



# SEASONS

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

31st July 2022

We Welcome  
Fr. Geoff Baron  
who will be  
celebrating with us  
this weekend.



Last weekend -  
Big Thank You to  
Fr. Shang Readz

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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 Masses:**

Saturday Vigil	5.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
Sunday	10.00 am
Filipino	4.00 pm

**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,  
I am on leave until Saturday 13th August. While I'm away, I will continue to pray for you all and for our community. For weekdays, parishioners may like to check the Mass times at neighbouring parishes: Mornington, Somerville and Frankston. Fr Patrick



**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12:13-21*

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Loyola Press.

**We pray for.....**

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

Ros Ball and Grevis Reid

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

Peg Collard, Les Collard, Mary MacDonald, Lucy Galvin and Michelle Collins.



**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.

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*Grevis Reid’s funeral will be held here at St Thomas More on Monday (1st August) at 11am - followed by refreshments in the Undercroft.*

**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.

**Notice:**

**Covid is back in our midst.**

*Please take all safety precautions as you go about your lives.*

ie: wear a mask, social distance, hand sanitise etc.

**Do you have any TIP Vouchers from your Council Rate Notices you could donate to the Parish to keep our grounds looking their best?**

**STM Social Club**

The Welfare Officers are  
Gui Hone and Helen Grech

**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](#)

*welcome*

**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)

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



**Next Sunday’s Readings  
7th August —19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
- 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
- Gospel: Luke 12:32-48





**WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA?**

Homelessness effects us all. Join us in this 1st of 3 free public community forums to empower and drive solutions.

Date: Wednesday 24th August, 2022  
 Venue: Peninsula Community Theatre  
 Cnr Wilsons Rd and Nepean Hwy, Mornington  
 Time: 6.30pm  
 Close: 8.30 pm  
 Refreshments at conclusion

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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**Archbishop's letter**

Archbishop Peter has sent a letter following his return from the Fifth Plenary Council. You can find the printed letter in the foyer of the Church or on the link in our Website home page. It is titled : Archbishops Letter to Christ's Faithful

**Saturday 6 August 2022**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**



The first three Gospels contain a number of passages that show Jesus' divinity shining through his humanity. One of these is the passage on the Transfiguration.

Some time before he died on the cross, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain— probably Mount Tabor. There, while the apostles watched, Jesus' face began to shine much more brightly than the sun. His garments became as white as snow.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared, standing on each side of Jesus. The three of them talked together for a brief time about Jesus' coming passion and death. Then Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" (Matthew 17:4).

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud gathered and covered the apostles with its shadow. Then the apostles heard a voice saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5). Peter, James, and John fell to the ground because they were so frightened. The next moment Jesus touched them and told them not to fear. When they looked up, there was no one in sight except Jesus, looking like his ordinary self.

As they walked down the mountain, Jesus told the favoured three to keep the whole experience a secret. They were permitted to tell others only after he had risen from the dead. Perhaps Jesus gave these apostles a glimpse of his divine identity in order to strengthen their faith in preparation for the ordeals of his coming passion and death.

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We have two options:

- 1) An on-line/virtual weekend: **19 -21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home
- 2) A non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie.



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.** This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au) Information/ Bookings:  
 Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or  
 Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)



**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 Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities; all is vanity

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17**

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

You turn men back to dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

**Second reading Colossians 3:1-5,9-11**

You must look for the things that are in heaven,  
where Christ is

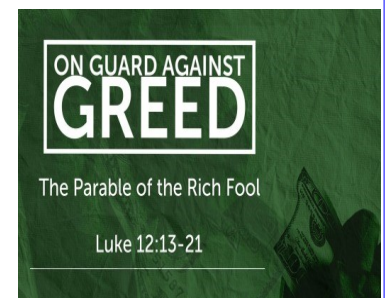
**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of  
heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Gospel****Luke 12:13-21**

Fool! This very night  
your soul will be  
demanded of you

**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.

