



SEASONS

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

Third Sunday of Easter — Year C

1st May 2022

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

Diary:

Thursday 5th May

Baptism Preparation Meeting
7.30pm, Church

Monday 16th May

St Vincent de Paul Meeting
10.00am, Undercroft



WELCOME TO
church

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Church Services:

Next Week

Tuesday	Adoration	6.00 pm
	Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday		10.00 am
Thursday		10.00 am
Friday	Exposition	9.00 am
	Mass	10.00 am
Saturday	Mass for the Unborn	10.00 am

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

Reflection:

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.



Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.



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.

We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. Joe Kilgariff and Bernadette Thomas

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

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 3rd May - Social Club General Meeting in the Undercroft at 10.30 am.

The Welfare Officer is Margaret Gallagher



The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 16th May in the Undercroft at 10am.

Thank you Marilyn Moloney



Baptism Enquiries:

Please send an email to the Parish Office. Next Baptism Preparation Meeting: Thursday 5th May in Church at 7.30pm



Reconciliation & First Eucharist Enquiries:

Program will start in June. Please register your interest now—contact the Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator 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](#)

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.

Existing Volunteers are asked to provide to the Parish Office : A copy of their Vaccine Certificate

Please return your Project Compassion / Caritas boxes and envelopes.

\$1033.40 raised for Holy Places on Good Friday. Thank you everyone.



FINANCES

	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
2022-24April	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,327	\$ 578

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)

Parish office— Vicki will be on leave for two weeks.

\$200 raised from the sale of Pumpkins. Thank you everyone.



Parish Pastoral Leadership Team (PPLT)

Dear Friends,

On February 26th a meeting was held in the Parish Community Centre to discuss the future membership of the PPLT (Parish Pastoral Leadership Team), and to discern where God might be calling St Thomas More Parish in the future. This first meeting was advertised throughout February as an open invitation for any parishioner to come along and participate.

Lorraine McCarthy and Jacqui Giuliano from the Archdiocese Office for Mission Renewal facilitated a robust discussion amongst parishioners about what has defined our parish as a place of welcome and encounter with God from its foundation. Some of those present felt that the Parish has been through a time of uncertainty, change and decline and some hurt and disappointment was expressed. At the same time, there was a great sense of hope and optimism that these difficult times might become a spring-board for new growth and life in the years to come, and an opportunity to regroup and rebuild.

Since the last meeting, our Parish has been given some further certainty and clarity with the appointment of a Parish Priest. The next step is to bring together those who expressed interest in becoming PPLT members to think and pray about our vision for the future, how the PPLT might operate and the different gifts and talents we need to work together. Jacqui has kindly offered to return and help facilitate this session on Saturday, 30th April. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as this important work continues.

Fr Patrick

Dunkley Candidate Election Forum 2022 on Monday May 2nd at 7pm. At The Village Church, 93 Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza.

All candidates have been invited, although we are yet to hear from one. Like we have done for the last two federal elections, we try to create a respectful space where people can meet and ask questions of the candidates.

Rev Cameron McAdam

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH & AGED CARE WORKERS

Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and **those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.**

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

A Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. If you cannot attend, please be encouraged to submit the names of those you wish remembered to your Parish, or by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

Dear Parishioners, Our greetings of good health and wellbeing to you and your families.

PAF is running the **Mothers' Day** envelope drive again this year, to provide support for disadvantaged pregnant women and their babies and families, we and would be very grateful for any donation you are able to give towards this collection. You may also donate at the PAF Centre; by cheque or by a direct payment into our account at **WESTPAC BSB: 033 272 ACC: 318726.**

If you would like a receipt, then please provide your name and contact details in an email to pafcares@gmail.com. All donations above \$2.00 are tax deductible.

We wish a Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers reading this and may you and your families be blessed abundantly.

Warm regards from the PAF Committee and Volunteers
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Next Sunday's Readings

8th May—4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30



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 Acts 5:27-32,40-41

We are witnesses to all this: we and the Holy
Spirit

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,

give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through
life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into danc-
ing:

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second reading Apocalypse 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be
given riches and power

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak. Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took
the bread and gave it to
them, and the same with the
fish

**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.

