



SEASONS

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

25th September 2022

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

Diary:

[Thursday 29th September](#)

Maintenance Committee Meeting
5.30pm Community Centre

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Office Days/Hours:

Tuesday 10.00am to 4pm
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Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford Emma Chapple
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Joe Sayah Sandra Taylor
Kathy Raccanello Paul Keane

Church Services:

This Week From 26/9

Tuesday	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

Monthly Saturday Mass 10.00 am
for Protection of Life

*The Rosary will be prayed
before these Masses

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil	5.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 am
Sunday	10.00 am
Sunday Filipino Mass	4.00 pm

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 wor-
ship. We pay our respects to the Elders,
past, present and emerging.

Dear Friends,

Reflection:

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the im-
portance of the care of the poor in the life of disci-
plesh. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus
contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who
lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die.
Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld.
The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But
Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life
and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The
rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this
is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have
warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the
presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some
Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as
"loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of
Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught
an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular
Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more
on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often por-
trayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the
early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the
actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke
one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and
Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and
is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance
of wealth in the eyes of God.

Taken from Loyola Press



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

Those who have passed away recently... Julie Seal



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Edward Doherty, Charles Doherty, Norman Prendergast, John McLoughlin, John Maxwell, John Bowring, Celestine Fennessy, Patrick Willsteed, Bernice Chute, Sheila Walker, Norman Hellard, Joan Enright, Leo Ryan, Mary Irene Pearson, Thomas 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, 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.*

STM Social Club

Join us for lunch at **The Dava Hotel**
614 The Esplanade, Mt Martha
Wednesday, 12 October, 12.30pm

Please **book with Colleen** on 9787 2479
or 0408 314 409 **before 10th October.**

The Welfare Officer is Margo Munro

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

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

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

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 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](#)



This article was written by Sunnie Lain, Vincentian Support Services.

If you have any interest in assisting the wonderful work of SVDP please leave your contact details at the parish office.

St Vincent de Paul – Feast Day 27th September

Five facts about the life of St Vincent de Paul

Most people have heard of St. Vincent de Paul, but not too many know very much about him or his life. Here are five things that you may not know:

5. St. Vincent de Paul spent the first 20 years of his life seeking fame and wealth.

Vincent de Paul was born to a peasant family in France in 1580. Although he later achieved fame for his dedication to the poor, his early life was spent attempting to escape his humble roots. His family shared his ambition, hoping that a career in the priesthood would better the family fortune. On one occasion, while he was still in the seminary, he refused to see his father who had come to visit him because he felt embarrassed by the shabbiness of his father's appearance. Vincent became a priest at the young age of 19, and he spent most of his early priesthood mingling with members of the elite. He was very well liked because of his charm, intelligence, and sense of humor.

4. St. Vincent de Paul was captured by pirates.

In 1605, Vincent was returning home by boat from a trip. He had been on his way to sell some property he had received in an inheritance from a wealthy patron. While travelling, he was captured by pirates, who brought him to Tunis in Northern Africa. He was sold into slavery and he remained a slave for two years. During this time, he prayed to God, telling Him that if his life would be spared and he was freed, he would devote the rest of his life to the service of the poor.

3. St. Vincent de Paul was a community organizer.

After his eventual escape from Africa, Vincent served a church in rural France. The poverty he found there shocked him—it was not uncommon for people who were unable to find work in his poor community to die from starvation. He began to take stock of his resources, and his former connections with the wealthy and influential led him to seek their financial assistance. He met with affluent friends and inspired them to organize into groups going from house to house requesting furniture, food and clothing. They were extremely successful in their efforts, and other parishes began to seek him out to learn how they could organize in the same way. Soon, churches all over France were using the same techniques Vincent had created to help their neighbours in need.

2. St. Vincent de Paul was a legend in his own time.

As time went by, Vincent realized that the mistakes of his young life, especially his focus on wealth and fame, had been caused by a poor faith foundation. As a result, he founded an order of priests, the Vincentians, who received thorough training and who pledged to devote their lives to the spiritual and material needs of the poor. Later, along with Louise de Marillac, he founded the Sisters of Charity. He then expanded his work, founding hospitals, orphanages and homes for people who were mentally ill. He also devoted his last years to serving prisoners and slaves, sharing with them his story of hope as a former slave himself. He was very well known throughout Europe in his own time. He died on September 27, 1660, and he was made a saint in 1737.

1. St. Vincent de Paul did **NOT** found the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was not founded until more than 150 years after St. Vincent's death. When Frederic Ozanam founded the Society, he named it after St. Vincent de Paul. Ozanam was devoted to St. Vincent, who is the patron saint of charitable societies, and he modeled the Society on his call to "see Christ in the poor and to be Christ to the poor". The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue to honour his life and legacy.

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 Community Centre. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to express interest in this area – Fr Patrick

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 6:1,4-7**

Woe to those who live in luxury.

Responsorial Psalm: **145 (146): 7-10**

Praise the Lord ,my soul!

Second reading **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

Do all that you have been told, until the
Appearing of the Lord.

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 16:19-31**

Dives and Lazarus

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

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by
which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.



Next Sunday's Readings

2nd October -27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10