



SEASONS

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

6th 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

Church, Time: To Be Advised



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Next Week:

During the Week

Tuesday 7.00 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am

Thursday 10.00 am

Friday 10.00 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am

& 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Dear Friends,

The new year of 2022 is well underway. School holidays have come to an end, kids are back in the classrooms while mum and dads are back to work and life's pace seems to be quickening again. After the excitement of Advent, The Nativity and the Octave of Christmas, in these weeks the Church's calendar also takes on a different pace. By comparison to Christmas, Advent, Easter and the scores of other feast days throughout the year, Ordinary Time does not sound very exciting. In the English language *Ordinary* often means that something is not special or distinctive. When something is ordinary it can mean that it is than ideal or falling short of the mark.

But Ordinary Time does not mean bland or "common time". The word Ordinary comes from the latin word *Ordinalis* which talks about a numbers in a series. Its root word is *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. So Ordinary time is a season where we are neither feasting nor fasting, but an ordered, sequenced preparation and catechesis as we watch and wait for the coming of Christ.

The Sunday readings for Ordinary Time this year began with the Wedding at Cana where Jesus transforms water into wine. Jesus' first miracle sets the scene for the rest of Jesus public ministry- like at the wedding feast God dwells among his people, God's grace changes the ordinary things of our life into extraordinary things; God surprises us and works unexpectedly in life's everyday moments.

This is what we too can look forward to in Ordinary Time. The color green on the vestments and displayed around the Church symbolises hope and growth. As we descend from the great mountain peaks of Easter and Christmas we pasture on in the valleys on green grass of this season. As we consider the life of Christ from every angle – his life, his miracles, teachings, his trials and challenges – we grow in faith and love.

Fr Patrick.



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... Josephine "Raye" Darrer, Elizabeth Johnstone, Patricia Crowther and Jack Torcaso.

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....

January Remembrances: Mary Jane McGinty, George Morrow, John Koppenol, George Grech, Valda Pierce, Narelle Bracken, Tomasine Hennessy, Maurice Carr, Sidney Smith, Karel Merkus, Tony Pinnuck, Brendan Dickson, Agnes McDonald, Aubrey Stainislaw Pearson, Inga

Kufer, Rosemary Ivey, Keith Jackson, Michael Gleeson, James Breen, Ralph Skinner, Elizabeth Morse, Margaret Connolly, Mary Horrigan, Doreen Lloyd, Johannes Bruitzman, Doris Clark, and John C McCartney.

February Remembrances: John M McCartney, Anne McGrath, Fr Peter Fulton, Adelheid Behrenbruch, Jeremy Lourey, Bill Oates, Laurie Gage, Michael Pierce, Eileen Kilgariff, Hayden Jackson, Tom Connolly, Terry Sutton, Lee Ragnet and Peggy Fox.

The sick... John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Keith Donovan, Martin & Helen Steyn, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, 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, 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, Tequiomata, 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 before the Information Night.

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

Please contact : **Carolyn Gascoigne on 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

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9287 5513

FINANCES

		Stewardship		Presbytery
		Actual	Pledge	
2021	26/12	\$ 726	\$ 872	\$ 701
2022	02/01	\$2,108	\$ 3,285	\$ 638
	09/01	\$2,592	\$ 1,373	\$ 779
	16/01	\$1,887	\$ 2,042	\$ 619
	23/01	\$ 965	\$ 1,022	\$ 697
	30/01	\$ 672	\$ 897	\$ 829

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)

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

PPLT

St Thomas More Parish has a proud tradition of parishioners being actively involved and engaged in the life of the Church both within our community and beyond. One obvious example of this is the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team – PPLT.

I want to acknowledge the generous contribution of all those who have served the Parish on the PPLT and especially that of our chair, Jacinta Griffin. It has not been easy for the PPLT to operate in and out of lockdowns over the last two and a bit years while also grappling with constantly changing COVID restrictions, a change of clergy (twice!), a diocesan parish restructure as well as the usual parish business.

Thankyou to current and previous PPLT members for your generous contribution of time and talent.

When I arrived at St Thomas More there were already some vacant positions on the PPLT. While I was still becoming familiar with the Parish and our community, I felt it was important not to make any decisions about PPLT membership until I had got to meet people and understand our Parish. The repeated lockdowns and time of Church closure have extended this time further than I had anticipated. Since last January there we have more vacancies as PPLT members have relocated or resigned.

As we begin this new year with much more certainty with COVID restrictions it seems the time is right to consider the membership of PPLT and how St Thomas More can be represented in the future.

I have asked Lorraine McCarthy from the Archdiocesan Proclaim Office to help run a discernment workshop on Saturday, February 26th. 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 get there.

The Church's Code of Canon Law gives a helpful summary of how a Pastoral Council is to be chosen (CCC 512/2)

The Christian faithful who are appointed to the pastoral council are to be so selected that the entire portion of the people of God which constitutes the diocese is truly reflected, with due regard for the diverse regions, social conditions and professions of the diocese as well as the role which they have in the apostolate, either as individuals or in conjunction with others.

Anyone is welcome to attend the session which will form a part of the process for appointing new members to PPLT.

Details about timing and place for the meeting on the 26th will be finalised in next weekend's bulletin. If anyone is interested in becoming a PPLT member or to learn more, I would be happy to speak with you before then.

Fr Patrick

Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to
the Parish Office



5th 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 Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8
'Here I am: send me'

Responsorial Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.*

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.*

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,
Lord.*


Second reading I Corinthians 15:1-11
**I preached what the others preach, and
you all believed**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 5:1-11
They left everything and followed him

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.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall
be consoled.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.