



SEASONS

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

CORPUS CHRISTI — Year C

19th June 2022

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

Diary:

Monday 20th June
SVdP Meeting
9.30am, Undercroft



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Church Services:

Next Week 20th June

Tuesday	Adoration	6.00 pm
	Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday*	Mass	10.00 am
	Inc. Whole School	
	St Thomas More FEAST DAY	
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 worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

St Thomas More's feast day will be celebrated this Wednesday, June 22nd. More is remembered as a great English statesman, humanist and scholar who refused to submit to Henry VIII and suffered death on the scaffold rather than compromise his belief in the spiritual supremacy of the Pope. It was a unique act of commitment to the Faith at a time when practically the entire English hierarchy, together with 'all the best learned men of the realm', fell one by one almost without a fight. The news of More's execution sent shock waves all across Europe. He was the most highly respected scholar-humanist of his day and a statesman with an international reputation. His death was an exceptionally barbarous act, an event which even the most prejudiced of historians have never been able adequately to explain away. The life and personality of More have always proved attractive even to the casual reader of history because of his talents, the values he stood for and the exceptional richness of his humanity. It is not surprising that as we pass the five-hundredth anniversary year of his birth, we see in all different ways and parts of the world a saint who has been described as 'a man for all seasons'. With the capitulation of the hierarchy in 1532, More realised that he could no longer continue as Lord Chancellor if he were to remain faithful to his conscience. He may have been Henry's 'good servant', but there was no doubt that when confronted with the great challenge of his life, his first loyalty was unswervingly to God. More's imprisonment, his subsequent trial and execution — eloquent testimony to his love for the Church and loyalty to conscience — are events which have inspired and to encourage a more generous commitment to the Faith.



More's convictions came out of his deep interior life and his prayer. He once said "The things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me thy grace to labour for". Thomas did not expect God to help him without helping himself. While he was an incredibly hard worker, his competence and success could not take the place of prayer. He said his morning and evening prayers. At night he also had the practice of saying the seven penitential psalms and the litany of the saints. More recommended the practice of meditation, of mental prayer. Erasmus tell us that 'at definite hours he addressed his prayers to God, not in set phrases, but in words that came straight from the heart.

In the Dialogue of Comfort Thomas suggests how we might pray. After making an act of presence the of God, a person should open his heart in acts of sorrow for his sins, and acts of thanksgiving for gifts received both for himself and for others. This familiar conversation with God should also include talking to him about our difficulties and temptations, and about our weakness in resisting and withstanding temptation. We have, however, to pray with full confidence that God hears us and will gladly grant our requests.

Like all of us, More had times when his prayer was difficult. He once said 'take from me, good Lord, this lukewarm fashion of meditation, and this dullness in praying unto Thee. And give me the grace to long for thy holy sacraments and especially to rejoice in the presence of thy Blessed Body sweet Saviour Christ, in the holy sacrament of the Altar'.

Thomas had arid moments when the whole idea of prayer seemed pointless to him. Yet he persevered, encouraged particularly by his anticipation of the strength and support which he would derive from the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

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We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... Andrew Ling
Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
 Lorna Marshall, Kath Thompson, and Ennice Merkus.



The sick... Carmel Kost, Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, John Spirason, Rodney Abbatangelo, 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, 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

Wednesday 13th July
Luncheon at Girl & Bull Restaurant, Mt Eliza
 Way, Mt Eliza at 12.30pm Please RSVP before
 6th July to Carolyn on 0448 871 970

The Welfare Officers are
 Gui Hone and Helen Grech

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.

FINANCES	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
June 12th	\$ 1,074	\$ 816	\$ 483

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](#)

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 20th June in the Undercroft at 9.30 am.



Thank you Marilyn Moloney

Archdiocese of Melbourne Synthesis Report.

Our local Church in Melbourne has brought together this Report in response to Pope Francis' invitation for the universal Church to reflect upon:

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission;
 The theme of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which will take place on October 2023.
 The Report will now take its part in a combined national report, which will be sent to the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops to be considered alongside contributions from other parts of the Church around the world. **Copies of this Report are in the Church Foyer and available in electronic form on our Website Home page.**



Next Sunday's Readings 26th June —13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:16,19-21
 2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-18
 Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



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More's devotion to the Eucharist was central to his spiritual life. While he was imprisoned in the Tower, More wrote this prayer to help himself prepare to receive Holy Communion.

We firmly believe that this blessed sacrament is not a bare sign, or a figure, or a token of that holy body of Christ but that it is the selfsame precious blood of Christ.

His prayer reveals his worries about the emerging protestant ideas from Europe which emphasised the Eucharist as a sign and symbol but not a real presence something which transforms our whole life during and after Mass. More saw the connection between hosting a guest at home, and welcoming the Lord in communion. More often entertained the king, princes and dignitaries to his home in Chelsea. He wonders if we would make s big fuss for the visit of an earthly prince to our house, how much more prepared should we not be for a visit from the king of kings.

More's prayer of thanksgiving after Communion was composed during his time in prison speaks of his deep communion with Christ even in trials and struggles. He encourages us to use this time after Communion well and not allow ourselves be distracted by other cares or worries:

'Let us not lose this special time of prayer for we can little tell whether we shall ever get it again. Let us endeavour to keep him still, and let us say with his two disciples on the road to Emmaus "Tarry with us, good Lord", and then we shall be sure that he shall not go from us'.

That More could write with such feeling about the Eucharist is another reflection of his deep devotion to the humanity of Christ. 'Lord', he wrote in prison in his last work before death, 'how hard a matter it is to love and not to disclose it'. If we really love someone this shows itself in our actions. Thomas's love for the Eucharist strenghtened his soul to love through his words and deeds. As we celebrate these feasts of Corpus Christi and Thomas More we pray his faith, courage and devotion will inspire each of us at St Thomas More Parish.

Adapted from the work of Fr Thomas McGovern



Dear Father Patrick and Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your generous donations to PAF's Mothers' Day Appeal. This totalled \$360. Those who gave their contact details will receive a receipt in the mail as all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Your support of the Pregnancy Assistance Frankston is invaluable to the centre's continuation and you are greatly appreciated for your loyal support.

Kind regards from, PAF Committee and Volunteers

Winter Fundraiser

Raising awareness and support of those sleeping rough this winter

Luxury hamper to win!

Tickets

\$2 each

OR

3 for \$5

Vinnies Winter Fundraiser CEO sleepout

Thursday 23rd June

Mornington-Tyabb Store

5.30 - 8.30pm

Tickets \$10

#fashion parade

#silent auction

#drinks & nibbles

#winter hamper to win (\$100 value)

Tickets avail at Mornington-Tyabb Store

Together we can change lives

As part of Vinnies CEO Sleepout, shop volunteers are raising funds to support our services that assist people in crises.

#changestartshere

SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Vinnies

VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT

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 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 109(110):1-4

*You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.*

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

*You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.*

The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

*You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.*

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

*You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.*

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

*You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.*

Second reading I Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this
cup, you are proclaiming the death of the
Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the
Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for
ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 9:11-17

The feeding of the five thousand

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.