



SEASONS

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

July 23rd 2023

DIARY

WYD Fundraising dinner

Sunday 23 July 6.00pm
1001 Nights Restaurant
3/86 Mt Eliza Way
Mt Eliza.

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Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

Ruth Hilton Joe Sayah

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 24th July

Tuesday Mass 5.30pm
Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Wednesday* Mass 10.00am
Thursday* Mass 10.00am

Friday Adoration 9.00am
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 6.00pm -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,

Last week I attended the ACCC National Conference. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with 45 priests from all over the country who I spent time with in the Seminary. Corpus Christi College is a regional seminary, which draws candidates for the Priesthood from the Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and parts of New South Wales. Each diocese and parish is so different and it was great to share ideas and encouragement from each other throughout the week. During the week we reverted to a seminary timetable – the Divine Office (psalms and breviary), meals, prayers and lectures in common. The talks were informative. We explored the pastoral and practical response to requests for Euthanasia. Two Dominican sisters spoke about the Providence of God and Obedience (they are connected!) and our keynote speaker Fr Carter Griffin spoke about the Church and the Priesthood – one cannot be understood without the other. I am grateful for this week of learning, recollection and friendship which will be a source of strength for my ministry at St Thomas More.



Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward. The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. – from Loyola Press

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

**Those who have passed away recently...
Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..**



Maureen Sweeney, Bill Walker, Grevis Reid, Raymond Hennessy, Ita Koppenol,
Anne Pierce, Pamela Phillips, Emma Kelly

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, Sue Emerton, Jimmy and Gary Lakeman, Anneliese Rose, Charlie Ebsworth, Noel Anstey, Mary Doherty, Annette O'Brian Patrick Guest 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

Frankston Winter Shelter

Frankston Winter Shelter is a local church initiative based on the model by Stable One. The concept is to provide crisis shelter for the homeless in the Frankston area. The winter shelter has several goals:

- To provide food and shelter for those in immediate need
- To provide a safe place where the love of Christ is demonstrated
- To assist in creating a sense of community that will extend beyond the simple meeting of physical needs
- To bring together the local churches in a unified purpose; allowing churches to build on existing services and partner together
- To mobilise the wider church community and raise awareness of the issues in their local area.

**Special Collection
this weekend
'Peter's Pence'**

FRANKSTON WINTER SHELTER
'More than a place to stay'

A local church initiative to provide crisis shelter and community for people experiencing homelessness over winter.

Together, we express the love of Jesus by providing:
A warm place to sleep · Dinner · Shower and toiletries · Breakfast and a lunch pack
A welcoming community environment

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Can you help with any of the following?

- Drive a mini bus · Collect food · Cook · Set up beds · Chat with guests over dinner
- Stay half the night to supervise sleep area

Shift Times Monday - Thursday:

Cooking	5pm - 7pm
Hosting	5:30pm - 10pm
Night shift A	9:45pm - 2am
Night Shift B	1:45am - 7am
Breakfast	7am - 8:30am
Laundering sheets	once a week between Friday - Sunday
Sourcing food/ picking up food	any time during the week
Driving the bus to pick up guests	5:15pm - 6:15pm
Driving bus to drop guests back to Frankston centre	8:15am - 9 am

Email us at frankstonws@gmail.com or apply directly using the QR code

Friday Masses

There is a plan for the children of STM school, to join the parishioners at morning Mass on some Fridays.

Details will soon follow.

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YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Celebration & Dinner

SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2023
6.30 - 10.30PM
MORNINGTON RACECOURSE

On behalf of Padua College, the Principal Kelly McGurn invites you to celebrate our 125-year anniversary. Be inspired by alumni speakers and entertained with music by Ed Moon, Class of 2019, while celebrating this special evening with friends and family.

Tickets \$125 pp
Three-course meal and beverages included

Attendees must be 18/00+. Dress code - lounge suit. Purchase your tickets by Friday 11 August or until sold out.

DAMIEN MANDER
Founder of CUE - International, Acknowledging Foundation, Educator 1980s

KATE SAXE
Winners of Toona Wo Business Awards 2022, Director and Co-Founder of the 2nd Floor, Class of 2000

Book Now

**Celebrating 125 years of
Catholic Education**

World Youth Day Fundraising Dinner -Sunday 23rd July at 6pm

Parishioners are invited to 1001 Nights restaurant in Mount Eliza for a fun night to help support Charles and Matthew Sayah on their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Portugal later this month.

For Matthew and Charles, we aim to raise \$2000 each or \$4000 total to cover their remaining costs (\$12,000). The Fundraising Dinner registration includes a glass of wine, beer or soft drink with a shared middle eastern style entrée, main course and desert for \$70 per person. Included in the fee is a \$20 fundraising contribution per person. Further beverages including tea or coffee can be purchased from the restaurant on the night.

This experience is not intended just for these two pilgrims. When Matthew and Charles return to us, their encounter with the Lord in the Church will be a blessing for our whole Parish and our community. If you would like to make a contribution to their trip, you may do so by leaving an envelop in the collection, or donating via the following link, indicating "WYD" in the comments: <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=70>

Auction at Fundraising dinner

This night will be a lot of fun!

We are delighted that John Canavan is able to join us. John has worked as a comedian and is an accomplished host who will entertain and MC the evening's raffle and auction. If any parishioners have goods or services to be offered for the auction, please contact the Parish Office.

Some wonderful prizes have been donated. Here is a sample...



Men's and Women's sunglasses
RRP \$398

Plumbing Service
Rewashing of taps to the
value of \$500



Penfolds Father Grand Tawny gift set

We give sincere thanks to the generous donors.

Safeguarding Committee



For information:
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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.

We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

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 4th August.

(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

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 **Wisdom 12:13,16-19**
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 85:**
Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second reading **Romans 8:26-27**
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could
never be put into words.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 13:24-43**

Let them both grow till the harvest.

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Next Sunday's Readings:
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52