



# SEASONS

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

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

20th February 2022

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

### Diary:

Monday 21st February

**St Vincent de Paul Meeting**

Undercroft, 7.30pm



Saturday 26th February

**Parish Discernment Session  
2 pm in The Undercroft**



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### Church Services:

#### During the Week

Tuesday	Adoration	6.30 pm
	Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday	Mass	10.00 am
Thursday	Mass	10.00 am
Friday	OUTDOOR Mass with School—Opening Year	10.00 am

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday	Vigil	5.00 pm
Sunday		8.00 am
Sunday	School Preps Welcome & Morning Tea	10.00 am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday	4:30 - 5:00 pm
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### Reflection:

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. Fr Patrick.



## Next Friday 25th February 10am Mass Opening of School Year

This is a great opportunity for us to pray for our Parish School - Staff, Teachers, Students and Families.

This Mass will be held Outside Church on the Lawn area.



## Next Sunday 27th February 10am Mass Welcome for School Preps

This is a great opportunity for us to pray for our Parish School newest students—The Preps.

There will be morning tea after Mass. **Please bring along a plate of food to share.**

**We pray for..**

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

Keith Donovan, Anne Mikolajunas and David Dole

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

Helene Seymour, Catherine Kost, Alex Hamilton and Genevieve Payne.

**The sick...** John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Keith Donovan, Martin & Helen Steyn, 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, 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.*



**Parish Sacramental Program - Confirmation**

An **Information Night** will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 24th February**

If you have a child in Year 6 or older who would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, and they are not at STM Primary School, please contact the Parish Sacramental Officer Faye Sayah on email: [fayesayah@gmail.com](mailto:fayesayah@gmail.com) before the Information Night.



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 21st February in the Undercroft at 7.30pm.

Thank you Marilyn Moloney



**Volunteers Needed** at the **St Vinnies Shop** in Tyabb Road Mornington.

Can you spare an hour or two? Each week or even just once a month?

Any assistance is appreciated, many hands make light work.

For more information, please contact Store Manager on 5976 8526 or Lois Bracken on 9787 2970



**STM Social Club**  
**New members are most welcome!**  
Membership fee is \$30

Contact : **Carolyn Gascoigne 0448 871 970**

If anyone has any questions about Membership fees— please contact Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559.

The Welfare Officers are Tom and Maree Shelton

Office – Keeping: Have you changed your address, email or phone number recently? Please email the office so that we can update our database records.

**Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers? The parish could use them as we continue to tidy up our grounds. Thank you.**

**Baptism Enquiries:**  
**Please send an email to the Parish Office**



**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**

<b>FINANCES</b>	<b>Stewardship</b>		<b>Presbytery</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Pledge</b>	
<b>2022-13 Feb</b>	<b>\$2,111</b>	<b>\$ 931</b>	<b>\$ 667</b>

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)

## Parish Pastoral Leadership Team (PPLT)

As we begin this new year with much more certainty around COVID restrictions it seems the time is right to consider the membership of PPLT and how St Thomas More can be best served going forward. I have asked Lorraine McCarthy from the Archdiocesan Proclaim Office to help run a workshop on **Saturday, February 26th from 2pm – 4.45pm.** Lorraine will help us to think and pray about where we are as a Parish community, where we see ourselves in the future, and how we are going to move forward.

Our time together will involve praying with scripture, especially the great commission given by Jesus to his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Mt 28:16-18). How do we make this call real and concrete at St Thomas More, Mount Eliza?

We will consider the place of our Parish in reaching out to the Mt Eliza community and bringing Christ’s presence to God’s people. This is what Pope Francis recently wrote about as the missionary option, which is “capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for self-preservation”.

We will consider the five pillars of Christian life as found in the Acts of the Apostles: Worship, Evangelisation, Discipleship, Community and Service. To help us move forward we’re looking for a cross section of gifts to be shared through PPLT: we need doers, managers, reporters, representatives and dreamers to formulate and then execute a vision for the future.

The focus of PPLT is not the daily operations of the parish or parish administration. Rather we are focussed on the big picture: how do we foster the pastoral life of our parish looking ahead in a strategic and long term way.

Anyone is welcome to attend this session which will form a part of the process for appointing new members to PPLT. Even if you are a little bit curious, I warmly invite you to join us in this important afternoon where we look to strengthen the future of our Parish as a visible sign of God’s presence in our community. If anyone is interested in becoming a PPLT member or to learn more, I would be happy to speak with you.

Fr Patrick

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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** 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

**Do not lift your hand against the Lord's  
anointed**

**Responsorial Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13**

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

**Second reading I Corinthians 15:45-49**

The first Adam became a living soul; the last  
Adam, a life-giving spirit

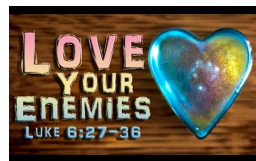
**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 6:27-38**

Love your enemies

**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.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

**Hosanna**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Let us pray**

Grant, almighty God,  
that with our thoughts always  
on the things of the Spirit  
we may please you in all that we say and do.  
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 Sunday's Readings

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



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.

