



SEASONS

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

Easter Sunday — Year C

17th 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 21st April

Social Justice Group Meeting
7.30pm, PCC

Thursday 28th April

Social Justice Group FORUM
7.30pm, School Gym (see inside-)

Dear Friends,

While we celebrate the same liturgies each year, this timeless prayer, music and scripture comes alive and has the power to change our lives. Like Thomas, we can touch and feel the wounds of Jesus and say with him that great statement of faith "My Lord and My God". May this Easter Weekend fill you with joy, and help you to find hope through Jesus suffering, death and resurrection.



Fr Patrick

Reflection from Bishop Robert Barron:

Friends, our Easter Gospel contains St. John's magnificent account of the Resurrection.

Three key lessons follow from the disquieting fact of the Resurrection. First, this world is not all there is. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead shows as definitively as possible that God is up to something greater than we had imagined. We don't have to live as though death were our master and as though nihilism were the only coherent point of view. We can, in fact, begin to see this world as a place of gestation toward something higher, more permanent, more splendid.

Second, the tyrants know that their time is up. Remember that the cross was Rome's way of asserting its authority. But when Jesus was raised from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians knew that Caesar's days were, in point of fact, numbered. The faculty lounge interpretation of the Resurrection as a subjective event or a mere symbol is exactly what the tyrants of the world want, for it poses no real threat to them.

Third, the path of salvation has been opened to everyone. Jesus went all the way down, journeying into pain, despair, alienation, even godforsakenness. He went as far as you can go away from the Father. Why? In order to reach all those who had wandered from God. In light of the Resurrection, the first Christians came to know that, even as we run as fast as we can away from the Father, we are running into the arms of the Son.

Let us not domesticate these still-stunning lessons of the Resurrection. Rather, let us allow them to unnerve us, change us, and set us on fire.

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Next Week

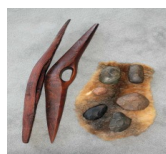
Monday		10.00 am
Tuesday	Adoration	6.00 pm
	Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday	Mass	10.00 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday	Vigil	5.00 pm
Sunday		8.00 am
Sunday		10.00 am

Reconciliation

Tuesday	6:30 - 7:00 pm
Saturday	4:30 - 5:00 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... Eileen Dalley

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Patricia Bourke, Harry Hodgson, Harold Hoare, Robbie Sinclair, Frank Braden, Jose Gobel, Joseph Can Truong.

The sick... Tony Fiume, Carmel Kost, Caroline Herbert, Rodney Abbatangelo, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, 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, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, 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.



Eileen Dalley: Eileen's Funeral will be held on Tuesday 19th April at 11 am at St Mary's Church, 87 Manning Road, East Malvern (M59 H12)

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: yesayah@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	
2022-10April	\$ 866	\$ 1,206	\$ 668

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)

Dennis and Shirley Cleary



Dear Friends

Some weeks ago we received the sad news of the passing of Dennis and Shirley Cleary, who were well loved members of the St Thomas Parish community, as well as active citizens of Mount Eliza and beyond.

Out of respect for the family and processes to be followed, we have been waiting until now for advice about their funeral arrangements. In lieu of this advice, **St Thomas More Parish will be hosting a memorial Mass to pray for and remember Dennis and Shirley on Thursday, 28th of April at 1pm in the Church.**

Refreshments will be offered following the Mass onsite - details will be provided closer to the time.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Fr Patrick

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

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team (PPLT)

Dear Friends,

On February 26th a meeting was held in the Parish Community Centre to discuss the future membership of the PPLT (Parish Pastoral Leadership Team), and to discern where God might be calling St Thomas More Parish in the future. This first meeting was advertised throughout February as an open invitation for any parishioner to come along and participate.

Lorraine McCarthy and Jacqui Giuliano from the Archdiocese Office for Mission Renewal facilitated a robust discussion amongst parishioners about what has defined our parish as a place of welcome and encounter with God from its foundation. Some of those present felt that the Parish has been through a time of uncertainty, change and decline and some hurt and disappointment was expressed. At the same time, there was a great sense of hope and optimism that these difficult times might become a springboard for new growth and life in the years to come, and an opportunity to regroup and rebuild.

Since the last meeting, our Parish has been given some further certainty and clarity with the appointment of a Parish Priest. The next step is to bring together those who expressed interest in becoming PPLT members to think and pray about our vision for the future, how the PPLT might operate and the different gifts and talents we need to work together. Jacqui has kindly offered to return and help facilitate this session on Saturday, 30th April. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as this important work continues. Fr Patrick



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 Fundraiser. You can choose a whole or a piece after each Mass on 23/24 April Weekend.



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

Divine Mercy—2nd Sunday of Easter



1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Easter Sunday Readings

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 10:34,37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection'

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel
say: 'His love has no end.'

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad.*

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I
shall live and recount his deeds.

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad.*

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad.*

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where
Christ is

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

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.