



SEASONS

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday — Year C

10th April 2022

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

Diary:

Tuesday 19th April

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

7.30pm, PCC



Thursday 28th April

Social Justice Group FORUM

7.30pm, School Gym (see inside-)

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Church Services:

During the Week

Wednesday Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 7.00 pm

The Lords Supper

Friday 3.00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's

Passion followed

by Reconciliation



Sunday Mass

Saturday 8.00 pm

Holy Saturday

Sunday 8.00 am

Easter Sunday

Sunday 10.00 am

Easter Sunday



Dear Friends,

Today Archbishop Comensoli advised that I am appointed to be Parish Priest of St Thomas More Parish. I am deeply humbled and grateful for this opportunity to belong and to serve at Mount Eliza in the years to come. As we emerge from COVID, I look forward to building up our faith community together.

Please pray for me, as I pray for you - Fr Patrick



Reflection from Loyola Press:

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

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We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... Allison Phillips

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Maria Scicluna, James Breen Snr, Harry O'Beirne, Laurie Pendlebury, James Bourke, Terence Phillips Snr, and Chas Pay

The sick... Tony Fiume, Carmel Kost, Caroline Herbert, Rodney Abbatangelo, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Martin & Helen Steyn, Bev

Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Dennis Mirabella, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, ~~E~~ Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, 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 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

Contact : **Carolyn Gascoigne 0448 871 970**

New members are most welcome! Membership fee is \$30 If anyone has any questions about Membership fees— please contact Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559.

Tuesday 3rd May - Social Club General Meeting in the Undercroft at 10.30 am.

The Welfare Officer is Margaret Gallagher

Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office.
Next Baptism Preparation Meeting:
Thursday 5th May in Church at 7.30pm



Reconciliation & First Eucharist Enquiries:

Program will start in June. Please register your interest now—contact the Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator Faye Sayah on email: fayesayah@gmail.com



Parish MISSION Discussion 6th October 2021
Meeting minutes and information can be located on our Website Home Page or follow this link.

[STM Parish MISSION Discussion](#)

FINANCES	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
2022-3April	\$ 4,524	\$ 2,587	\$ 615

Thanks to all of you who give so generously to support our parish. (Please note that the majority of our contributions are done electronically via Direct Debit & Credit Card Payments)



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.

Holy Week/Easter Calendar 2022

Friday 8th April

7:00 pm Reconciliation

Saturday 9th April - Passion (Palm) Sunday

5:00 pm Mass with Blessing of Palms

Sunday 10th April – 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 14th April – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 15th April – Good Friday

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 16th April – Holy Saturday

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

Sunday 17th April – Easter Sunday

8:00 am and 10:00 am Mass

Safeguarding Committee

For information: **Julie Carter 0420 923 859**



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, we consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority. We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

Existing Volunteers are asked to provide to the Parish Office : A copy of their Vaccine Certificate

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In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

Big Thank you to Barry Hansen for organising last Saturday's Working Bee.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed. Many hands do make light work and the community spirit is priceless.



Parish PUMPKINS grown near the Parish Office. Thank you to Paul Kost who prepared, planted and harvested 28.

We are intending to sell them as a Parish Fund-raiser. You can choose a whole or a piece at one of the Weekends (after each Mass) after Easter,



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Tuesday the 19th April in the PCC at 7.30pm. Thank you Marilyn



You are invited to
The St. Thomas More Social Justice Group Forum
Affordable Housing for People on Very Low Incomes

at the school gym on
Thursday 28th April at 7.30 p.m

John Baker -CEO Mornington Peninsula Shire
John McKenzie – Seaford Housing Action Coalition
Russell Joseph – President Peninsula Community Housing Inc.

They will all speak about this important local and Australia-wide issue.

There will be opportunities to ask questions and to continue to discuss ideas over supper. We plan to be finished by 9.30 p.m.

The St. Thomas More Social Justice Group is looking for 6-8 volunteers to assist with car parking from 6.50 p.m. until 7.45 p.m. on the evening of the 28th April for the Forum

Affordable Housing for People on Very Low Incomes

We would also like to have some volunteers to assist with tea/coffee during supper



Please contact either:

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Next Sunday's Readings
Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel: John 20:1-9



PALM SUNDAY**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

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

Responsorial Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

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

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke
(see 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.

**The mystery of faith**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come
again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you
come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.