of these children are forced into labour. We can help change this.

### Chocolate and Child Labour – A Snapshot

A 2020 Macquarie University report, [Not so sweet: chocolate, slavery and complicit corporations](#), found that, "More than two million children under the age of 15 years old work in the cocoa industry in Ivory Coast and Ghana. Many are the children of farm labourers, but others are also sold to farms as bonded labourers from neighbouring Burkina Faso and Mali"

A 2021 report by the [International Labor Organisation](#) (ILO) found that 152 million children (64 million girls and 88 million boys) are involved in child labour – that's almost one in 10 of all children worldwide.

**Change is happening –**

### join in ACRATH's Slavery-free Easter Chocolate Campaign

The ILO found that in the last 20 years almost 100 million children have been removed from child labour, bringing numbers down from 246 million in 2000 to 152 million in 2021.

Name your change for 2021.

Will you: Commit to buying only chocolate that is certified slavery-free.

### Where to buy chocolate that is certified slavery-free

Slavery-free chocolate is chocolate that is certified.

Look for chocolate with one of the four logos on it

– Fairtrade, UTZ or Rainforest Alliance.



## EAST TIMOR UPDATE –LAST CONTAINER TO ET

We are about to deliver our last container to East Timor. Over the last 21 years we have sent 40 containers filled with desks, rice, clothing and many other useful things to the parish of Laga and its surrounding villages. This joyful journey has come to an end because the pandemic has caused us to run out of money to cover freight. Also we face an uncertain prospect of generating more. Each container costs \$8000-\$9000 to send. We have just enough money to cover the last container. Of course if in the future funds arrive to cover freight we will happily fill and send more containers. For the future we will concentrate of sponsoring the education of children who but for the sponsorship would be taken out of school and sent to work in the family vegetable garden.

Currently over 30 children are being sponsored through school and university.

If you would like to find out more about sponsorship, email Les Harper: [lesharper@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lesharper@optusnet.com.au)

Or phone 0408 123 562



Catholic Parish of St Thomas More  
Mount Eliza



## Holy Week/Easter Calendar 2021

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

7:00 pm ..... Reconciliation

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Passion (Palm) Sunday

6:00 pm ..... Mass with Blessing of Palms

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm ..... Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday

3:00 pm ..... Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Holy Saturday

8:00 pm ..... Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

8:00 am and 10:00 am ..... Mass



# BRING AND BUY STALL IS RETURNING *Homemade, Handmade, Home grown*



*Last Sunday Of Each Month After Each Mass*

## *How does it work?*

*Just bring along anything you have made - could be food or craft - or grown.*

*Donate it to the stall before Mass.*

*After Mass the stall will be open, and people will be encouraged to buy!*

*All proceeds to the Parish.*

*Anything leftover at the end of 10am Mass (except perishable food)  
will be stored to sell the following month.*

## *Just remember...*

- *If you are bringing food of any kind - cakes, jams, chutneys etc, they must be **labelled** with all **ingredients** used, the **date** they were made, and the **name** of who made it.*
- *It would be helpful if you could please price what you donate.  
Those running the stall have the discretion to lower prices, if need be,  
in order to sell goods!*

### *Dates for 2021 are:*

*24/25 April,*

*29/30 May,*

*26/27 June,*

*24/25 July,*

*28/29 August,*

*25/26 September,*

*30/31 October,*

*27/28 November.*

If you would like to help as a seller at one of the Masses on any of the months,  
please let Maree Taverna know. (via Parish Office)

### Catholic Parish of St. Thomas More, Mount Eliza Fundraiser Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle

This year our Parish will be selling tickets in the annual Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle over four weekends (**between 10 April to 2 May**). Please note that **ALL** of the net proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be returned to the Parish of St. Thomas More.

ie: for every \$2 Ticket Sold—we retain \$1.50 for our Parish.

The prize pool is 1 car and 19 gift vouchers. Permit 10110/21—100,000 tkts issued.

**If you would like to help sell tickets at the Weekend Masses  
please contact Vicki in the Parish Office.**

**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: Isaiah 50:4-7****Responsorial Psalm**

My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet  
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.

My God, my God,  
why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11****GOSPEL: Separate Booklet****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 Rite**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall  
be healed.**

**Communion Antiphon**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my  
drinking it, your will be done.