



SEASONS

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

11th September 2022

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

Diary:

Please contact the office if you would like to advertise an event.

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Interim Office Days/Hours:

9am to 2pm Tuesday

Please email or call while interim office arrangements are in place

Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford Emma Chapple
Carmel Huggard Ruth Hilton
Joe Sayah Sandra Taylor

Church Services:

Next Week

Tuesday 13/9	Adoration	6.00 pm
	Mass	7.00 pm
Wednesday*	Mass	10.00 am
Thursday*	Mass	10.00 am
Friday	Exposition	9.00 am
	Mass	10.00 am

*The Rosary will be prayed before these Masses

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.

Dear Friends,

This week we heard the sad news about the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. For nearly seventy years her leadership as head of state has seen Australia through an era of great change. At the Masses this weekend we will acknowledge her passing, pray for her and the royal family. In this his first letter to Timothy, St Paul urges “petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”. May our prayers strengthen all our leaders in this time of change— Fr Patrick



Reflection on Sunday Readings

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the tax-payers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money (CONTINUED)

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

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
Jim Hunter, Mary Sheila Butler, Myrtle Haines, Maurice Doyle, Matthew Patrick Kelly



The sick... Margaret Grace, Maureen Mirabella, Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, Kerrie Milne, 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 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.*

Covid is back in our midst.

Please take all safety precautions as you go about your lives.

ie: wear a mask, social distance, hand sanitise etc.

STM Social Club

Accept your invitation to visit The Village Baxter,
8 Robinsons Road, Frankston South Vic 3199

Date: 14th September, 2022 - Time: 10am – 12PM

Retirees will talk about Life in the village and Village Facilities, followed by Musical Entertainment.

The visit will end with Refreshments and time to meet new friends.

Contact :Terence McGinty Ph: 0437 490877
or terencemcginty72@gmail.com

RSVP: 7th September 2022 at the latest.

The Welfare Officer is Margo Munro

FINANCES

	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
August 21st	\$ 1,812	\$ 1,767	\$ 647
August 28th	\$ 889	\$ 852	\$ 7,673

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)*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Baptism - Reconciliation & First Eucharist - Confirmation.

Check our WEBSITE for more details

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](#)

the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, “full of compassion,” runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins. The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

- Loyola Press

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.



Parish Office Hours

This week the Parish Office will be attended on Tuesday from 10am—4pm, Thursday and Friday 8.30-3.30pm. I will advise ongoing Parish Office hours in Seasons next week.— Fr Patrick

Memorial Garden

I have received some further interest in and questions around the future of the memorial garden and wall. Thankyou for your sincere and considered feedback. I want to assure all of our community that the memorial garden precinct will be maintained as a dignified place for prayer and reflection. While it is not possible to have any further loved ones interred at the garden at this time, plans are underway to enable this to happen in the near future. I understand and appreciate the importance of these decisions for families, especially those whose plans are well advanced. For anyone personally impacted by this temporary pause please contact me directly for further information and guidance.

Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

In 1952 before her Coronation, a young Elizabeth gave her first Christmas Address requesting our prayers – ‘that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life’. With sadness and gratitude, we now reflect on the fulfillment of those very words, and offer our prayers and condolences for a Monarch who has lived a life of commitment and devotion to her people through great change and upheaval. I join with Pope Francis and all those who mourn her loss in paying my respects to Her Majesty as a woman of deep Christian faith, whose leadership and service was shaped by the anchor of Jesus Christ in her life. May she rest in peace, with her King eternally.



THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS

Wednesday September 14th



The Padua Social Justice group are currently looking for **15 by 15 cm squares that have been knitted or crocheted in 8 ply yarn** that will be collected and made into community blankets that will then be donated to St Vincent De Paul. We are sharing this request with all parishes associated with Padua College with the hopes of receiving many squares. A collection box will be made available and we will collect donations up until **Sunday 18th of September**.

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true. Hear the pray-
ers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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 **Exodus 32:7-11,13-14**

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people
the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm 50/51: 3-4,12-13,17,19

I will leave this place and go to my father.

Second reading | **Timothy 1:12-17**

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sin-
ners.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlight-
en the eyes of our mind, so that we can see
what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 15:1-32**

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one re-
pentant sinner

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

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children
of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings



Next Sunday's Readings

18th September -24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13