



SEASONS

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

19th September 2021

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

Diary

Wednesday 6th October

Mission Restructure Meeting
via ZOOM at 7pm
(More details to follow)

Wednesday 20th October

PPLT Meeting
via ZOOM at 7.30pm



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Dear Friends,

The lockdown continues well into the coming month. Please let me know 03 97877777 if you are in need of the sacraments or any other spiritual ministry.

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,

This week the PPLT met to discuss the outcomes of our recent regional meeting “take the way of the gospel”- Archbishop Peter’s pastoral plan for the Archdiocese. In this meeting we learnt more about where St Thomas More fits into the plan for parishes and missions on the Peninsula. I encourage you to check our Parish website for a copy of how this proposal affects us, bearing in mind these are early stages in this process. The facilitators have stressed the importance of parishioner’s participation and that any changes will need to be informed by consultation and dialogue. The timeline outlined by the diocese together with discussions from the PPLT suggest that we should to commence our dialogue now, even though changes will be a long way away.



I know many in our Parish will not be able to participate in this online gathering, which is not ideal. As soon as the opportunity presents, I will ensure there is space and time for us all to speak together, in person. This first meeting will only repeat the information we already have and give a forum for your initial responses, so we can get a sense of where we are at. We cannot move anywhere until we have our whole community informed and engaged, which will begin now, and continue well into the future.

Fr Patrick

Reflection:

The gospel today begins with the same stark warning that Jesus spoke of in last Sunday’s gospel; he will suffer, die, but he will rise three days later. He clearly puts this reality before his followers then, and each of us, today. They don’t seem to have heard a word he has said. While Jesus is telling them this, they are arguing amongst themselves about which of them is the greatest, the best and the most important. Jesus hears their conversation and asks them directly; ‘What are you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent; perhaps they were embarrassed to tell him the truth. He sat down and clearly told them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ He knew what they were arguing about. To illustrate his point, Jesus took a child in arms and said to his followers, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’ A child at the time of Jesus were not seen as important; they had no real worth They were seen only terms of how hard they could work and what they could earn for others.

Those with him would have been known this all too well. In pointing to a child as an example to his followers, they would have been shocked if not a little disappointed. Jesus not only asks them to welcome this little child, but he also challenges them to become like the child.

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We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Michele Rogic-McCartney, Mildred Hanmer, Edward Doherty, Norman Prendergast, John McLoughlin, John Maxwell, John Bowring, Celestine Fennessy, Charles Doherty, and Patrick Willstead,



The sick... Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, Jo Chaney, Yvonne Holmes, Len Crowe, John Xavier Clifton, Shirley Spry, Dennis Mirrabella, 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 Officers for September are Nancy Collinson & Colleen McNamara

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	\$	748
Pledged last weekend	\$	1,043

Presbytery

Received last weekend	\$	40
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(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.



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Lockdown Light—week three

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Resources for Christian living: Making the most of lockdown

In this blog post, local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3

Getting to know your Bible: Opening up the Old Testament

Getting Started: This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3

Going Deeper: Exodus is one of the key books of the Old Testament. Hear about the pivotal events in Exodus from a range of other Christian Biblical scholars and theological experts in this 10-minute video. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3

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What Jesus said to them, he says also to each of us; following him is not about power, popularity or prestige. It is about love, humility, service, care and concern of others, especially those who are most in need. As he said to them 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' As followers of Jesus today, this is how we are to put our faith into practice, by loving and serving others.

On another occasion Jesus also said, 'You know that rulers have power over others and that leaders have complete authority. This, however, is not the way it is to be with you.' If you want to be great, you must be servants of each other.' (Matt. 20.24). Jesus came to serve, not to be served. To prove this point, Jesus took the place of a slave and washed his friend's feet. He did this as a radical example of love and service and asked them and asks us to do the same. His command to his friends is a real, radical and relevant to us today, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord and rightly; so I am. If I then, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

You and I are called to wash each other's feet; we are asked to put other's needs before our own as we love and serve them. We do this every day in countless small ways as we look after each other in homes, families, in our neighbourhood and in our parish community.

Br Michael Moore OMI

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:
One Million Children Praying the Rosary: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

Dear friends,

Today Archbishop Comensoli advised that the Victorian Health Department has given new information regarding the broadcast of religious services. This advice allows for a small number of essential workers to assist with streaming and broadcasting of prayer. As we don't have the technology to live broadcast at St Thomas More owing to bandwidth and technology constraints these recordings will be made available online for later access via our parish website.

Masses are scheduled for 10am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with devotions will be at 3pm on Friday. Mass will be also celebrated on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday 9am. I invite anyone who would be willing to help assist at Mass either as a one off or on a regular basis to contact myself or the Parish Office to express your interest. Volunteers will need to be issued with a workers permit and follow strict protocols to ensure everyone's safety.

Fr Patrick



All youth are welcome!

5:00pm each
Sunday night

For the Zoom Link:
Email

morningtonparish.youth@cam.org.au

Come along to compete for a
home delivered pizza!

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The wicked prepare to ambush the just man

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 53(54):3-6,8*The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;
 by your power, uphold my cause.
 O God, hear my prayer;
 listen to the words of my mouth.

The Lord upholds my life.

For proud men have risen against me,
 ruthless men seek my life.
 They have no regard for God.

The Lord upholds my life.

But I have God for my help.
 The Lord upholds my life.
 I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
 and praise your name for it is good.

*The Lord upholds my life.***Second reading James 3:16-4:3
The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel
 to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37**Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me**

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**Prayer**

Father,
 you summed up the whole law
 as love of you and of our neighbour.
 Grant that by keeping this commandment of love,
 we may come to eternal 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
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48