



SEASONS

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY — Year C

12th June 2022

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

Diary:

Friday 17th June

Funeral for George & Nance
Awburn, 11am, Church



Monday 20th June

SVdP Meeting
9.30am, Undercroft



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Church Services:

Next Week 13 June

Monday 10am

Tuesday - cancelled

Wednesday - cancelled

Thursday - cancelled

Friday - cancelled

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm

Sunday ~~8.00 am~~ Cancelled

Sunday 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Tuesday ~~6:30 - 7:00 pm~~ 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.

As Catholic Christians, the Trinity is the Central Doctrine of our Faith. The word doctrine comes from the Greek word Doxa, which we would translate as glory. Christian Doctrines help to unpack the glory of God. Of all doctrines, the Trinity is the most glorious of all because it helps us to better understand who God is.



Other mysteries of our faith tell us what God has done in time (the creation, the Incarnation, the Resurrection), but the Trinity tells us who God is in eternity. Tertullian, one of the theologians of the early church, explained the Trinity with this metaphor: God the Father he described as "a deep root, the Son as the shoot that breaks forth into the world, and the Holy Spirit as that which spreads beauty and fragrance."

Bishop Fulton Sheen, spoke of the nature of God as being one, like that of water. Water's chemical symbol is H2O. That is its nature. Is it possible to have various relationships within that one nature, he asks? The nature of water can then appear as a liquid, steam or ice. The nature of all three is identical but their form is different. Just as in the sun there is substance, light and heat, yet only one sun.

In the New Testament we read that "God is love". Love is not an attribute of God, it is His very nature. Now when we think about love, what do people in love do? They communicate and make images of themselves. See how this plays out in creation. Think about plants They drop seeds, which then enter the earth, and then give rise to striking reproductions, making images of themselves. Trees cover the country side, summer wild flowers adorn an alpine meadow. All bearing a like image of the other.

Think of the communication that exists between people. A man and woman fall in love, marry and then through this love are able to conceive and bear an image of themselves. Think of the ways we human beings manage to communicate and make images of ourselves. Conversations, writings, public speaking, the use of the media, sharing ideas, we touch impress ourselves upon the minds and heart of others and thereby produce images of ourselves. Take this even further to the foundations and building blocks of the physical world. Think of the planets and galaxies, how they are drawn together. The moon has been held in this orbit for eons, the earth rotates around the sun as we see this remarkable interconnectedness in all of creation. God's universe shows us how one thing reflects and relates with another.

In the Creed we declare that we "believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth". When we speak of Trinity as the inter relationship between persons this is not some vague, esoteric statement. Within the unity of God there is an imaging process. The Father from all eternity produces the perfect image of himself.

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We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... George & Nance Awburn.

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. Frederick Egging, Peter Hellard, Jo Clarke, Peter Jackson, Bill Marshall, Barbara Owsiana, Joan Mithcell, Louise Kasperlik, Ellen Breen, Lorna MacGregor.



The sick... Tony Fiume, Carmel Kost, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, Rodney Abbatangelo (next operation Thursday 17th June), Thomas Parrish, 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, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Adrian Gobel, 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.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Nance Carmel Awburn (nee King) died 04/06/2022 at Karana Community Care, Kew. Born Hampton 23/12/1926, 95 yrs.

George Thomas Awburn died 05/06/2022 at Karana Community Care, Kew. Born Hampton 27/07/1927, 94 yrs.

George and Nance met in primary school (St Mary's, Hampton), married 07/02/1957 (Xavier Chapel, Kew) and lived a full and happy life together. They were parishioners of St Thomas More for 25 years before moving to Karana Community Care, Kew in 2020.



A joint funeral mass will be held at St Thomas More on Friday 17th June at 11am here at St Thomas More with Fr Laurie Pearson.

Please feel free to join the family to celebrate their life.

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.

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](#)

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This perfect image we call the Son. The mirroring process we see below in creation is an analogy of the image we see in God. In the Son is the perfect image of the mind, will, power, simplicity love, and compassion of the Father. In the Son we see the incarnate expression of merciful steadfast nature of God that has been from eternity to eternity.

