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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

13th November 2022

Diary:

First Eucharist Mass

Sunday Nov 13 10.00am

Infant Baptisms

Sunday Nov 13 11.30am

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Office Days/Hours:

Tuesday 10.00am to 4pm

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Fr Patrick Bradford

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Church Services:

This Week

from 14th Nov

Tuesday Adoration 6.00 pm
Tuesday Mass 7.00 pm

Wednesday* Mass 10.00 am
Thursday* Mass 10.00 am
Friday Exposition 9.00am
Mass 10.00am

*Rosary before Mass

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am
Sunday 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.30 - 7.00pm

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.

Reflection taken from oblates.ie:

The first Christians lived in troubled times. From Rome, from the Jewish authorities they were hunted down, interrogated and possibly tortured and killed. Life and death, if you were a follower of Jesus, was that stark. We all know the story of St. Stephen, the first martyr, stoned to death while Paul, before his conversion, looked on and approved. The first Christians truly did risk death every day. They lived their faith in fear and isolation, supported only by one another. To survive, to have the courage they needed to hold to the faith they had accepted and been newly baptised into, they needed hope. That hope came through the reality of the Resurrection – Jesus, put to death but raised from the dead, living in glory, and promising to be with his people forever. While that was the source of their hope, in a time of profound uncertainty, they also needed something in the future to hold on to, something to make sense of their suffering. And that is what today’s Gospel offered them. Not only was Jesus living and with his people but he was going to return, in great power and glory, to reward the faith of those who held true to his message and way of living. In their uncertainty and persecution they were told, “Fear not! God has never, in the history of Israel, not honoured a promise or covenant he made with his people. Why would he start now? Therefore, hold your heads up. Jesus is returning...and returning soon...in power and glory to reward you.” It was a message of hope, based on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and his own words, “I will be with you always....” Can’t you imagine them, at their secret meetings in each other’s homes, using the very words of today’s Gospel to support one another, giving new hope to those who may have lost a loved one.



We can look at today’s Gospel as a warning of the power of God coming to wreak havoc on our world and bring punishment to his enemies. But that is not what those hearing this story would have seen in it. For them it was a message of hope. Not a hope based on dreams and wishes but on the life, (death (unjust and terrible, and resurrection of Jesus. It was not a negative message about destruction but a superbly positive message that “Summer is near.”

We too live in troubled times, times of suffering, pain and uncertainty. So read the Gospel again, and like those men and women hearing it in the first century, hear it as they heard it. It talks of the “coming of Summer”, not Winter, it talks of hope and life and joy, not death and destruction and misery. We live in similar times to those of the first followers of Jesus. They were uncertain, so are we; they were suffering, so are we; they were close, sometimes, to losing hope, so are we. We share the same faith as they did. Faith in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the person who said to them, “I am with you always.” and who says to us, “I am with you always.” For them “Summer did come” and with it peace and the survival of faith and hope. For us, it will come too. For God’s people, a promise made by their God was always kept, maybe not immediately, but throughout the Old Testament, every promise made was honoured. Why would we suppose that the promise of the Risen Lord “to be with us always” would not now also be honoured. Pope Francis in 2013, named his first publication, “The Joy of the Gospel.” and the Gospel is just that...Joy...every word of it, and hope, not in something vague or invisible, but in a living person, Jesus, whose rising from the dead assured us that we can trust him...always...everywhere...with the certainty of a living faith. As Christians we are called to witness to the joy of the gospel.

**We
pray
for.....**

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Antonina Socha, Mark Landman, Margo Moloney, Lauren Kelly, Brighty Leneaux-Gale,
Kevin Barnes, Gwendaline Pay, Margaret Carr, Mark Sorensen, Diego Mirabella



The sick... Margaret Grace, Maureen Mirabella, Adrian & Maree Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Abbatangelo (kidney transplant 18/8/22), Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Betty Corke, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Rosalie McKiernan, Julian Collins, Sue Emerton, Jimmy and Gary Lakeman, Anneliese Rose 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

On Tuesday, twenty-six parishioners enjoyed Mass for those members of the Social Club who are no longer with us, and followed it up with a most enjoyable Spring Carnival lunch at Steeples. Thank you to all who joined the fun on this special occasion.
Tom and Maree Shelton.

