



# SEASONS

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

Easter Sunday -Year A

9th April 2023

**Funeral for Marie Staley**

St McCartan's Church, Mornington  
Wednesday 12th April 11:30am

**Funeral for Josephine Pendlebury**

Friday 14th April 2.00pm

**Funeral for Maureen Mirabella**

Tuesday 18th April 1.30pm

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**Pastoral Leadership Team**

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*See your happy team on the Notice Board!*

**Church Services:**

**from 10th April**

Tuesday	Adoration	6.00 pm
Tuesday	Mass	7.00pm
Wednesday*	Mass	10.00am
Thursday*	Mass	10.00am
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	6.30pm –7.00pm
Friday	9.30am –10.00am
Saturday	4.30pm - 5.00pm

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,

The celebration of Easter is always a great joy for Christians around the world, and for us here at St Thomas More. Good Friday is just one of two days in Australia where the busyness of buying and selling, shopping, eating out and entertainment take a short break. As an ancient homily from the Office of Readings says “Something strange is happening today - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep”. With the frenetic pace of life that we seems to be speeding up it is appropriate that we take some time to process the magnitude of what God has done for us, and how we might respond to this incredible act of love.



On Holy Thursday we see Jesus offering himself and lowering himself to the position of a slave and washing the disciples feet. At the Last Supper Jesus establishes the Mass, the Eucharist as the way for us to come close to him and become more and more like him each time we participate. In was at the last supper that Jesus began the Church and charged his apostles with the responsibility to continue to “do this in memory of me”. In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus suffers in solidarity with us, he struggles with temptation but does not give in to fear or selfishness. He shows us what is possible for us when we turn to God in our times of trial. Like us, the disciples don't fully understand what is going on and they discover that with just their own strength they cannot follow the Lord. Peter's denial led to his profound sorrow, repentance and forgiveness. He reminds us that the Church is made up of wounded healers who are called to help each other build up the Christ's body and to “feed my sheep” – to encourage and support each other on our faith journey. On Good Friday we see the brutality of a world that is separated from love, a world driven by pragmatism and the mob. Jesus' trial draws us back to the teaching of St Augustine - that each of us has a part to play in building up the City of God, the new Jerusalem, God's Kingdom here on earth. Jesus confronts the kingdom of fear and coercion with non-violence and the Truth. Our Lord trusts and believes that his Father will bring good out of evil, order out of chaos and light from darkness, even though he feels the weight of the cross and on behalf of every weary soul cries out “my God my God, why have you forsaken me?”. At the foot of the Cross Jesus find the consoling presence of his mother, Mary and gives her to the Church to become our mother, our refuge, our consolation in time of difficulty.

On Holy Saturday the Easter Fire signifies a deep transformation. The light begins with a small flame, barely enough to overcome the darkness surrounding it but in time the light of Christ spreads among God's people until at last the Church awash with light and sound. We sing “Alleluia” and “Glory to God in the Highest”. The resurrection changed everything for Jesus passion and the lives of his disciples It transformed Jesus story of betrayal, arrest and execution from a terrible tragedy to a profound victory. The resurrection destroys the power of death over each one us. It tells us that God is more powerful than anything that life can throw at us. The resurrection enables Jesus to ascend to his

