



SEASONS

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

4th September 2022

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

Diary:

Please contact the office if you would like to advertise an event.

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Interim Office Days/Hours:

9am to 2pm Tuesday

Please email or call while interim office arrangements are in place

Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford Emma Chapple
Carmel Huggard Ruth Hilton
Joe Sayah Sandra Taylor

Church Services:

Next Week

Tuesday 6/9 Adoration	6.00 pm
Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday* Mass	8.30 am
Thursday Mass	10.00 am
Friday Exposition	9.00 am
Mass	10.00 am

*The first Wednesday of each month Mass will be earlier due to reg meetings

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.

I want to begin by acknowledging that this Sunday is Fathers Day. St Thomas More School hosted a wonderful acknowledgment and breakfast for Fathers on Friday. It was a great opportunity for families to come together and celebrate their dads. So much of how we understand the divine is in and through the human. We have a great role model of fatherhood in St Joseph. Though he was not the biological father of Jesus, he was entrusted with raising him to know and love God, to understand the law and learn love and respect at home. St Joseph is a powerful example of humility and hard work. We pray for St Joseph's intercession for all fathers, that he would continue to guide and teach them through his experience of raising God's only son, together with Mary. Fr Patrick



Reflection:

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

—Loyola Press

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

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Marie Louise McKiernan, John Gallagher, Leslie Russel, Fr John Hardy, Timothy Bruitzman, Nancy Wraight, Fiona Lidner, Reginald Leydin, Norma Jackson.



The sick... Margaret Grace, Maureen Mirabella, Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, 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 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.*

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.

STM Social Club

Accept your invitation to visit The Village Baxter, 8 Robinsons Road, Frankston South Vic 3199

Date: 14th September, 2022 - Time: 10am – 12PM

Retirees will talk about Life in the village and Village Facilities, followed by Musical Entertainment.

The visit will end with Refreshments and time to meet new friends.

Contact :Terence McGinty Ph: 0437 490877 or terencemcginty72@gmail.com

RSVP: 7th September 2022 at the latest.

The Welfare Officer is Margo Munro

FINANCES	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
August 21st	\$ 1,812	\$ 1,767	\$ 647
August 28th	\$ 889	\$ 852	\$ 7,673

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](#)

Works and Maintenance Updates

Sound System

A number of parishioners have approached me recently asking if the volume and clarity on the sound system in the Church could be improved. I invited our send technician out during the week and he discovered some serious issues with the speakers and amplifier. At this stage we're not sure whether they are affected by the recent flood damage to the Church, or other issues. It will take **some weeks** for the suppliers to assess the situation and organise for any new equipment to be installed onsite. Depending on the outcome, replacing the equipment could be very costly. In the meantime St Thomas More Primary School have kindly loaned us their portable sound system. For now if you have any hearing difficulties I encourage you to sit at the front so you are able to fully participate in the Mass readings and liturgy—Fr Patrick

Fire Hydrant

We have recently repaired the fire hydrant near the memorial garden. This was originally damaged by a car in 2020 and has to be assessed and repaired several times. Most recent works involved encasing the whole structure and joints in concrete to prevent futher slipage. The total cost of works and repairs on the hydrant since 2020 has been approx. \$8000. If you notice any leaks or other maintenance issues around the property, please contact the Parish Office— Fr Patrick

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.



Works and Maintenance - continued: Sanctuary Carpet and Flood

Approximately three weeks ago we suffered a severe hailstorm and heavy rain which blocked the drains of the Church. As a result the Sanctuary area was flooded and the carpet has had to be pulled up and dried with professional equipment. While water has run from the roof down the colored glass area, even pooling into the tabernacle thankfully it appears at this stage there is no further damage. As soon as an assessment can be made for repairing the Sanctuary flooring we will engage contractors to have this work done. This should have a minimal impact on Mass times and Church operation—Fr Patrick

The 2022 March for the Babies

Will be held on Saturday, October 8th, as a peaceful walk from Treasury Gardens to Melbourne Parliament House. The goal is to promote an annual day of remembrance and peaceful witness to affirm the right to life, assist women who are in crisis and allow freedom of conscience for healthcare workers. For further information please visit their website: www.marchforthebabies.com

PPLT Minute Excerpts from Meeting on August 20th

1. PPLT has undertaken to build council membership to 10, including all ex-officio members. Two new members have been approached and asked to consider joining.
2. PPLT Constitution: Chair & Secretary appointed; PPLT members to serve for two years with approx. half the membership to turnover at the end of each term
3. Template for meetings agreed: Prayer, Formation (Book Study of "Forming Intentional Disciples by Sherry Waddell", Strategic planning in Worship and Community building; Operational matters
4. Update from Fr Patrick's Conference— The main learnings were looking at how Our Lord spent his time - . His ministry was focussed on forming and encouraging the twelve, following by teaching, preaching and healing. He didn't seem to do much administration or paperwork! Discussion of how we can learn from him and resource St Thomas More Parish for the mission.
5. Discussion of the three keys of Divine Renovation (Conference)—The Power of the Holy Spirit; Importance of Evangelisation; Best of Leadership
6. World Youth Day. Fr Patrick to work with PPLT member to look into feasibility and plan for sending young people from St Thomas More Community to World Youth Day. To report back to PPLT next month then present to the parish
7. Establishment of a welcome committee for weekend Masses
8. Discussion of strengths and gifts of PPLT members through APEST survey, and how we can use these better to help each other and serve the Parish Community
9. Operational matters: staffing, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Fundraising, Stewardship renewal campaign
10. To be discussed next time: Children's catechesis, Music at Mass, Maintenance Committee establishment (*Please speak with a PPLT member if you are interested in being part of the maintenance committee—Fr Patrick)

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, 10th September. Please contact Emma Chapple (Secretary) Ruth Hilton (Chair) or any other member for consideration of agenda items on the next PPLT

Parish Secretary

I wish to inform you that Allison has tendered her resignation for her role as Parish Secretary and I would like to take this opportunity to wish her the very best in her future endeavours -Fr Patrick



The Padua Social Justice group are currently looking for **15 by 15 cm squares that have been knitted or crocheted in 8 ply yarn** that will be collected and made into community blankets that will then be donated to St Vincent De Paul. We are sharing this request with all parishes associated with Padua College with the hopes of receiving many squares. A collection box will be made available and we will collect donations up until **Sunday 18th of September**.

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful
love.

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 **Wisdom 9:13-18**

Who can divine the will of God?

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

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

Second reading Philemon 9-10,12-17

He is a slave no longer, but a dear brother in the
Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach
me your laws, Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Anyone who does not carry his cross and fol-
low me cannot be my disciple

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so
my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is
thirsting for God, the living God.



Next Sunday's Readings

11th September -24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32