



SEASONS

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

2nd Sunday of Lent — Year C

13th March 2022

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

Diary:

Tuesday 15th March

Social Club Committee Meeting
10 am, PCC

Tuesday 15th March (due to Public Holiday)

St Vincent de Paul Meeting
7.30pm, PCC



Welcome to
Fr. Joe O'Shea who will
be celebrating the Weekend
Masses with us.



Gospel: (Luke 9:28–36)

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Reflection:

One of the overriding themes of Luke's Gospel is Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Just a few verses on from this text, Jesus 'resolutely took the road for Jerusalem,' and his resolve is foreshadowed here in the conversation he is having with Moses and Elijah as they speak of 'his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.' Jesus is revealing not only his true identity to his chosen companions but also his destiny: the 'passing over' of his death and resurrection, by which his divinity will be definitively revealed to all. Through that event, all that the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah) stood for will be accomplished. Peter misunderstands and thinks that the event on the mountain is the end of the story—he wants to erect tents there. He has not yet grasped the need to continue with the journey to Jerusalem. As a Christian, one cannot simply remain on the mountain in contemplation of divinity; one must also come down from the mountain and take the earthly road of living the faith to its ultimate conclusion.

This gospel emphasises the need to withdraw for prayer. How important is quiet contemplation and prayer in your journey? In what ways do you balance prayer and action in living your faith?

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**Church Services:
During the Week**

Thursday Mass 10.00 am
St Patrick's Feast Day

Friday
Stations of the Cross 3.00 pm

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am
Sunday 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 pm

We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently... Dennis and Shirley Cleary

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....

Dr John O'Brien, Bill Leneaux-Gale, Else Bloch, Norah Connolly, Fr Maurice Adams

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, Tequiomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.



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

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



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Tuesday 15th March (changed due to the Monday Public Holiday) in the PCC at 7.30pm. Thank you Marilyn Moloney



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022

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. OR Please take home a set of envelopes or collection box from our Church Foyer.

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

	Actual	Pledge	Presbytery
2022-6 March	\$ 2,621	\$ 3,894	\$ 735

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)



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.

Safeguarding Committee

Julie Carter 0420 923 859

FEEL SAFE AND BE SAFE
AT OUR CHURCH



To our children and vulnerable:

YOU HAVE RIGHTS

You have the right to feel safe and be safe from harm.

YOU ARE VALUED & RESPECTED

You have the right not to be hurt, spoken to rudely or made to feel uncomfortable.

WE WILL PROTECT

We will protect children and young people.

WE WILL LISTEN & BELIEVE

We will listen to children and young people and believe them.

WE WILL RESPOND

We will respond to matters of safety and harm.

Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place

Saturday April 2nd, 8.30am-1pm.

There are plenty of jobs to be done to prepare the church and surrounds for Easter.

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

Please add your name and number to the signup sheet in the Church Foyer if you can help on the day, serve or prepare morning tea.



The Combined Societies of Mary Invites everyone To

Walk With Mary 2022



Sunday 20th March St Patrick's Cathedral
2pm Prayers Holy Mass, City Street Procession
Most Rev. Bishop Tony Ireland (Main Celebrant)
More information:
www.thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com or 9509 2207

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 Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

God enters into a Covenant with Abraham,
the man of faith

Responsorial Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven
comes Christ to transfigure us

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel
Luke 9:28-36
Jesus is transfigured
before them**

**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 Pi-
late,
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
3rd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