Everything the Father is, so is the Son. This is why we say in the Creed that the Son is Consubstantial with the Father. He shares completely in the Father's being. All images here below are reflections of this great truth. The Son is perfection of the Father. When they look at one another they fall in love. Think about how when you see something good and beautiful you love it and want to be united to it. The Father and the Son, who are utter perfection, each falls in love with the other.

Bishop Fulton Sheen said that the Father and Son from all eternity sigh their love for each other. This Holy Breath is the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Robert Barron comments that this love that God is so white hot that it spills over into creation. All those echoes of communication and image making we were exploring earlier mirror this intense communication.

We see that the image of the Father is sent into the world so that we can in turn be restored to the kind of communion and communication that God wills for us. We can begin to participate in the inner life of God here on earth through our Baptism. Baptism prepares us for eternal life, where we can fully know God when in Heaven. But right now, all around us there are reflections of the Trinitarian life in the world, in our relationships, in the Mass and Sacraments. Those who discern these signs can discover more of life's meaning and purpose. The trinity teaches us not so much what God has done, but who God is. It also shows us who we are, our deepest identity, and points us to who we can full become with God's help and grace.

By Fr Jonathan Gibso



Archdiocese of Melbourne Synthesis Report.

Our local Church in Melbourne has brought together this Report in response to Pope Francis' invitation for the universal Church to reflect upon:

For a Synodal Church:

Communion, Participation and Mission;

The theme of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which will take place on October 2023.

The Report will now take its part in a combined national report, which will be sent to the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops to be considered alongside contributions from other parts of the Church around the world. **Copies of this Report are in the Church Foyer and available in electronic form on our Website Home page.**

FINANCES

	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
June 5th	\$ 2,180	\$ 3,464	\$ 670

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)

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 20th June in the Undercroft at 9.30 am.

Thank you Marilyn Moloney



This Weekend we will be collecting for the

Catholic Mission

Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Envelopes are in the Church Foyer.

Next Sunday's Readings

19th June —CORPUS CHRISTI

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17



Schedule of events for
The Feast of St Thomas More at Mt Eliza
Sunday, 19th June

- 8am** **Mass Not Scheduled**
 (Please consider attending the 10am Mass)
- 10am Mass Concelebrated with Fr Austin Cooper,
 OMI with commissioning of new PPLT
- 11am Pre drinks and nibbles in the Undercroft
 Authentic music from the 16th century to
 be performed by a duo of recorders
- 11:30pm Lunch, drinks and desert.
 Kindly RSVP by Friday 17th of June via
 our try booking page:
 <https://www.trybooking.com/CADME>
 or on the signup sheets after Mass in the
 coming weeks. A \$20 per adult and \$10 per
 child donation for catering would be
 appreciated
- 1.15pm Movie at the Parish Community Centre,
 tea and coffee to finish

Wednesday 22nd June

- 10am Mass celebrated with whole school
 community
- 5:30pm Holy Hour to pray for the people of Mt Eliza
 with prayers by St Thomas More and
 Vespers

The Feast of St Thomas More

June 22nd, 2022



The Feast of our Patron Saint, Thomas More this year falls on Wednesday, 22nd of June. From the earliest days of our Parish, St Thomas More has been an inspiration and influence for our community especially through his deep faith, his keen appreciation of justice, his commitment to married life and family. On Wednesday morning there will be a Parish Mass together with St Thomas More School community at the usual time of 10am. All are welcome. In the evening there will be a Holy Hour for to pray for the intentions of our Parish and Parishioners beginning at 5:30pm. Holy Hour will finish with prayers written by St Thomas More and Vespers concluding at 6:30pm.

