



SEASONS

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

1st Sunday in Lent — Year C

6th March 2022

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

Diary:

Wednesday 9th March

Finance Committee Meeting
7 pm, PCC

Tuesday 15th March

Social Club Committee Meeting
10 am, PCC

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Reflection:

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

Fr Patrick.



Church Services:

During the Week

Tuesday	Adoration	6.00 pm
	Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday	Mass	10.00 am
Thursday	Mass	10.00 am
Friday	Exposition	9.30 am
	Mass	10.00 am
	Stations of the Cross	3.00 pm

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



We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... Fr Kevin Mogg AM, Maria Jose Barbosa-Mendonça, Wilma Coffey and Faye Fitzgerald

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....

Mortimer Hurren, Michael Connolly, Jack Need, Ryan Hamilton, Nola Kennedy, John Marshall, Luke Prattley, Peggy Morrow, Ian Stewart.

The sick... Carmel Kost, Caroline Herbert, Rodney Abbatangelo, April Morrissey, Kerrie

Milne, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Martin & Helen Steyn, 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, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Adrian Gobel, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Teqinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.



Funeral Requiem Mass for Faye Fitzgerald will be held on Thursday 10th March at 11.30am with a burial to follow at Mornington Cemetery.

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 15th March - Social Club Committee Meeting in the Parish Community Centre at 10am.

The Welfare Officers are Tom and Maree Shelton

Volunteers Needed
at the **St Vinnies Shop**
in Tyabb Road Mornington.



Can you spare an hour or two?
Each week or even just once a month?

Any assistance is appreciated, many hands
make light work.

For more information, please contact
Store Manager on 5976 8526 or
Lois Bracken on 9787 2970



Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office.
Next Baptism Preparation Meeting: Thursday
7th April in Church at 7.30pm

Confirmation Enquiries:

Program has just started: If you have a child in Year 6
or older who would like to prepare to receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation this year, and they are
not at STM Primary School, please contact the Parish
Sacramental Coordinator Faye Sayah on email:
fayesayah@gmail.com

Reconciliation & First Eucharist Enquiries:

Program will start in June. Please register your interest
now—contact the Parish Sacramental Officer Faye
Sayah on email: fayesayah@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	
2022-27 Feb	\$ 657	\$ 837	\$ 716

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)

Sincere thanks to the anonymous donor
for your generous contribution

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859



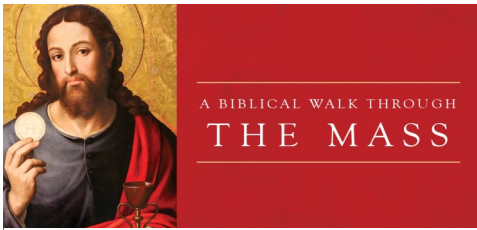
Existing Volunteers are asked to provide to
the Parish Office :

1. A copy of their Working With Children Card and
2. Sign the Code of Conduct Declaration Form after
reading the Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct Document to read

Code of Conduct Declaration Form to sign

How to apply for WWCC Card instructions



The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This week we will be looking at the Introductory Rites and how the Sign of the Cross, Kyrie and Gloria and opening prayers are connected with the ancient Hebrew liturgy traditions.

We will meet beginning with Coffee on Friday at 10.45am. All are welcome.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like

Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413. In Foyer:

Please take home a set of envelopes or collection box

Young Adults Dinner

Last December, St Thomas More Parish began hosting a monthly dinner for young adults aged 18 to 35.

This informal dinner is chance to meet up and fellowship with other young people from St Thomas More Parish and the Mornington Peninsula to share a meal together.

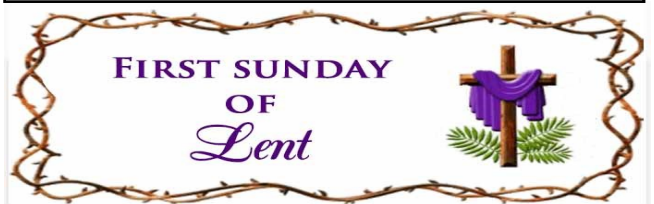
The next dinner will be on Tuesday, 29th of March at 7:30pm at the Presbytery and conclude at 9:30pm. If you would like more details, or know someone who might be interested please catch Fr Patrick after Mass, or phone, or

by email: patrick.bradford@cam.org.au.

Why Youth Ministries Aren't Working, and What to Do About It

After running a series large and vibrant youth groups across the US, youth pastor Everett Fritz found that the majority of youth lost interest in their faith as they got older. Over many years working in this area, he discovered a model that does work: based on personal invitation, support and friendship. This was the same approach Jesus took to forming his own twelve disciples. The personal model of youth ministry has the power to transform the lives of young people today and is being supported and resourced by the Archdiocese in parishes around Melbourne.

Fr Nicholas Pearce is senior chaplain to youth and will be visiting us on Sunday, 27th of March from 4pm-5pm in the Parish Community Centre. He will present an exciting vision of outreach to youth in our parish. Any parent with young adults aged 12-18 are invited to attend to learn how we might better reach young people around Mount Eliza this year. Any young adult 18+ who is interested in serving as a leader is also most welcome to attend. Please speak with Fr Patrick to learn more.



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

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10
The creed of the Chosen People

Responsorial Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
 and abides in the shade of the Almighty
 says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
 my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Upon you no evil shall fall,
 no plague approach where you dwell.
 For you has he commanded his angels,
 to keep you in all your ways.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

They shall bear you upon their hands
 lest you strike your foot against a stone.
 On the lion and the viper you will tread
 and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
 protect him for he knows my name.
 When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,'
 I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second reading Romans 10:8-13
The creed of the Christian

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!
 No one lives on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth
 of God.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory!

Gospel Luke 4:1-13
The temptation in the wilderness



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.



Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Hosanna

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36



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.