



# SEASONS

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

10th July 2022



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**Office Days/Hours:**

**9am to 5pm Tuesday & Thursday  
(Leave a Phone Message at other times)**

**Pastoral Leadership Team**

Fr Patrick Bradford Emma Chapple  
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Sandra Taylor

**Church Services:**

**Next Week 4-8 July**

|            |                     |          |
|------------|---------------------|----------|
| 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 |
| Saturday   | Mass for the Unborn | 10.00 am |

\*The Rosary will be prayed before this Mass

**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.

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 10:25-37*

The parable of the Good Samaritan



**Background on the Gospel Reading**

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting [Deuteronomy 6:5](#), on loving God with all your heart, and [Leviticus 19:18](#), on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travellers. The traveller in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem.

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# We pray for..

### Those who have passed away recently...

Stan Norris and Kevin Gascoigne

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

William Underwood, Alice Vino, Nanette O’Connell, Muriel Fulton,



**The sick...** Les Harper, Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Abbatangelo, 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, 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, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

## STM Social Club

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.

There was a discussion about what would become of the Social Club monies which had been raised by the Club over the many years of operation however nothing was decided at the meeting (there was an offer to contact Julian or Carolyn however no suggestions have been made to date).

The following points A & B list how the monies will be dispersed:

**A**  
Term Deposit (upon maturity end of July)  
\$5597+interest to be donated to SVdP Mt Eliza Conference

**B**  
Bank Account  
\$2251 to be donated to St Thomas More Church Memorial Wall Account for ongoing Wall/Garden Maintenance expenses.

### Next Sunday’s Readings 17th July —16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10  
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28  
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



### 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](#)

## STM Social Club

### Wednesday 13th July

Luncheon at Girl & Bull Restaurant, Mt Eliza Way, Mt Eliza at 12.30pm

The Welfare Officers are  
Gui Hone and Helen Grech

| FINANCES | Stewardship |          | Presbytery |
|----------|-------------|----------|------------|
|          | Actual      | Pledge   |            |
| July 3rd | \$ 2,894    | \$ 2,592 | \$ 745     |

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)

### Pick up your Stewardship Envelopes This Weekend

Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Envelopes sets are available in the Church Foyer this weekend.

Please collect yours today, to keep our mailing costs to a minimum. Receipts have been emailed to those people who contribute electronically.

If you contribute by Direct Debit or Credit Card and we don’t have your email address, could you please send it to us.

Thank you..... Vicki



## Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859



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The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

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## Where to recycle items you no longer need?

### What can I recycle at Officeworks?

- Old IT equipment
- Old Mobile phones and chargers/cables
- Empty ink & toner cartridges
- Old Batteries



### What can I recycle at St Thomas More Catholic Church?

For the Month of July - We will be collecting **old Spectacles (prescription, sunglasses and other)** which we will pass onto Edithvale Optometrist who will prepare and donate them to low income earners.

(Please place items in marked container in Church Foyer)

We have an exciting offer for new members who join our **Ritchies Community Benefit Program**. Welcome promotion - if you sign up with the new App or Card and nominate your organisation ( **St Thomas More Catholic Church Mount Eliza**) there is a benefit of receiving an extra \$10 after you spend the first \$100 in shopping. It's quick, simple and easy to: Download, Register and Activate.

The next meeting of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** will be held on Monday the 18th July in the Undercroft at 9.30 am.



Thank you Marilyn Moloney

## Parish Office

Beginning July 1st there will be a restructure of roles within the Parish Office. Our Office Manager, Vicki Abbatangelo will become the Parish Finance Officer, working one day per week. Going forward we are advertising a new position of Parish Secretary to work 10 hours over the remainder of the working week. Details of this position and applications can be made via <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/job-vacancies/parish-secretary-st-thomas-more-parish>.

Any changes to Parish Office hours will be advised in Seasons.

On behalf of the Parish I sincerely thank Vicki for her professionalism, dedication and commitment to St Thomas More since her arrival in 2018 and I look forward to her future presence in the office as we move forward from lockdowns into 2022.

Fr Patrick

## Communication & Relationships,

**Saturday 23 Jul 2022, 12.30pm-5pm AEST**, attend via Zoom or in-person. A fundamental aspect of any relationship - with God or people - is Communication. This event looks at the different aspects of communication and their strengths and weaknesses in daily life. It offers a practical approach to communication and relationships. This session will be led by James Areechira svd. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch).

Book and pay by 18/7/22

via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC,

email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne)  
or tel (03) 9890 1101

**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 Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

The Law is not beyond your strength or beyond  
your reach

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37**

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah  
and men shall dwell there in possession.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there.

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

**Second reading Colossians 1:15-20**

All things were created through Christ and for  
Christ

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit  
and life; you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 10:25-37**  
**The good Samaritan****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 de-  
scended 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.