



# SEASONS

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

24th July 2022

We Welcome  
Fr. Shane Reade SDB  
who will be  
celebrating with us  
this weekend.



Last weekend -  
Big Thank You to  
Fr. Michael Morgan

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**Office Days/Hours:**

9am to 5pm Tuesday & Thursday  
(Leave a Phone Message at other times)

**Pastoral Leadership Team**

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

**Church Services:**

No Weekday Masses

**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm  
Sunday 8.00 am  
Sunday 10.00 am

**Reconciliation**

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,  
I am on leave until Saturday 13th August.  
While I'm away, I will continue to pray for you all  
and for our community.  
For weekdays, parishioners may like to check the  
Mass times at neighbouring parishes: Mornington,  
Somerville and Frankston. Fr Patrick



**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 11:1-13*

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

# We pray for..

## Those who have passed away recently...

Stanley Peter Norris

## Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Prof Bill Walker, Dr Raymond Hennessy, Ita Koppenol, Anne Pierce, Pamela Phillips, Emma Kelly, Leonie Purcell and Michael McGrath



**The sick...** Les Harper, Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Abbatangelo, 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, 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.*

## 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.

We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

## Where to recycle items you no longer need?



### What can I recycle at Officeworks?

- Old IT equipment
- Old Mobile phones and chargers/cables
- Empty ink & toner cartridges
- Old Batteries

### What can I recycle at St Thomas More Catholic Church?

For the Month of July - We will be collecting **old Spectacles (prescription, sunglasses and other)** which we will pass onto Edithvale Optometrist who will prepare and donate them to low income earners.

(Please place items in marked container in Church Foyer)

## STM Social Club

The Welfare Officers are  
Gui Hone and Helen Grech

### FINANCES

	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
July 10th	\$ 841	\$ 901	\$ 608
July 17th	\$ 1,567	\$ 1,952	\$ 686

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](#)

**Do you have any TIP Vouchers from your Council Rate Notices you could donate to the Parish to keep our grounds looking their best?**

WELCOME  
to our  
PARISH



New to our Parish Community? Please fill in a form in the Church Foyer

## Next Sunday's Readings 31st July — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23  
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11  
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



Let us hold true to our..

### St Thomas More Mount Eliza Parish Prayer

Creator God, whose Spirit leads our Parish of St. Thomas More, be with us this day.

Help us to know your gifts in our lives, to be proud of your calling us to be part of our parish, to know and acknowledge – your belief in our potential, and to trust you enough to be open to your will.

In the midst of our blessings may we rejoice and be thankful. When our hopes disintegrate and our dreams are shattered, open our hearts to forgiveness and give us strength and courage to move onwards.

Enable us to act in ways that will be life-giving for all in our parish, our Church and our world so that all people will come to know the life and freedom that Jesus came to give us.

*Written during the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish as we move into the new millennium.*

### Archbishop’s letter

Archbishop Peter has sent a letter following his return from the Fifth Plenary Council. You can find the printed letter in the foyer of the Church or on the link in our Website.

### Notice: 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. A parishioner who attended last weekend’s 5pm Mass has developed Covid.

Office– Keeping: Have you changed your address, email or phone number recently? Please email the office so that we can update our database records.



## 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

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St Thomas More Catholic Church - Mount Eliza

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**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      Genesis 18:20-32**

Abraham negotiates with the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm      Psalm 113(138):1-3,6-8**

*Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

*Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

*Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

*Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.*

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

*Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.*

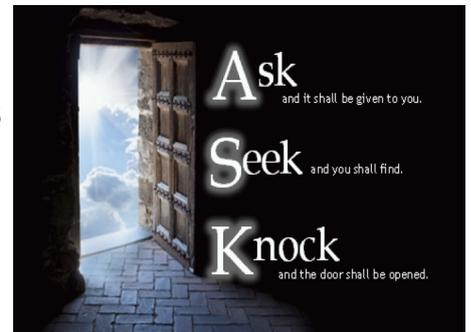
**Second reading    Colossians 2:12-14**

Christ has brought you to life with him and  
forgiven us all our sins

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us  
God's children, and in that Spirit we call God  
our Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel  
Luke 11:1-13**  
How to pray**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.