



SEASONS

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

21st August 2022

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

Diary:

Wednesday 24th August

Finance Meeting
7.00 pm, Zoom

Thursday 1st September

Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30 pm, Church

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9am to 5pm Tuesday & Thursday
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Fr Patrick Bradford Emma Chapple
Carmel Huggard Ruth Hilton
Amos Nichols Joe Sayah
Sandra Taylor

Church Services:

Next Week

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

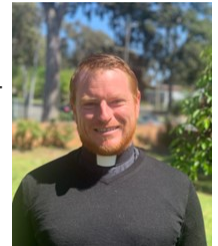
Reconciliation

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 wor-
ship. We pay our respects to the Elders,
past, present and emerging.

Dear Friends

It is great to be back among you after a relaxing holiday, confer-
ence and retreat. This week the Parish Office welcomes Allison
Atkins as Secretary, and Vicki Abbetangelo remains as Finance
Officer. Going forward, Vicki will work at the Office on Tues-
days, and Allison on Wednesdays and Fridays. I'd like to thank
Vicki for her warm welcome when I arrived and for the great
contribution she has made since joining the Parish in 2018.—Fr Patrick
Reflection



Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with
the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The oth-
er two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and
the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are
about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusa-
lem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of
the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the
chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number
of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit
eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will
only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also ex-
presses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is
actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the
narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough.
He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then
"door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's
house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in.
Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Un-
like the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about
prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable,
the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north,
south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all
the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make
it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding
of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the im-
age of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the
conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendents back from
the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the
Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy
mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the
end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be
saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the
kingdom.

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

Those who have passed away recently...
Margaret Anne Crockett, Roma Cresp and Christine Jager

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
William Lindner, Trevor Connolly, Ida Smeeton, Frederick Taylor, Rex Swann,
Doris Hill Gerard Carra, John Bourke, Ethel May Blake, Valerie Crowe, Helene
Hellard, and Corrie Grootcholten.



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, 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.

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Les Harper's funeral will be held here at St Thomas More on Friday (26th August) at 11.30 am
Margaret Anne Crockett's memorial mass will be held here at St Thomas More on Saturday (27th August) at ??? am

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 7th	\$ 2,804	\$ 2,449	\$ 759
August 14th	\$ 754	\$ 741	\$ 607

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](#)



**WHAT IS
HOMELESSNESS
ON THE
MORNINGTON
PENINSULA?**

Homelessness effects us all. Join us in this 1st of 3 free public community forums to empower and drive solutions.

Date: Wednesday 24th August, 2022
Venue: Peninsula Community Theatre
Cnr Wilsons Rd and Nepean Hwy, Mornington
Time: 6.30pm
Close: 8.30 pm
Refreshments at conclusion

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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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.

Les Harper

Les Harper has been an active member of our Parish Community for many years. During this time he has formed some deep friendships and enable parishioners to share their gifts and talents to help the East Timor Community. Les had a great sense of humour, a deep passion for justice and a lived appreciation of the Church's mission to proclaim the gospel in a practical way. He will be deeply missed. Seasons will have some short reflections from parishioners who are sharing their memories of Les.—Fr Patrick

Over my four years in the Parish Office, I was in constant contact with this passionate and compassionate crusader who was always championing on behalf of those whose lives were essentially so much more harder than ours. The East Timorese students, their families/supporters and the Educators. I arrived at St Thomas More during the assembly of the 3rd last container leaving for East Timor. After the Containers stopped, Les switched his focus to concentrate on the Education sponsorship of East Timor Students. With the correct checks and balances, these monies were sent overseas to enable Students to continue their secondary and tertiary studies (instead of dropping out of school to work), and then become professionals (Nurses, Doctors, Engineers) who returned to benefit their communities. Therefore breaking the poverty and support cycle, by allowing their own regional people (Mentors) to give back and improve their communities. I feel so privileged to have known this wonderful man, as I'm sure a lot of you feel this way, and I know I am a better person for it.

- Vicki Abbatangelo

Les, along with four others, in an effort to feed some of the homeless in Frankston, addressed the Catholic churches in Seaford, Frankston, Frankston North, Mornington and Mt Eliza. We were over whelmed with volunteers who then took responsibility to feed between 50 –110 meals every Monday night for five years. Feeding the needy only terminated when the premises were purchased by developers to build high rise residential buildings.- Barry Hansen

Welcome to our new Parish Secretary



Hello everyone, I'm Allison Atkins. I moved to the Peninsula from regional Victoria earlier this year. I made the sea change like so many following lockdowns to be closer to family and friends. I've previously worked in professional roles including community relations, training and development, project management and more recently, education. In addition, I've worked as a Parish Secretary as well in University Chaplaincy. I've volunteered in Youth Ministry and events. I have a passion for singing, hospitality and interior design. My favourite saint is Gianna Beretta Molla, closely followed by Therese of Lisieux. I am looking forward to becoming part of the St Thomas More Parish community.



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**.

Thank you - CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full.

Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.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 **Isaiah 66:18-21**

They will bring all your brothers from all the
nations

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 116(117)**

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Second reading Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

The Lord trains the one he loves

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to the Father, except
through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

The last shall be first and the first last

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.

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.

**Next Sunday's Readings****28th August — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: (Sirach) Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14