



# SEASONS

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

14th August 2022

PCC=Parish Community Centre U=Undercroft

Diary:

Monday 15th August  
SVdP Meeting  
9.30 am, Undercroft



Saturday 20th August  
PPLT Meeting  
1.30 pm, PCC

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**Pastoral Leadership Team**

Fr Patrick Bradford Emma Chapple  
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**Church Services:**

**Next Week**

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| Monday     |            | 10.00 am |
| Tuesday    | Adoration  | 6.00 pm  |
|            | Mass       | 7.00 pm  |
| Wednesday* | Mass       | 10.00 am |
| Thursday*  | Mass       | 10.00 am |
| Friday     | Exposition | 9.00 am  |
|            | Mass       | 10.00 am |

\*The Rosary will be prayed before this Mass

**Sunday Mass**

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| Saturday Vigil | 5.00 pm  |
| Sunday         | 8.00 am  |
| Sunday         | 10.00 am |

**Reconciliation**

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| 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.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:49-53*

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

Loyola Press.



**We pray for.....**

**Those who have passed away recently...**

Les Harper and Margaret Crockett

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..**

Simon Ryan, Andrew Pinnuck, Thomas Hansen, Donn O'Connor, Doris Driscoll, James T Kennedy, Kaye Coughlan, Olga Mary Brady, Thomas P Smith, Ruby McCartney, and Kevin Sheehy.



**The sick...** Maureen Mirabella, Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Abbatangelo, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Betty Corke, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Tequiomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 15th August in the Undercroft at 9.30am.



Thank you Marilyn Moloney

**Covid is back in our midst.**

Please take all safety precautions as you go about your lives.

ie: wear a mask, social distance, hand sanitise etc.

**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.

**STM Social Club**

The next scheduled event has been cancelled due to maintenance/repairs to the Gallery over winter.

Please continue to watch this space for upcoming social events.

The Welfare Officer is Margo Munro

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

Baptism - Reconciliation & First Eucharist - Confirmation.

Check our [WEBSITE](#) for more details

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](#)

*Welcome*



**WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA?**

Homelessness effects us all. Join us in this 1st of 3 free public community forums to empower and drive solutions.

Date: Wednesday 24th August, 2022  
 Venue: Peninsula Community Theatre  
 Cnr Wilsons Rd and Nepean Hwy, Mornington  
 Time: 6.30pm  
 Close: 8.30 pm  
 Refreshments at conclusion

[REGISTER HERE](#)



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [WWW.PENINSULAVOICE.ORG.AU](http://WWW.PENINSULAVOICE.ORG.AU) OR CALL 0411 045 264 / 0407 887 864

**Next Sunday's Readings  
 21st August — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



## National Vocations Awareness Week



Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community.  
Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries.  
Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.  
(Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)



## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August

This feast day celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

The Padua Social Justice group are currently looking for **15 by 15 cm squares that have been knitted or crocheted in 8 ply yarn** that will be collected and made into community blankets that will then be donated to St Vincent De Paul.

We are sharing this request with all parishes associated with Padua College with the hopes of receiving many squares. A collection box will be made available and we will collect donations up until **Sunday 18th of September**.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
**KNITTED AND/OR CROCHETED SQUARES!!**



The Social Justice team are currently looking for **knitted or crocheted 15 x 15 cm squares or 8 ply yarn**, to be crocheted together to make community blankets for St Vincent De Paul.

Squares must be **15 x 15cm**  
Can be knitted or crocheted and uses **8 ply yarn** or balls of **8 ply yarn and/or 4mm needles or hooks**.

Donation locations:  
Tyabb - Reception  
Rosebud - Reception  
Mornington - Chapel

If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Coordinator at your campus.  
Collections will run for the rest of the term.

## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential.

Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in Church Foyer or online [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

The next

## PPLT Meeting

will be held on  
**Saturday 20th August 2022 at 1.30pm**  
in the Parish Centre.

Should any parishioners wish to have a matter of a pastoral nature (rather than a 'nuts and bolts' practical nature) discussed at this meeting, please talk with one of the leadership team after Masses, or contact the Parish Office with a brief email.

PPLT Members

**Fr. Patrick; Emma Chapple; Carmel Huggard; Ruth Hilton; Joseph Sayah; Sandra Taylor.**

On the 3rd of May 2022, the Social Club decided to disband the Club as it had been operating and future events would be organised by individuals keen to continue to meet socially.

## Final Disbursement of St Thomas More Social Club Monies

Matured Term Deposit Monies  
\$5,609.16 donated to SVdP Mt Eliza Conference

Bank Account Monies  
\$2,550.53 donated to St Thomas More Church Memorial Wall Account for ongoing Wall/Garden Maintenance expenses.  
A Gardener/landscaper has been engaged for regular maintenance.

**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**      **Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10**

'Do not let the prophet die'

**Responsorial Psalm**      **39(40):2-4,18**

*Lord, come to my aid!*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

*Lord, come to my aid!*

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm.

*Lord, come to my aid!*

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

*Lord, come to my aid!*

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay.

*Lord, come to my aid!*

**Second reading** **Hebrews 12:1-4**

We should keep running steadily in the race we  
have started

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my  
voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they  
follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel****Luke 12:49-53**

How I wish it were  
blazing already!

**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.