



# SEASONS

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

17th July 2022

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

Diary:

**Monday 18th July**  
SVdP Meeting  
9.30 am, Undercroft



**Thursday 21st July**  
Funeral for Kevin Gascoigne  
11 am, Church



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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  
Carmel Huggard Ruth Hilton  
Amos Nichols Joe Sayah  
Sandra Taylor

**Church Services:**

No Weekday Masses

**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm  
Sunday 8.00 am  
Sunday 10.00 am

**Reconciliation**

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.

Dear Friends,

The plenary council concluded last week in Sydney. Last week's meeting is the culmination of several years of dialogue and discernment around Australia. I know many parishioners at St Thomas More contributed to these discussions about the future of our Church and take a keen interest in events. Last week the plenary discussed and voted on questions around reconciliation, mission, healing and reconciliation, ecology and the place of women in the Church. I encourage parishioners to check the Plenary Council website for a full report <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



Next week I will be attending the Divine Renovation Conference with a group of seven from Melbourne -priests as well as laity from the Office for Evangelisation. The conference will be led by Fr James Mallon from Halifax and Ron Huntley who specialises in coaching and development. We will be experiencing weekend Masses and community at St Anne's Parish in Copel, and learning from other leaders about how to bring the good news to our parish communities through discernment of gifts, structures, leadership and proclamation. The following week I will be making my annual retreat with the 8 days of exercises under direction with the Jesuit priests at Manresa.

The last two weeks I will be on holidays and I will be back at Mt Eliza for Masses beginning on Saturday 13th August. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers while away and offer Mass for you all.

We have three different priests offering Mass while I'm away on the weekends. Please contact the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays if you need to get in touch with us.

Fr Patrick

# We pray for..

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

Mary Goss and Alan Rawson

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

Rosemaree Fulton, George Mitchell, Patrick Ryan, Audrey Wearne, Geoff Hook, Anne Harland and Maureen Sweeney.



**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.*

### Kevin Gascoigne:

Kevin’s Funeral will be held on Thursday 21st July at 11.00 am here at St Thomas More Church

## STM Social Club

### Final Publication of this notice

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.

### 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

Wonderful time had by all last Wednesday at the Girl and Bull Restaurant, where we had a luncheon and caught up with each other.  
Thirteen made for a merry gathering!  
Hope to see you at our next event. Remember how important it is to maintain our community links.

The Welfare Officers are  
Gui Hone and Helen Grech

### New Directive:

**Financial information will be published every two weeks in future.**

### 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.

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

Next Sunday's Readings

**24th July — 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32  
 2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14  
 Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13



## Gospel Reading

**Luke 10:38-42**

### Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them.

As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbour (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom.

By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbour requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.



## 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)



**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      Genesis 18:1-10**

'Next year your wife Sarah will have a son'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 14(15):2-5

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue.

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

**Second reading Colossians 1:24-28**

A mystery hidden for generations has been  
revealed to God's saints

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with  
a generous heart and yield a harvest through  
perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel      Luke 10:38-42**

Martha works; Mary listens

**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.

**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.