



SEASONS

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

26th June 2022

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

Diary:

Wednesday 29th June

Funeral for Carmel Kost
11.30 am, Church then Undercroft

Thursday 30th June

Baptism Preparation Meeting,
7.30 pm, Church

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Church Services:

Next Week 27th June

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
	Filipino Mass	4.00 pm

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.

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.



Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Carmel Kost, and Donna Arnold.

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Melinda Mitchell, Alfred Bardsley, Maria Knuckey, and Lillian Oakes.



The sick... 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, Luke Carroll, 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.

Carmel Kost: Carmel’s Funeral will be held on Wednesday 29th June at 11.30am here at St Thomas More Church followed by refreshments in the Undercroft and then burial.

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.

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 19th	\$ 1,268	\$ 1,872	\$ 613

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)

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.

Next Sunday’s Readings
3rd July —14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14
2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS
Baptism - Reconciliation & First Eucharist - Confirmation.
Check our WEBSITE for more details

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.**

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](#)

Taken from Melbourne Catholic celebrating 175 years since the foundation of the Archdiocese

In September 1939, 20 young Austrian choristers, along with their adult guardians, found themselves suddenly stranded in Perth at the outbreak of war.

The Vienna Mozart Boys' Choir—established and conducted by Dr Georg Gruber, a former conductor of the famous Vienna Boys' Choir—had been on the homeward leg of a successful nine-month tour of the USA, New Zealand and Australia, where they had sung to packed houses in large cities and small towns around the country. Perth was to be their last stop before sailing home to their families. But when the Nazis invaded Poland and war broke out, all commercial voyages to Europe were suddenly cancelled, and the stranded Austrian boys (aged 9–14) became, in effect, enemy aliens, putting them at risk of internment.

Finding himself in a pinch, Dr Gruber recalled a conversation he'd had in Melbourne a few weeks previously. Over cake and lemonade, and with the situation in Europe deteriorating rapidly, Archbishop Daniel Mannix had said to the choir, 'If you ever find yourself stuck, I would be happy to have you'—a half-joking, almost throw-away invitation, but a moment of grace that would reverberate in the lives of the boys and their guardians, not to mention the music of St Patrick's Cathedral, for years to come.

Dr Gruber telegraphed the Archbishop, asking if the offer still stood, and received a prompt, positive reply. 'Come immediately,' the return telegram read. Mannix was keen to establish a world-class choir at St Patrick's Cathedral, but for various reasons, previous attempts had all failed. So a cathedral parish in need of a choir came to the rescue of a choir in need of a home.

On their return to Melbourne, the boys were billeted with Catholic families in the cathedral parish. The boys attended Catholic schools and, along with 12 boys from Parade College and St Patrick's Jesuit College, became the founding members of the St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, which has continued, in one form or another, to this day, enriching the liturgy of the cathedral immeasurably.

Of course, the trauma of being stuck on the other side of the world, away from home and family at such a young age, had a huge impact on the boys, and their sense of isolation was only exacerbated when Dr Gruber was later interred as a Nazi for the duration of the war. (He was eventually exonerated by a post-war denazification court in Europe.)

Some of the boys adjusted to their new situation better than others, but most retained a strong bond with each other over the years, forged through their shared ordeal. All but two of the boys remained in Australia for the rest of their lives, many of them settling and thriving, but a few struggling to find their place in the world or to shake the distress and heartbreak of this early, formative experience.

Meanwhile, back in Austria, three other boys who were originally supposed to join the choir on tour, but whose plans were scuppered when their voices broke, eventually found themselves fighting for the German Army. All three died on the Russian front.

It goes without saying that the refugee experience is driven by necessity and is never ideal—a fact brought home to us nightly on our television screens as we contemplate the fates of those fleeing war and upheaval in places as far flung as Afghanistan, Ukraine and South Sudan. But the trauma that inevitably accompanies such dislocation might be eased, even momentarily, when—like Archbishop Mannix—we give way to the hospitable impulse, the prompting of the Spirit towards a more generous and welcoming response to the wayfarers among us. We might even find that we are more richly blessed by them than they are by us.

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

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July

Thank you for your prayers Mary MacKillop Today supports thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia, bringing hope to communities for generations to come. If you'd like to learn about Mary MacKillop Today please contact us via Ph: (02) 8912 2763 Email: hello@marymackilloptoday.org.au or visit: www.marymackilloptoday.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 I Kings 19:16,19-21

Elisha leaves the plough to follow Elijah

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second reading Galatians 5:1,13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

Jesus sets out for Jerusalem

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.