



SEASONS

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

6th November 2022

Diary:

Social Club Mass & Luncheon

Tuesday Nov 8 11.00am

First Eucharist Mass

Sunday Nov 13 10.00am

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Church Services:

This Week

from 7th Nov

Tuesday Mass 11.00am

Tuesday Adoration 6.00 pm

Tuesday Mass 7.00 pm

Wednesday* Mass 10.00 am

Thursday* Mass 10.00 am

Friday Exposition 9.00am

Mass 10.00am

*Rosary before Mass

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am

Sunday 10.00 am

Filipino Mass —6th Nov 4.00pm

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.00pm

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

In this month of November we remember in a special way our dearly departed loved ones. The Church reminds us of the profound link that unites us to those gone before us, and how we can still show care and love through our prayers for them. The following article is taken from Catholic World Report.



Remembering the souls in Purgatory

Besides natural concern for loved ones, self-interest should move us to heed the prospect of Purgatory for ourselves.

Coming just after Hell and just before Heaven, the second of the three books that make up Dante’s Divine Comedy is the Purgatorio—Purgatory. In its ninth canto, Dante places these words in the mouth of the angelic guardian of Purgatory’s gate who, displaying his keys, tells his listeners:

*I hold them from St. Peter—who bade me err
Rather in opening than shutting out.*

In the poem, as in the teaching of the Church, Purgatory can only properly be understood as an expression of God’s boundless mercy. For this is not a place of punishment but a place where, as a consequence of the divine generosity, repentant sinners are made ready to enter Paradise.

While the calendar of the Church contains no feast of Purgatory as such, we have its equivalent instead. It falls on November 2, just after the feast of All Saints, and is called All Souls Day. This is when the Church encourages us to pray especially for our departed ones—spouses, children, family members, friends, and many others—who we believe and hope are most likely now in Purgatory. This year we might even say a prayer for Dante, the 700th anniversary of whose death we marked a few weeks ago.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives this succinct statement of the doctrine of Purgatory: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC 1030).

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

Those who have passed away recently...

Kerrie Milne



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Christopher Fulton

The sick... Margaret Grace, Maureen Mirabella, Adrian & Maree Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Abbatangelo (kidney transplant 18/8/22) , Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, 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, Rosalie McKiernan, Julian Collins, Sue Emerton, Jimmy and Gary Lakeman, Anneliese Rose 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 — November

Let us remember all those friends who have gone before us, at

11am Mass at STM on Tuesday 8th November.

This will be followed by a Spring Racing Carnival luncheon at Steeples Bistro

Cnr. Racecourse and Mornington/Tyabb Rds. Mornington

Join in the spirit of the occasion and perhaps wear a hat, fascinator or flower.

Newcomers most welcome

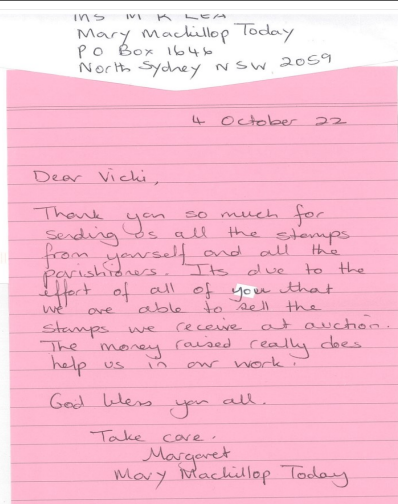
Please book with Tom & Maree Shelton on 0418 337 950 before 6th November.

The Welfare officers for November are Tom and Maree Shelton 0418337950

The Mary MacKillop Organisation thanks the parishioners of St Thomas More and surrounding parishes for the Used Stamps we sent them in September.

Big Thank you to everyone who participates in this type of collection.

Regards....Vicki



Christmas Toys 2022

St Vincent de Paul Conference have placed a Christmas Tree in the foyer of the church, with tags on it showing the gender and age of the children from the families we have visited during this year.

We would appreciate it if those who take a tag could return an **UNWRAPPED** toy the box by **Sunday Nov 26.**

Call of Guadalupe Musical Production

24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall

Enter via Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Christian Musical. It includes the participation of many talented children and artists. bookings.

SHOW TIMES:.

24th November @ 7pm: PREVIEW show \$15 flat rate/person

25th - 26th November @ 7pm & Sunday 27th November @ 1pm

Adults \$20 / Children under 18 & concession: \$15/Groups of 10: \$150

SPECIAL: 15% off (ends 15th Nov) use Trybooking Promo Code 15off

Booking

link: <https://www.trybooking.com/camrl> or email chelsea@cam.org.au if you need assistance with ticket booking

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Newman made that point in one of his Anglican sermons, "The Intermediate State." Like many non-Catholics, before his conversion he was hesitant about the idea of Purgatory as such, but he already recognized the need for a "time of maturing" between death and heaven, and regarded it as "a great consolation" for anyone who thinks seriously about such matters.

Today, as then, there are two large reasons to do just that.

One has to do with the apparently large number of people who, says Newman, are either negligent, unrepentant, or certain of a death-bed conversion to see them through in the end. The Church does such people an immense kindness by now and then calling their attention to the Last Things.

The other great reason for remembering those in Purgatory whom we call the "Holy Souls" has to do with our serious duty to lend them a hand by prayer and penance, just as we hope others will do for us when the time and need come. St. Catherine of Genoa (1447-1510), a saint famous for her self-sacrificing services to the sick and poor as well as for her mystical experiences, put it this way in her treatise on Purgatory:

"The Almighty is so pure...that if a person is conscious of the least trace of imperfection and at the same time understands that Purgatory is ordained to do away with such imperfections, the soul enters this place of purification glad to accept so great a mercy of God".

Purgatory then is not a place of punishment, but an opportunity to be purified and prepared for the glory of heaven. May we show our love for the dead in this month of November by praying for them, especially through the Mass. Fr Patrick

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567



Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place:

Saturday Nov 26, 8am-1pm.

There are plenty of jobs to be done to prepare the church and surrounds for Christmas.

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

Please add your name and number to the signup sheet in the Church Foyer if you can help on the day, serve or prepare morning tea.

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859



Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

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 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

'The King of the world will raise us up to live for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good
that you do or say.

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and
kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 20:27-38**

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

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.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he
gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



Next Sunday's Readings

13th November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19