



SEASONS

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

18th September 2022

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

Diary:

U - Monday 9.30am SVDP Meeting

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

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Office Days/Hours:

Tuesday 10am to 4pm

Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm

Thursday 9.30am to 4pm

Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford Emma Chapple
Carmel Huggard Ruth Hilton
Joe Sayah Sandra Taylor
Kathy Raccanello Paul Keane

Church Services:

Next Week

Tuesday 20/9	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

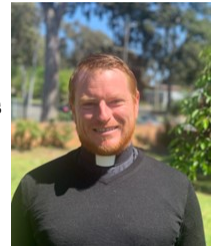
Reconciliation

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,

Today's gospel talks about the importance of stewardship and using God's gifts well. May we appreciate what God has given us and use these things well. This coming week Queen Elizabeth's funeral will be held on Monday evening Australian time, and Thursday will be a Public Holiday in remembrance of her life. We again take this opportunity to pray for our leaders and for the safety and protection of Australia—Fr Patrick



The article below has been taken from the Catholic Herald, UK:

When the Queen came to the throne in 1952 her country, with much of the rest of Europe and the global west, was self-evidently Christian in its public life.

Addressing senior Anglican leaders gathered at the fractious Lambeth Conference in August, she calmly observed that "Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide, and in them I find hope." Nevertheless, a narrative that sustained a philosophy of life and with it the country's culture—that there are objective moral values and that Jesus Christ is Lord—has been replaced by a culture of relativism and the widest possible choice of moral and existential values.

Classical stoicism and Christian duty has given way to personal gratification, consumerism and narcissism. The world in which she was born could hardly have been more different than that of which she took her leave.

From the stability of her own long and successful marriage to the late Duke of Edinburgh, whom she described as her "rock", she had no choice but to preside over the most dramatic shift of cultural values. A society that was largely Christian became almost uniformly secular, and during the transition she exemplified the best virtues of the Christian faith. Not many of those who loved and respected her understood the source of her attraction. A commitment to leading a life dedicated to Christian moral virtue engenders the formation of personal attributes of selflessness, kindness, and devotion to duty imbued with faith, hope, and humour.

As the society over which she ruled constitutionally grew ever more heterodox and hedonistic, the dignity and integrity that she embodied both personally and constitutionally resonated with ever deeper value.

On Coronation Day she addressed her people, then still scattered all over the world, assuring them that "I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust." The mourning that will now accompany her death includes a very real grief for a remarkable woman: a treasured mother, a dignified grandmother and a much-loved Queen. It will also, surely, include sorrow for the passing of a culture whose deepest and most noble virtues she represented and embodied to her very core.

God Rest The Queen.

God Save The King!

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

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Monica Prendergast, Patricia Ginnane, John Murphy, Michelle Rogic (McCartney)
Mildred Hanmer



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, Julian Collins 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.*

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be attended as follows:

- Tuesdays: 10am -4pm
- Wednesdays: 9.30am to 4pm
- Fridays: 9.30am to 4pm

March for Life

The 2022 March for Life will be held on Saturday, October 8th, as a peaceful walk from Treasury Gardens to Melbourne Parliament House. The goal is to promote an annual day of remembrance and peaceful witness to affirm the right to life, assist women who are in crisis and allow freedom of conscience for healthcare workers. For further information please visit their website: www.marchforthebabies.com

FINANCES	Stewardship		Presbytery
	Actual	Pledge	
September 4th	\$2,050	\$ 1,924	\$807
September 11th	\$10,702	\$806	\$565

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](#)

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.

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.

Sound System

A number of parishioners have approached me asking if the volume and clarity on the sound system in the Church could be improved. I invited our sound technician out during the week and he discovered some serious issues with the speakers and amplifier. The speakers have been taken to a technician for professional assessment. At this stage we're not sure whether they are affected by the recent flood damage to the Church, or other issues. It will take some weeks for the suppliers to assess the situation and organise for any new equipment to be installed onsite. Depending on the outcome of these investigations, replacing the equipment could be several thousand dollars. In the meantime, St Thomas More Primary School have kindly loaned us their portable sound system. For now, if you have any hearing difficulties, I encourage you to sit at the front so you are able to fully participate in the Mass readings and Liturgy—Fr Patrick

Works and Maintenance- Sanctuary Carpet and Flooding

About a month ago we suffered a severe hailstorm and heavy rain which resulted in the Sanctuary area being flooded. Carpet on the sanctuary has been pulled up and dried with professional equipment. It seems there may be further water damage to other parts of the sanctuary where water entered the building. Two quotes have been sought to restore the sanctuary carpet which needs to be correctly glued down for safety and aesthetic reasons. I understand the area looks a little unsightly with the exposed glue presenting issues for those moving around the sanctuary. Works will commence as soon as we are able to finalise the items above - Fr Patrick

Maintenance committee

At PPLT we discussed the various recent maintenance issues happening around the Parish. The PPLT affirmed that it would be helpful for the parish to establish a maintenance committee to provide advice on the scope of maintenance and works that would need to take place over the immediate, short and long terms in order to keep the Parish plant and site in good condition. The Committee would help to co-ordinate and execute the regular working bees. I anticipate the committee members would meet to discuss these matters for about one hour four times per year. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th at 5:30pm at the Parish Community Centre. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to express interest in this area – Fr Patrick

Welcoming committee

At the PPLT we have agreed two areas of special focus for the coming two years will be Building up the Parish Community and our prayerful Worship at Mass and other occasions. It was decided to form a welcoming committee to ensure that Parishioners and new visitors to our Masses have a positive experience and are able to meet and chat with other members of our community. We have recommenced morning teas after the 10am Sunday Mass and the PPLT will be finding new ways to build up our community. If anyone would like to be participate in the roster for serving morning teas after Mass and other hospitality, please contact the Parish Office. We hope to have a regular roster which reduces the burden on any one person – Fr Patrick

PPLT Meeting Summary from 10th September

On Saturday the PPLT gathered for the third meeting of 2022. New members Kathy Raccanello and Paul Keane joined the team, bringing new insights to discussions. Before we discussed anything, though, we had a photoshoot, so that when the team lineup is displayed, with team members' email addresses, all parishioners can then see who's who, and will have some better idea about who to approach or contact with fresh ideas about the parish going forward, in pastoral terms: adult formation, children's catechesis, prayer groups, Bible study, social events. The main topic for discussion was the reduced numbers of Catholics at Masses, not just in Australia, but in the US, UK and other western nations. The reasons for reduced numbers are many and various, and the solutions will not be simple matters, but attempts should be made to address the situation. Fundamental to addressing any problems, of course, must be bringing all to God in prayer, so please keep the PPLT and all our deliberations in your prayers and approach any of the members if you have contributions to make. The next meeting will be on November 5th, giving everyone eight weeks to put forward ideas for parish rejuvenation—Ruth Hilton

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 **Amos 8:4-7**

I will never forget your deeds, you who trample
on the needy.

Responsorial Psalm: 112 (113):1-2, 4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray for everyone to God, who wants every-
one to be saved.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor to
make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be the slave of both God and
money.

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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully
kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.



Next Sunday's Readings

25th September -26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31