



SEASONS

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

Divine Mercy Sunday — Year C

24th April 2022

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

Diary:

Thursday 21st April

Social Justice Group Meeting
7.30pm, PCC

Thursday 28th April

Social Justice Group FORUM
7.30pm, School Gym (see inside-)

Thursday 5th May

Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, Church

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Church Services:

Next Week

Monday	ANZAC Day	10.00 am
Tuesday	Adoration	6.00 pm
	Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday		10.00 am
Thursday		10.00 am
Friday		10.00 am

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

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

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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.

**We
pray
for..**

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Margaret Smith

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.*



STM Social Club

Contact : **Carolyn Gascoigne 0448 871 970**

New members are most welcome! Membership fee is \$30 If anyone has any questions about Membership fees— please contact Treasurer Julian Collins on 0473 474 559.

Tuesday 3rd May - Social Club General Meeting in the Undercroft at 10.30 am.

The Welfare Officer is Margaret Gallagher

UPDATE: Dennis and Shirley Cleary



Dear Friends

Some weeks ago we received the sad news of the passing of Dennis and Shirley Cleary, who were well loved members of the St Thomas Parish community, as well as active citizens of Mount Eliza and beyond.

St Thomas More Parish will be hosting a Memorial Mass to pray for and remember Dennis and Shirley on Thursday, 28th of April at 1pm in the Church. Refreshments will be offered following the Mass onsite.

We have been advised there will be another opportunity for a larger Memorial Gathering in the future. We will keep you updated.

Fr Patrick

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859



Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office.
Next Baptism Preparation Meeting:
Thursday 5th May in Church at 7.30pm



Reconciliation & First Eucharist Enquiries:

Program will start in June. Please register your interest now—contact the Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator Faye Sayah on email: yesayah@gmail.com



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](#)

FINANCES

	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
2022-17April	\$ 2,064	\$ 2,132	\$ 1,760

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)

Dear Parishioners, Our greetings of good health and wellbeing to you and your families.

PAF is running the **Mothers' Day** envelope drive again this year, to provide support for disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families, we and would be very grateful for any donation you are able to give towards this collection. You may also donate at the PAF Centre; by cheque or by a direct payment into our account at **WESTPAC BSB: 033 272 ACC: 318726.**

If you would like a receipt, then please provide your name and contact details in an email to pafcares@gmail.com.

All donations above \$2.00 are tax deductible.

We wish a Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers reading this and may you and your families be blessed abundantly.

Warm regards from the PAF Committee and Volunteers
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**PREGNANCY
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We Will Remember Them

You are invited to

The St. Thomas More Social Justice Group Forum

Affordable Housing for People on Very Low Incomes

at the school gym on

Thursday 28th April at 7.30 p.m

*John Baker -CEO Mornington Peninsula Shire
John McKenzie – Seaford Housing Action Coalition*

Russell Joseph – President Peninsula Community Housing Inc.

They will all speak about this important local and Australia-wide issue.

There will be opportunities to ask questions and to continue to discuss ideas over supper.

We plan to be finished by 9.30 p.m.

The St. Thomas More Social Justice Group is looking for 6-8 volunteers to assist with car parking from 6.50 p.m. until 7.45 p.m. on the evening of the 28th April for the Forum



Affordable Housing for People on Very Low Incomes

We would also like to have some volunteers to assist with tea/coffee during supper

Please contact either:

Ron Congues ron-congues@hotmail.com
or

Jacinta Griffin jacintag73@hotmail.com

Dunkley Candidate Election Forum 2022 on Monday May 2nd at 7pm. At The Village Church, 93 Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza.

All candidates have been invited, although we are yet to hear from one. Like we have done for the last two federal elections, we try to create a respectful space where people can meet and ask questions of the candidates.
Rev Cameron McAdam

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team (PPLT)

Dear Friends,

On February 26th a meeting was held in the Parish Community Centre to discuss the future membership of the PPLT (Parish Pastoral Leadership Team), and to discern where God might be calling St Thomas More Parish in the future. This first meeting was advertised throughout February as an open invitation for any parishioner to come along and participate.

Lorraine McCarthy and Jacqui Giuliano from the Archdiocese Office for Mission Renewal facilitated a robust discussion amongst parishioners about what has defined our parish as a place of welcome and encounter with God from its foundation. Some of those present felt that the Parish has been through a time of uncertainty, change and decline and some hurt and disappointment was expressed. At the same time, there was a great sense of hope and optimism that these difficult times might become a spring-board for new growth and life in the years to come, and an opportunity to regroup and rebuild.

Since the last meeting, our Parish has been given some further certainty and clarity with the appointment of a Parish Priest. The next step is to bring together those who expressed interest in becoming PPLT members to think and pray about our vision for the future, how the PPLT might operate and the different gifts and talents we need to work together. Jacqui has kindly offered to return and help facilitate this session on Saturday, 30th April. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as this important work continues.

Fr Patrick

\$2 per kg -Parish grown PUMPKINS FOR SALE this weekend from Kitchenette area. Take a piece or a whole one. BIG Thank you to Paul Kost who prepared, planted and harvested the 28 we have for sale. All proceeds to St Thomas More.



WELCOME to our PARISH



New to our Parish Community?

Please fill in a form from the Foyer, and hand it to Fr Patrick.

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 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came
to believe in the Lord increased steadily

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is
everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is
everlasting.*

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is
everlasting.*

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is
everlasting.*

Second reading Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

I was dead, and now I am to live for ever and
ever

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me; happy are those who have not seen
me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood
among them

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.

