



SEASONS

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

28th August 2022

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

Diary:

Thursday 1st September
Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30 pm, Church

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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 30/8 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

Monthly Saturday Mass
for Protection of Life 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.

Memorial Garden

Dear Friends, for some weeks in Seasons we have published the deliberations of the outgoing St Thomas More Social Club Committee regarding the future direction of the club. It was decided by the Committee membership that the Club would operate less formally with one member taking responsibility for a social outing each month, which all are welcome to attend. It was further decided in May that any remaining funds would be dispersed to St Vincent De Paul and the St Thomas More Memorial Wall account. It is planned that these funds (\$2251) will continue to honour the contribution of the Social Club who for many years have volunteered to look after the memorial garden and made it a dignified place where family can find peace and solace. These funds will enable the memorial garden to be maintained by gardening contractors in the immediate future.



There have been some recent enquires from parishioners around the status of purchased bricks, the internment of human remains in the garden and its long term future. First I want to reassure and affirm that the memorial garden is a sacred place which will remain a part of St Thomas More Parish in its current location indefinitely. There are no plans whatsoever to remove the garden or move it elsewhere. I understand some parishioners have their loved ones interred in the garden and this creates an obligation to respect the grounds and keep any interventions to a minimum.

We have had interest from families asking if their loved ones ashes could be scattered or kept in the garden. Many people have wondered that if they have purchased a brick for the wall, would this also allow ashes to be kept in the garden? The purchase of a brick allows for family to have a plaque installed on the memorial wall in memory of their loved one. The application form and paperwork for bricks/plaques makes it clear this purchase does not confer a right for ashes to be buried or interred onsite.

The Church asks Catholics to be mindful of Christ's teaching on the resurrection when planning their funeral arrangements. Because we believe in the resurrection of the dead, we have a firm hope that our bodies will be raised to life and join our souls in the new heaven and the new earth. The Church asks that we treat our remains accordingly. If someone chooses to be cremated, their ashes are to be kept together in one place and treated with respect and dignity. They are not to be scattered or dispersed into the sea, lakes or rivers. The current configuration of the memorial garden does not allow for this to occur. If someone were to approach us with a request to be buried onsite today, there is no space in the memorial wall for ashes to be reserved. There are no historical records locating where previously interred remains are buried, so interring further remains around the garden would create further difficulties and potential disturbances to existing families and their loved ones already onsite.

For this reason I have asked the Finance Committee to look into how we can construct a dignified columbarium or new wall in or around the memorial garden, which would not disturb the existing grounds, where loved ones can be visited with their own plaque and an allocated niche for ashes to be reserved. This would allow for ashes to be interred with respect to Catholic teaching and our hope in the resurrection. This would present another option for families in addition to buying a brick and plaque. The Parish will keep everyone posted about developments and consult widely with the community before any work is contemplated. Any works would strictly respect the integrity and sacredness of the existing area. —Fr Patrick

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

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Eric Fox, John D Doherty, Sr Mary Teresita, Leo Mulcahy,
Ben Grootcholten, John Gallacher



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.*

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](#)

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about. –Reflection

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 RIP

On Friday Fr Laurie Pearson celebrated the funeral Mass for Les Harper. We heard how Les has left a deep impact on St Thomas More Parish and how his gifts of leadership inspired many parishioners to support project for youth and disadvantaged in East Timor. Les was also an active member of the Choir over several years. This Sunday they will lead us in a hymn in loving memory to Les. The below written tribute is from the St Thomas More choir.— Fr Patrick

Tribute to Les Harper

The choir has lost one of its members- Les Harper. Les passed away recently Les was a very valued member of the Saint Thomas Moore parish community. He's left a legacy of community involvement which included among other things his participation in the music ministry including the choir. His beautiful powerful voice often put into song whenever the choir sang, made the masses on Sunday special! Les worked tirelessly doing the Lord's work for the betterment of the Saint Thomas Moore parish community. He was exemplary in giving his time for the community and running errands for the church and parish. His compassion led him to work unwaveringly for the Lord's people in East Timor. It's hard to understand why people are taken from us but we should find comfort in knowing that Les's life was well lived and we are a part of that life. Sorrow is a fleeting emotion but love is infinite. We now sing the entrance hymn in tribute to Les's contribution to our community particularly his participation and generosity with the St Thomas More parish Choir. Have hope in tomorrow, have faith in the everlasting and take comfort in the love of family and friends. We wish Les's family strength and peace. Memories of love and friendship are treasures to carry with you always.—Karen Smith

PPLT Meetings

Last Saturday afternoon (20/8/2022) the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team met for the second of seven meetings in the year. As the name suggests, this group meets to discuss and decide upon pastoral matters in the parish, that is, matters which affect the direction God is inviting us to move in. These matters were discussed after prayer, that the Holy Spirit will guide our efforts, and that only the will of God be done.

In order to be a group which can represent the body of Christ in its many parts, each team member has undertaken a questionnaire/survey aimed at highlighting the gifts given by the Holy Spirit to each one. These gifts are Apostolic, Prophetic, Evangelical, Shepherding, Teaching. Most of us have two main gifts, a primary and a secondary. Each gift brings with it ways of being which affect how we communicate with others, what actions we might take, what activities we are prepared to engage in and how we might go about things. When we saw a chart of how the gifts were distributed, it turns out that there is a good mix on the team! Thankfully we're not all full backs, or wingers, full forwards or ruckmen!

Bearing all that in mind, any parishioner is warmly encouraged to talk with any PPL Team member on our current and future ministry. For example the Mass, Music, Prayer and devotions, Adoration as well as teaching the young, faith formation for adults, bible discussion etc, and how you might like to see things develop further at STM parish. There are, or have been, many groups and activities happening in the past which were put on hold during lockdowns, but perhaps it's time for a spring clean and for what was once vibrant to reappear after a period of hibernation! Many people are keen gardeners and feel great delight when shoots push their way towards the sunlight, when buds appear, when there is the promise of blooms, and new leaves and new fruits are the reward for labour in the garden.—Ruth Hilton, PPLT Chairperson

SEPT 6TH 2022

For Love Alone

FOR SINGLE YOUNG WOMEN 18-30

VOCATION STORIES | Q & A | PRAYER



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AT 6 PM – 8 PM

JP II House, 169 Grattan Street, Carlton VIC

This is an evening hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for young women to discover more about the religious life, and an opportunity to meet Mother Anna Grace on her first visit to Australia.

The night will provide opportunities for the sharing of vocation stories, large and small group questions and time for prayer together before the Blessed Sacrament. The event will also include the viewing of 'For Love Alone', the story of women religious giving their lives for Christ, by Grassroots Films: <https://youtu.be/j8nnIgo2PfY>.

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

Behave humbly, and you will find favour with the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67(68)4-7,10-11

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Second reading Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:1,7-14

Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you

**Next Sunday's Readings****4th September -23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10; 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33