



SEASONS

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter — Year C

8th May 2022

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

Diary:

Thursday 5th May

School Advisory Council

Monday 16th May

St Vincent de Paul Meeting
10.00am, Undercroft



Dear Friends,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, or Vocations Sunday. On this weekend seminarians from our seminary—Corpus Christi College are sent out into parishes. During this weekend they stay with the Parish Priest, meet some of the local community and speak to the congregation at Mass about how they discerned their calling. As we hear in the gospel this Sunday, God's call is as unique and personal as the human voice; no one is called in exactly the same way by God. Good Shepherd Sunday a great experience for the congregation who are given a tangible form of hope that God is still caring for and providing for the Church with Priests who will share the joy of the gospel, comfort with the Sacraments and care for God's people. They are reassured that the Priesthood which began with the twelve apostles is still compelling and inspiring young men to give their lives to God today, despite the obstacles and challenges.



Visiting parishes and speaking about their calling is also a great experience for the seminarians. Through this they come to know there are sincere people all around Victoria who are praying for them and supporting them through this long and serious road to Ordination. I was sent to speak at Parishes in East Keilor, St Albans, Craigieburn, Bacchus Marsh and Clayton and the encouragement and support I received on these visits was a great reassurance to my journey to the Altar. It gave me a great perspective on what Parish life could be like and the deep hunger and need there is for God in our world. It was also a great opportunity to meet young men (and women) who were wondering if God might be calling them to serve as Priests (or Religious) in the Church.

Let us continue to pray for our seminarians that they would be inspired and encouraged to continue listening to the Good Shepherd. And let us also pray that God would raise up vocations from our community so that we will have Good Shepherds to care for us in our need.

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Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford (Parish Administrator)
Jacinta Griffin (Chairperson)
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Carmel Huggard

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

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.

We pray for..

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.. Lucia Henley, Maud E Davies, Eileen Cookesley, Keith MacGregor, Scott Reade, Colleen Duyvestyn, Mary-Jo Flood.

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,*



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.

The Welfare Officer is Margaret Gallagher

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 office—

vicki will be on leave for two weeks.

Please return your Project Compassion / Caritas boxes and envelopes.

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



Forum on Homelessness

My sincere thanks to all those connected with the St Thomas More Social Justice Group who worked hard to make the forum held last Thursday a great success. The evening attracted around 80 people from the area who listened to the three guest speakers, plus a short address on the important work happening across political parties in Canberra. These men and women spoke from their experiences working with Government, in Not for Profit and the Private Sector to create better public policy and work together for practical solutions to help those in need of affordable housing. We learnt that accessing affordable housing is a growing problem that is affecting more of our society and people from all walks of life. The meeting ended with a time of fellowship over tea, coffee and sandwiches. The leftovers were donated to help feed the homeless. The forum was a great opportunity for our parish to become a “home” for those working towards justice and promote the teachings of Our Lord— “whosoever you do this to, you did it to me”. Fr Patrick

Parish Pastoral Leadership Team (PPLT)

Dear Friends,

Back in February the journey to renew the PPLT began with an invitation for any parishioner to consider if God might be calling them to serve on the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team. Out of this, nine parishioners expressed interest in being involved or continuing their involvement. Our first meeting was held on February 26th. At this meeting Lorraine McCarthy and Jacqui Giuliano from the Archdiocese Office for Mission Renewal guided a discussion on Mission, Identity, Evangelisation. We also discussed what is valued about St Thomas More Parish.

th of April facilitated by Jacqui. Seven parishioners came together to consider where God is calling us as a Parish community, what gifts we need to be shared and how we might work together.

It was a great meeting which began with a lunch and an extended time of prayer together. As we emerge from COVID and lockdowns it became clear how important it is that we spend time with each other and rebuild our relationships within the Parish, and through this into our wider community. The PPLT will be a model for the wider parish community as to how we might continue reconnect and rebuild. Amongst the members there was a keen desire to listen to God's spirit and work collaboratively and constructively together. We will work to foster a spirit of trust and respect. It was agreed the PPLT should have a focus on our long term vision and strategy and less on day to day Parish operations. PPLT members will be actively engaged in the life of the Parish and will be representative of our Parish in all its diversity. To reflect this focus, it is likely that PPLT will meet less frequently but for a longer session each time we meet.

I am very grateful for the time and energy given by all those who have been involved so far. There was a deep sense of excitement and enthusiasm as we begin this new chapter together. In the coming days I will check in with each of those who have been part of the process so far and see how they are placed for their future involvement. I anticipate that in next week's Seasons we will be able to announce the updated PPLT membership and then make plans to introduce the new members to the Parish Community at the Sunday Masses. PPLT members will be another point of contact for parishioners and another set of ears listening to God's Spirit and assisting me to shepherd. Fr Patrick

Denis and Shirley Cleary

It has been advised that the arrangements and dates for Denis and Shirley's funeral can now proceed, with a requiem Mass to be held at St Thomas More Parish likely in two or three weeks time. So far, at least seven different groups have asked to share words of remembrance or similar. If you would like more information or would like to speak, please contact the Parish Office and we can put you in touch with the two points of contact who are co-ordinating the funeral arrangements. As soon as dates and times are confirmed these will be published in Seasons and on our Website—Fr Patrick.

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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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 13:14,43-52

‘We must turn to the pagans’

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. R)

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock R

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age R)

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead
them to springs of living water

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Gospel John 10:27-30

I know my sheep and they follow me

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.