On the preceding Sunday, 19th of June the Parish will be hosting a number of events to celebrate St Thomas More's influence on our faith community. There will be a special Mass at 10am celebrated with Fr Patrick and Fr Austin Cooper, OMI, senior lecturer at Catholic Theological College who will preach about St Thomas More's faith, tying this in to the Feast of Corpus Christi. At this Mass we will also present the new PPLT members to the Parish and commission them with a blessing. Following Mass a festive lunch with pre-drinks will be held in the Parish Undercroft. The main meal will be served at 12pm. After lunch at 1:00pm we will be screening the film "A Man for All Seasons", a biographical work based on the play written by Robert Bolt. Tea and Coffee will conclude the afternoon. In order to gather our entire community together for this occasion, there will be no usual scheduled 8am Mass on Sunday, 19th of June only. I warmly invite parishioners to consider attending the 10am Sunday Mass on this weekend.

All are welcome—see adjacent page for registration details and RSVP

Fr Austin Cooper served as Master of Catholic Theological College and President of the Melbourne College of Divinity. His theological interests focus on the impact of English Speaking spirituality, with special interest in the Oxford Movement. He has published extensively in these areas and led several pilgrimages to Holy places throughout England

St Thomas More Social Justice Group

The Housing Forum was held in the school hall on the 28th April 75 people were present.

We had three guest speakers, State and federal MP, 3 Counsellors from Mornington and Frankston and council back office staff.

After discussion from the audience we had further discussion over a cup of tea and eat, a good night all round.

Some points from the meeting:

Safe affordable Housing for people on low incomes is sadly not keeping up with demand in our community.

Social housing and community housing is now run by the private sector, very little public housing left. Noting the private sector does not run at a loss, costs are passed on to renters. People are falling through this safety net.

We are also seeing private rent stress due to a lack of supply, and mortgage stress due to interest rates rises.

Over the years we have seen wage stagnation, and government support payments not keep up with the cost of living. Our parish SVDP conference has been a witness to this. Supplementing these under funded support payments.

The other issue is crisis accommodation for people sleeping rough and couch surfing or women suffering from domestic violence in our community. Support agencies can only send people to Rooming houses which many are not safe and cost over \$250 per/wk.

In the short term for crisis accommodation we need to develop on government and private vacant land cabin parks with a support hub, self contained bed sit units, secondary dwellings in urban back yards this accommodation is safe, and is embedded around existing infrastructure.

What works for us in the past has changed. We need a rethink around bush Fires, Floods, Coastal sea inundation, and cost of insurance for existing housing.

The advice from the three guest speakers and members of three levels of government was the community needs to advocate for safe affordable housing for all Australians. An example of what the community can do when it raises its concerns about climate change at the recent federal election and the impact it had. (housing is part of this)

What can you do? Please see the brochure.

If you require more information contact Ron Congues 0412 409 611

Many thanks for your support
St Thomas More Social Justice Group

SAFE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHO WILL SPEAK FOR SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IF WE THE COMMUNITY FAIL?

Some suggestions for how the Community can advocate:

- ⇒ KNOW THE FACTS
- ⇒ Connect to ACOSS or VCOSS to see the TWO FACES OF AUSTRALIA. Parliament Committee Reports.
- ⇒ Well researched News Releases, Reports, Statistics
- ⇒ Mornington Peninsula Triple A Housing Plan 2020-2030
<https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/affordable-housing-peninsula>



Community Links—Volunteering

- Access – Your Local Government Service Directory
- Volunteer with Frankston & Mornington Community Information and Support Centres
- Seaford Housing Action Coalition—Advocacy
- Winter Shelter Project
- Peninsula Voice—Advocacy
- St Vincent de Paul—assisting people where they live



HOW CAN THE LOCAL MEMBER SPEAK ON YOUR BEHALF IN PARLIAMENT

IF WE DO NOT INFORM THEM ABOUT THE STRUGGLE TO ACCESS

SAFE AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

St Thomas More Parish, Mt Eliza, Social Justice Group. 28th April 2022

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 Proverbs 8:22-31
Before the earth came into being,
Wisdom was born

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 8:4-9

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all
the earth!*

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all
the earth!*

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all
the earth!*

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all
the earth!*

Second reading Romans 5:1-5
**The love of God has been poured into
our hearts**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 16:12-15
**The Spirit of truth will lead you to the
complete truth**

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.