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

**Those who have passed away recently...**  
Maureen Mirabella, Julian Collins, Marie Staley



**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..**

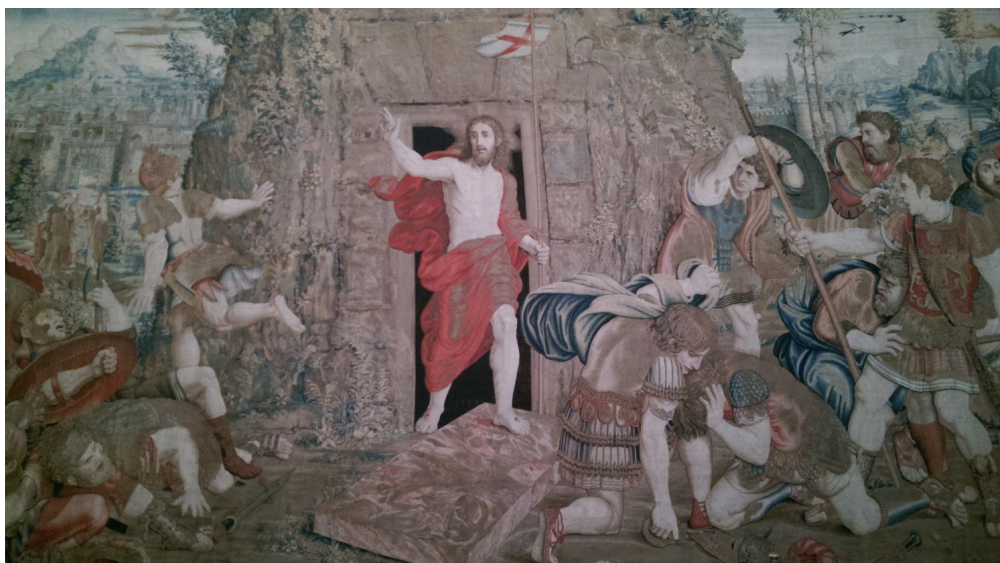
**The sick...** Adrian & Maree Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Bev Johnstone, Kate Matheson, John Xavier Clifton, Michael Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Betty Corke, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Rosalie McKiernan, Sue Emerton,

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father. While he is no longer physically here with us, Jesus does this so that he is no longer limited by this world. The Holy Spirit is sent into the world to console, encourage, inspire and equip us. Through God's spirit the apostles receive a boldness and courage that sends them out to change the world. At the Easter Vigil we are delighted to welcome Kip Mulvogue who has been prepared for the Sacrament of Baptism together with his Fiance Madeleine has also been preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony over the last few months. We look forward to them receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in due and we keep them in our prayers as they both continue their time of formation and instruction.

On behalf of the PPLT I wish each of you a blessed Easter and I hope and pray that Christ's presence will be a light to lead your path in this coming season of Easter.

Fr Patrick



**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. Our first get together will be Friday 3 March. 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

## Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message

### Easter 2023: 'Recognised, healed and sent'

Three things flow from the resurrection of Jesus Christ; three things that matter. In his resurrection, Jesus *recognises us* personally; he *invites us* to peace; and he *sends us* out.

The very first word Jesus spoke following his resurrection was a name: Mary. He saw his friend, and although she could not yet recognise him, he called her by name.

Similarly, Jesus personally recognised his friends, to whom he appeared. There was something intimate, and tender, and hospitable about the risen Lord. He draws us into his own resurrected life.

Jesus, in his resurrection, also offered an invitation to peace. 'Peace be with you' was his first—and repeated—declaration. It was an invitation to a share in his forgiveness, and to be healed. Jesus reconciled all creation to himself on the cross; now, he offers us a share in his healing peace.

Finally, through his resurrection, Jesus sends forth his friends. Jesus charged his followers to share the Good News of redemption, and our life in his.

*Mary:* Go and tell the others.

*Peter:* Go and feed my sheep.

*Friends:* Go and make disciples.

Jesus gave out this task so that the gift of his death and resurrection would not be only for the few.

These same three things from Jesus' resurrection—his recognising, his inviting, his sending—all belong to us now; they are ours to share in.

The risen Jesus recognises each of us personally by name.

The risen Jesus invites each of us to share in his healing gift of peace.

The risen Jesus sends each of us out in his name, with the gift of life.

He says to us, 'Follow me,' that we might live each day illumined by his resurrection, as the reason for our hope.

So, may our lives be filled with the energy, joy and youthfulness of the risen Jesus, knowing that, in him, I am recognised, I am healed, and I am sent.

Happy Easter to you.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



### Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**

**Entrance Antiphon**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
 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 10:34,37-43**

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resur-  
 rection

**Responsorial Psalm:**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
 and be glad

**Second reading I Corinthians 5:6-8**

Get rid of the old yeast and make yourselves un-  
 leavened as you were meant to be

**Sequence**

Recited by reader

**Gospel Acclamation I Cor 5:7-8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 24:13-35**

They recognized him at the breaking of the bread

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God,  
 the Father almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all things visible and invisible.  
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the Only Begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages.  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
 and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
 he suffered death and was buried,  
 and rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory  
 to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.



pleased; listen to him.

**Communion Antiphon**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
 therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
 bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.