

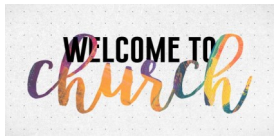


SEASONS

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

3rd Sunday of Easter -Year A

April 23rd 2023



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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 24th April

Tuesday	Exposition	6.00pm
Tuesday	Mass	7.00pm
Wednesday*	Mass	10.00am
Thursday*	Mass	10.00am
Friday	Mass	10.00am

*The Rosary will be prayed before this Mass.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	5.00pm
Sunday	8.00am
Sunday	10.00am

Reconciliation

Tuesday	6.30pm -7.00pm
Friday	9.30am -10.00am
Saturday	4.30pm - 5.00pm

St Thomas More acknowledges the Bunurong people as the Traditional owners of the land on which we live, work and worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

Dear Friends,

A reflection from 'My Catholic Life'

Understanding Dispel Doubt

“But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.” Luke 24:21–23

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus’ Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: “but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.”

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they travelled, they were “conversing and debating” about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and

killed. Jesus’ death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn’t bring themselves to believe. Thus, they travelled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting.

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God’s will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives.



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

Those who have passed away recently...



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..
Margaret Smith

The sick... Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, John Spirason, 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, Charlie Ebsworth, Noel Anstey, Mary Doherty, Barbara Hunt, Annette O'Brian and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Tequiomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.

The Parish Welfare officers for April are Brian & Sally McAnallen 0428 776 202

Parish Social Function for May



**Pizza Night (B.Y.O. Beverage)
in Parish Community Centre**

**PowerPoint presentation:
WWI "Boonah" Tragedy
Presenter: Maurie Hutchinson**

**Sunday May 7th at 5.30pm (sharp!)
\$10 p/p (Cash at door)**

RSVP to Sally 0428 776 202 by May 4th.



**A little reminder...Please return your boxes/
envelopes to the church or parish office.
Many thanks for your generosity.**

Safeguarding Committee
For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, we consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.

Women's Fellowship Group

Let's get together ladies! Every first Friday of the month from 7pm to 9pm (after dinner) for women 18 - 100 years plus!

A chance to connect, chat, laugh and share.

Next get together Friday 5th May
(Where: at my home - Please email me for details if you're interested in attending (raccanellokathy@gmail.com).

If you can, please bring something to share with everyone.

Hope you can come!
Kathy

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If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed to understand the divine plan for our lives correctly. We have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations.

Do you have perfect hope in God and His plan for your life? Or do you allow the various crosses you endure to confuse you and lead you to doubt? Allow our Lord to appear to you through prayer and reveal to you His perfect plan. Be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation you have toward doubt, replacing it with trust and hope.

Lord of perfect wisdom, Your plan for my life is perfect and glorious beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to understand Your will and fall into confusion and doubt. Please open my mind to Your truth and help me to see everything from Your perspective so that I will always walk with hope and trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Vocations

Next Sunday we celebrate **Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**

During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
 O sing to the glory of His name.
 O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

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 2:14, 22-33**

God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to this.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second reading **1 Peter 1:17-21**

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when You speak. Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 24:13-35**

They recognized Him at the breaking of the bread.

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

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the
 breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings **4th Sunday of Easter**

Ist Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

