

SEASONS

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

PENTECOST— Year B

23rd May 2021

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

Diary Upcoming:

**Saturday /Sunday
May 29/30**

Bring and Buy stall at all masses



We Welcome
Fr. Joe O'Shea
who will be
celebrating
with
us this
weekend



Dear friends,

I am on annual leave until 25th May. During this time Fr Joe O'Shea will be celebrating the weekend Masses at St Thomas More. While I'm away, I will continue to pray for you all and offer Mass each Sunday for our community. For weekdays, parishioners may like to check the Mass times at neighboring parishes: Mornington, Somerville and Frankston.



Fr Patrick

Reflection:

The Gospel today is the promise that Jesus makes to send the Holy Spirit—and Pentecost is the fulfilment of that promise. At Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and were able to proclaim the truth of Jesus. Jesus also teaches the connection between the gift of the Spirit and the truth. Without the divine inspiration that comes from God we are unable to fully express the richness of God's being and love.

The giving of the Holy Spirit takes place on two levels, the collective and the personal. At the collective level the Spirit is given to the whole church, starting with the apostles. The spirit empowered the apostles to speak many different languages, and also to speak the truth about the love and goodness of God. They were able to convince people of the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On an individual level we receive the Spirit at baptism, and we are given the gifts of faith, hope and charity. As St Paul puts it, we become temples of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to know and love God and to bear witness to the saving truth.

At the annunciation the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary so she could give birth to the human body of Christ; at Pentecost the Holy Spirit hovers over the Church to give birth to the mystical body of Christ. At our baptism the Holy Spirit comes to us to empower us. This is a participation in the life of the Trinity.

We live the life of Pentecost primarily through participating in the sacraments, through a life of prayer and good works. The Holy Spirit works through each of the sacraments to heal and illuminate us, to help us live a life of community with God and with each other. The Holy Spirit gives us what are known as the seven gifts, to empower us to pray, to enter ever deeper into the life of the Trinity.

As well as the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit there are also the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Today's second reading gives us a beautiful list of these gifts, the results of living a life in the Spirit: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.** The Holy Spirit dwelling in us does not make us puppets, but empowers us to be genuinely free and achieve our potential as children and co-workers of God.



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During the Week

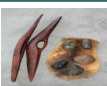
Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 9.15 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am
& 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 5:30 - 6:00 pm



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.... Bernard Thomas, Marie Fulton, Sr Patricia RSM, Sam Ransom, Sydney Jackson, Ted Marshall, Francis Lindner, Kevin O’Grady, and Leslie Calley,

The sick... Eileen Dalley, John Xavier Clifton, 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.*



Sacramental Program Enquiries:
Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation

Please send an email to the Parish Office



Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office



STM Social Club

New members are always most welcome!

Membership fee is \$30

Please contact :

Carolyn Gascoigne

on 0448 871 970

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 Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559. All activities will be advertised in SEASONS.



Friday 28th May The Walking Group will meet in the Balcombe Estuary carpark at 10.00am for a walk along the board walk. Morning tea in Mount Martha. For enquiries, contact Christine on 0431 696 084.

Tuesday 1st June Monthly Meetings will resume in the Undercroft following 10.00am Mass in the Church.

The Welfare Officers for May are Carolyn Gascoigne & Aileen Calley

NEXT WEEKEND

Bring and Buy Stall

Homemade, Handmade, Homegrown -

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.

If you would like to help as a seller at one of the Masses on any of the months, contact Maree Taverna on 0425 721 207

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

Stewardship

Received last weekend \$2,209
Pledged last weekend..... \$2,078

Presbytery

Amount received last week.....\$ 547

(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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

NEWS

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

Catholic Social Teaching



PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

6. The Principle of Association (Community) The Unity of the Human Family

Catholics understand God to be a Trinity of persons, as a relationship, and so we see the image of God reflected not only in individuals, but also in communities. The essence of God is community, the diverse community of Father, Son and Spirit. At the heart of God, we find diversity that is a cause of liveliness rather than of division. We are our true selves when we relate well to others, no matter how diverse we may be. We are called to live in community.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless that person is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.

(1 Cor 12:3b-6)

In **Evangelii Gaudium** (The Joy of the Gospel) – 2013, Pope Francis teaches that

“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society.”

Paragraph 187



Next Week's Readings **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Pentecost

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

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: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and
began to speak.

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

**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

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.