



# SEASONS

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

**PENTECOST — Year C**

5th June 2022

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

Diary:

**Wednesday 8th June**

Finance Committee Meeting  
7.30pm, PCC and ZOOM

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**Pastoral Leadership Team**

Fr Patrick Bradford (Parish Administrator)  
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Joe Sayah Sandra Taylor

**Church Services:**

**Next Week 30/5**

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

\*The Rosary will be  
prayed before this Mass

**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil	5.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
Sunday	10.00 am

**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.

It's impossible to live the life of a Christian without the help of the Holy Spirit. But to appreciate the role of the Spirit in the life of a Christian we have to start with Jesus himself. Even Jesus needed the Spirit. The Spirit had a big role to play in his life. The Spirit descended on him at his baptism, revealing him as the Father's beloved Son.



At his baptism he also received power from on high for the mission he was about to begin. The Spirit was not just given for a moment; the Spirit remained with him throughout his public ministry. Jesus was continually led, strengthened and guided by the Spirit.

He began his ministry by making his own the lovely words of Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favor."

What a beautiful mission. And how faithful he was to it. Jesus was filled with the Spirit, and power went out from him through his gracious words and compassionate deeds.

It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. It was the Spirit who opened the minds of his disciples and helped them to understand the meaning of his death. When he was raised up to glory at the right hand of the Father, Jesus poured out the Spirit on those who were to carry on his mission. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, individually and collectively. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began their mission. And we see the great courage and confidence with which they did so.

And the same Spirit descends on us at our Baptism and Confirmation. The Spirit is not given for a moment but accompanies us on our journey in the footsteps of Jesus. The Spirit gives us power to participate in the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our strength in times of weakness, our guide in times of doubt, our consoler in times of sadness, our advocate who always pleads our cause. We can't take even one step without the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Wisdom, understanding, and counsel (right judgment) guide our mind and assist our conscience in knowing right from wrong. Fortitude (courage) enables us to do the right thing even when it is difficult or unpopular. Fear of the Lord is really awe and reverence for God.

St. Paul talks about the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). The Spirit brings love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-

## St Thomas More Social Justice Group

The Housing Forum was held in the school hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 dose not run at a loss, cost are pass 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 accomodation is safe, and is embedded around existing infrastructure.

What work for us in the past has change. 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 raising 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 hand out brochure enclosed.

If your require more information contact Ron Congues 0412 409 611

Many thanks for your support  
St Thomas More Social Justice Group

### World Meeting of Families | 22 - 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: [www.family.catholic.org.au](http://www.family.catholic.org.au)

**'Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing', Saturday 18 June 2022, 10am-3.30pm.**  
*This popular reflection day explores the various personality types under the Myers Briggs model. Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Our graced selves, praying, communicating...*

*Facilitated by Heart of Life Lecturer, Peter Malone msc. Cost \$60. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)*

### Excelsis Choir Classical Concert @ St McCartan's Mornington

On Saturday, 11th of June 2022 Excelsis choir will be performing under the direction of Tom Buchanan, with accompanying soloist Rachael Joyce. The concert is being run as part of the Mornington Winter Music Festival over Queens Birthday Weekend. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through the following link: <https://events.humanitix.com/excelsis-liturgical-choir-mornington-winter-music-festival>

# We pray for..

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

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..** Maria De Jong, Dragana Bebenikovic, Roger Pearson, John Herbert, Frances Taylor, Tony Collins, Harold Redfern.

**The sick...** Tony Fiume, Carmel Kost, Caroline Herbert, Rodney Abbatangelo, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, 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.*



### Catholic Theological College

Online Open Day Information Session

**Tuesday 21 June at 7pm (AEST)**

Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/open-days](http://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

## 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.

### 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.**

## STM Social Club

**Wednesday 15th June - Afternoon Movie at Village Karingal.** More details to follow. For all enquiries and bookings please contact Margaret Jamieson on 0450 697 203.

The Welfare Officers are  
Gui Hone and Helen Grech

### FINANCES

	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
May 29th	\$ 531	\$ 822	\$ 587

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)

### 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](#)

control. These are beautiful things, and make life joyful (CONTINUED OVERLEAF)

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Paul warns us against self-indulgence, which is the opposite of the Spirit. Self-indulgence produces bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry, and drunkenness. These are ugly things, and make life miserable. The more we renounce ourselves, and "walk in the Spirit", the more fruitful our lives will become.

The Spirit that we have been given is not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power. The coming of the Spirit provided the apostles with the energy, the courage, and the love to get on with the task Christ had given them. May the Holy Spirit come upon us and shower us with his gifts that are so needed during

This weekend we will be collecting for the

*Catholic Mission*

*Propagation of the Faith Appeal*

Envelopes are in the Church Foyer.

**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
- 12pm**            Lunch and desert with drinks. 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
- 1.00pm**        Movie “A Man for All Seasons” to be  
                     screened in the PCC, 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 next page for registration details and RSVP



**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 Acts 2:1-11**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and  
began to speak

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34**

*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

**Second reading Romans 8:8-17**

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God

**Gospel Acclamation**

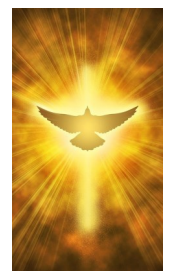
Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the  
hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire  
of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel John 14:15-16,23-26**

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father al-  
mighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy



Next Sunday's Readings

**12th June —THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