Our next Function

Lunch at the Girl and Bull Mt Eliza on
Wednesday 7th December at 12.30

Please book/confirm by:
Wednesday 30 November.
Contact Fiona on 0420 764 234

The Welfare officers for November are Tom and Maree Shelton 0418337950

Special Collection to support the Catholic Deaf this weekend

The John Pierce Centre provides Mass in Auslan (Australian Sign Language), faith development, marriage preparation, weddings, funerals and preparation for Sacraments. JPC also provides resources and support to schools, Pastoral Care & Family Support, Counselling, activities for Deaf parents and their children throughout Victoria. Your support at these weekend Masses is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Toys 2022

St Vincent de Paul Conference have placed a Christmas Tree in the foyer of the church, with tags on it showing the gender and age of the children from the families we have visited during this year. We would appreciate it if those who take a tag could return an **UNWRAPPED** toy to the box by **Sunday Nov 26.**

Call of Guadalupe Musical Production

24-27 November at Chelsea Town Hall

Enter via Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea

Celebrating life, love and hope, The Call of Guadalupe Musical is an entertaining, uplifting Christian Musical. It includes the participation of many talented children and artists. bookings.

SHOW TIMES:.

24th November @ 7pm: PREVIEW show \$15 flat rate/person

25th - 26th November @ 7pm & Sunday 27th November @ 1pm

Adults \$20 / Children under 18 & concession: \$15/Groups of 10: \$150

SPECIAL: 15% off (ends 15th Nov) use Trybooking Promo Code 15off

Booking

link: <https://www.trybooking.com/camrl> or email chelsea@cam.org.au if you need assistance with ticket booking

Summary of Parish Council Meeting on November 5th

Attendees: Fr Patrick, Emma Chapple, Ruth Hilton, Kathy Raccanello, Joe Sayah, Sandra Taylor.

After a prayer the PPLT discussed how to continue welcoming parishioners back after COVID. We now have a regular roster of helpers assisting with morning tea after the 10am Mass. Instant tea/coffee is free, Barista coffee attracts a suggested donation. Perhaps these funds could be used to support parish youth events? Further initiatives proposed for the warmer months include parish BBQ or other gatherings. Kathy Raccanello was appointed the chair of the PPLT. Fr Patrick invited any parishioners to join a parish maintenance committee, but this was not well supported. A review of Parish maintenance will be worked in with the next thanksgiving renewal campaign.

The PPLT discussed two more chapters from "Forming Intentional Disciples". Chapter two led to a discussion about how faith is passed on, and the relationship between Baptism, the other Sacraments and ongoing formation / discipleship. More could be done to engage families when they approach our Parish for Baptism and other Sacraments. Chapter three led to discussion on how we might best support parishioners to grow in their faith by offering support to different ages and groups, e.g. men/women; older/younger; parents/grandparents.

In operational matters we discussed Ann's commencement as Parish Secretary, Fr Patrick's involvement with the Archdiocese coaching programme, new signage at the Parish to replace the existing sign on Canadian Bay Road, and the change of address for the Parish from 313 Canadian Bay Road to 311 Canadian Bay Road (the School will retain 313). At this stage we hope to move to 311 beginning January 2023. The next meeting in December will be a social meeting and so PPLT will recommence next February.

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567



Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place:

Saturday Nov 26, 8am-1pm.

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

Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

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

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859



Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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 Malachi 3:19-20

For you the sun of righteousness will shine out.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

The destruction of the temple foretold.

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.

The mystery of faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings

20th November – Christ the King

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43