



SEASONS

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

3rd July 2022

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

Diary:

Fr Patrick is away at the ACCC Conference

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Church Services:

Next Week 4-8 July

Monday 10am

Tuesday - cancelled

Wednesday - cancelled

Thursday - cancelled

Friday - cancelled

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am

Sunday 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Tuesday - cancelled

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.



Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.



We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
Nan Hoban



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 10th July —15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37



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 Please RSVP before 6th July to Carolyn on 0448 871 970

The Welfare Officers are
Gui Hone and Helen Grech

FINANCES	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
June 26th	\$ 820	\$ 712	\$ 728
Monthly			
weekly ave.	\$ 1,336		

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 will be emailed during the week 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



Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly.

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

Let us reflect upon Fr Laurie and the STM Parishioners who visited the top of Australia.



Aboriginal Lord's Prayer

*You are our Father, you live in Heaven, we talk to you. Father you are good.
(Repeat)*

We believe your word Father, we your children, give us bread today. (Repeat)

We have done wrong, we are sorry. Help us Father not to sin again. (Repeat)

Others have done wrong to us and we are sorry for them Father today. (Repeat)

Help us from doing wrong Father. Save us all from the evil one. (Repeat)

*You are our Father, you live in Heaven, we talk to you. Father you are good.
(Repeat)*



Fr Kevin McKelson sac, from the Missa Kimberley

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welcome

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

'Spiritual Nourishment Days',
Thursdays 21 July and 25 August 2022,
1pm-4pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person, according to personal circumstances. Those in caring roles live with profound beauty amidst the challenges of daily life. We offer these reflection/retreat days for those who frequently serve others, who may need support, a place of welcome and some nurturing.

Each day is offered as an oasis. You will have the space and time to be silent, reflect, with the opportunity to share if you wish. We invite you to re-energise your mind and replenish your spirit. Led by Heart of Life spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Cathy Beaton. Cost \$30 per session. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, tel (03) 9890 1101 email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or book and pay at www.heartoflife.melbourne

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 66:10-14**

Towards Jerusalem I send flowing peace, like a
river

Responsorial Psalm **Psalms 65(66):1-7,16,20**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading **Galatians 6:14-18**

The marks on my body are those of Jesus

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule
in your hearts, and the fullness of his message
live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 10:1-12,17-20**

Your peace will rest on that man

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.