



SEASONS

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

17th October 2021

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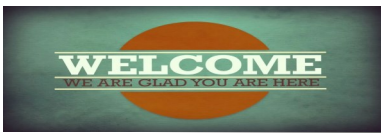
Diary

Monday 18th October
St Vincent de Paul Meeting
via ZOOM at 7.30pm



Wednesday 20th October
PPLT Meeting
via ZOOM at 7.30pm

Thursday 21st October
Social Justice Meeting
via ZOOM at 7.30pm



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Dear Friends,
The lockdown continues well into the coming month. Please contact 9787 7777 if you are in need of the sacraments or any other spiritual ministry.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4.30 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.

Dear Friends,

There seems to be more light at the end of the COVID tunnel as we inch closer to a limited restart and reopening of Victoria in the coming weeks. This is welcome news for Melburnians who have endured the longest lockdown in the world! While the Government has advised some broad details of the next phase, we are yet to learn exactly how and when Places of Worship might be allowed to operate. Archbishop Comensoli has indicated it will be very important that all our people are welcome at Mass and are able to access the Sacraments. It is very likely we will begin with outdoor Masses limited to 50 people each time. Given St Thomas More's profile, it is unlikely parishioners will need to prebook at this stage. As soon as announcements are made and the details are ironed out, we will let parishioners know Mass times and any requirements through our phone menu system, the Parish Website, through Seasons and also posted to the Church noticeboard. Thankyou for your patience and I look forward to seeing you soon!



Reflection: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... Len Crowe

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Maria Torcaso, John A. Hoban, John Eggins, Bunty Bowring, Veronica Wood, William Ryan.



The sick... Keith Donovan, Martin & Helen Steyn, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Shirley Spry, Dennis Mirabella, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, 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



Baptism Enquiries:
Infant and older Children



Please send an email to the Parish Office

STM Social Club

New members are most welcome!

Membership fee is \$30 Please contact :

Carolyn Gascoigne on 0448 871 970

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.*

The Welfare Officer for October is Catharina Tirtowinoto

Safeguarding Committee

For information: 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 \$ 798

Pledged last weekend \$ 1,448

Presbytery

Received last weekend \$ 40

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

Meeting Fr Patrick

Current government restrictions allow for limited outdoor social interaction in a public space. Further information and requirements are available on the Victorian Government Website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings>

While our ability to celebrate Mass and public worship remains restricted, I know some of us are feeling the separation from each other, the Church and the Sacraments very keenly.

Each Sunday morning from 10am-12pm I am available to meet parishioners individually outdoors. The health advice around masks, time limits and social distancing will need to be strictly observed.

Please let me know by email Patrick.bradford@cam.org.au or 03 9787 7777, option 4 and I would be happy to arrange a time to meet.
- Fr Patrick



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

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Lockdown Light—a weekly series

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Lord, we lift to you all of those who are facing difficult situations at present, in a moment of silence we will bring before you those people who we wish to pray for today. Amen.

Summary of PPLT meeting, August 18th (via Zoom)

PRESENT: Fr. Patrick Bradford, Jacinta Griffin, Leonie Bourke, Carmel Huggard.

APOLOGIES: Sue Carr, Margaret Jamieson

Main points discussed

1. **The Parish and School Street numbering** will be revised as follows: Woodlands ELC will become no 309 Canadian Bay Road; St Thomas More Parish - no 311; St Thomas More School – 313. Any changes will happen with plenty of notice to all parties.
2. Follow up from **Parish Renewal Mission/Southern Region Gathering**. Issues mentioned at the last meeting include mission definitions, parish boundaries, parish culture & identity. PPLT discussed lay representation at meetings and nominated Jacinta Griffin for STM
3. More work needs to be done **renewing the Parish database** with current mobile numbers and email addresses so we can keep in touch.
4. A **“roadmap for parish reopening”** is being put together which involves planning social events and practical steps to welcome back parishioners after this extended closure.
5. **Education report** – positive trend for enrolments at St Thomas More Primary for 2022
6. **New Parish Website** – gradual process. Suggestions made to make content accessible and more user friendly. Work continues.

Synod consultation process launched - Last Sunday, Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. The Church in Melbourne joins the rest of the world as we embark on this intentional process of mutual listening. There are a number of resources available to help parishes understand and engage with the Synod. <https://melbournecatholic.org/synodality>

Be kind
Be calm
Be safe

Are You Called to be a Pastoral Supervisor?
Heart of Life's 2022/23 Emmaus Supervision Program (part-time, in-person or via Zoom) commences in Feb 2022. Developed in response to the demand for professional supervisors for those in individual ministry, eg clergy, chaplains, spiritual directors, pastoral carers etc, the program forms competent, experienced professional supervisors. It draws on the encounter of the two disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) and is open to those with at least five years' experience in their particular ministry who are drawn to support the ministry journey of others. For more information, please see the Emmaus page on the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform
our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord wishes will be done

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant
with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be
done.

His soul's anguish over,
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

Second reading Hebrews 4:14-16**Our high priest is one who has been tempted in every way that we are**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 10:35-45****The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**Prayer**

Almighty, ever-living God,
make us ever obey you willingly
and promptly.

Teach us how to serve you
with sincere and upright hearts
in every sphere of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,

(one) God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Next Week's Readings**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

