



# SEASONS

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

June 18th 2023

## DIARY

### SVdP Meeting

Monday 19th June 9.30am

### STM Feast Day-School Mass

Thursday 22nd June 12.45pm

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Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm

Friday 9.30am to 4pm

### Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

Ruth Hilton Joe Sayah

Emma Chapple Sandra Taylor

Kathy Raccanello

*See your happy team on the Notice Board!*

## Church Services from 19th June

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Tuesday Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday\* Mass 10.00am

Thursday\* Mass 10.00am

### No Mass/Sacraments on Friday

\*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:



## Sent by the Power of God

*At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38*

This passage from today's Gospel begins by revealing to us the Heart of Jesus. His Heart is one that is "moved with pity." As Jesus looked at the crowds before Him, He could see that they were "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." The sight of them evoked compassion, concern and mercy from within Him. This is a beautiful image to prayerfully ponder.

As Jesus looks at you, He gazes at you as He gazed at the crowds long ago. As He does, the same depths of mercy and compassion are evoked within His Sacred Heart. Sometimes, when we think of God, we allow ourselves to have inaccurate perceptions of Who He is and how He sees us. If you do not regularly see the compassionate Heart of Jesus, then ponder this passage and know that His Heart of love for you is the same as it was for the crowds.

The second part of the passage above reveals to us one of the ways that Jesus reaches out to us. He is the "master of the harvest" Who has called others to Himself and then sent them forth to minister in His name and with His authority. The lines that follow the Gospel quoted above tell us that Jesus immediately "summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness."

As you look at your own life, your struggles, your spiritual needs and your desire to grow in faith, how has God fed you? Through whom has He spoken to you? This shepherding will take place by your participation in the Mass, through the Sacrament of Confession, through holy preaching, through the written word, through the inspired witness of another, and in many other ways. What's helpful to ponder is that any time you have encountered the grace of God through another, it happened because the Master of the Harvest chose to send a labourer to you. When good fruit is borne in your life, it was God Who initiated that good work through another, out of the mercy and compassion of His Sacred Heart.

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

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

Peter Hellard, Jo Clarke, Peter Jackson, Bill Marshall, Barbara Owsianka,  
Joan Mitchell, Louise Kasperlik, Ellen Breen



**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, Barbara Hunt, Annette O’Brian 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.



**Postponement**

**St Thomas More  
Feast Day  
Celebration**

Unfortunately this function needs to be delayed due to illness.

New arrangements will be advised soon.

**St Thomas More Mount Eliza  
Parish Prayer**

Creator God, whose Spirit leads our Parish of St. Thomas More, be with us this day.

Help us to know your gifts in our lives, to be proud of your calling us to be part of our parish, to know and acknowledge – your belief in our potential, and to trust you enough to be open to your will.

In the midst of our blessings may we rejoice and be thankful. When our hopes disintegrate and our dreams are shattered, open our hearts to forgiveness and give us strength and courage to move onwards.

Enable us to act in ways that will be life-giving for all in our parish, our Church and our world so that all people will come to know the life and freedom that Jesus came to give us.

**Remember!  
June.....**

**Month of the Sacred Heart**



**Special Collection this  
weekend—Winter Appeal—  
Saint Vincent de Paul**

**Next Meeting – Monday June 19  
9.30am in the Community Centre**

**First Reconciliation & Eucharist**

An information evening will be offered for those who are looking to have their children take the next steps in their Catholic faith in receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Parents are invited to St Thomas More Parish Community Centre on Wednesday June 21st at 7pm to learn more. Those hoping to receive these Sacraments should be baptised Catholics. For more information and to register, please contact Faye on fayesayah@hotmail.com

(From front page)

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus gazing at you with love and choosing to send His ministers to you in His name and with His authority. Pay special attention to how God has been speaking to you recently. If it is through a particular book, keep reading it. If it is through a certain preacher of the Gospel, keep listening. If it is through a certain conversation with a friend, spouse or loved one, keep talking. God loves you, has a Heart full of compassion for you, and will continue to reach out to you in many different ways, especially by sending others to you in His name.

*My Lord and Master, You seek to bring forth an abundant harvest of grace in my life. You continuously inspire others to act as instruments of Your love and speak to me through them, calling me to Yourself. May I always be open to the many ways that You come to me, and may I always receive Your holy Word through the ministers You send to me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

### Fr Patrick's installation as Parish Priest

It was a wonderful occasion. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this happen...and to the 150 parishioners /friends who were able to join the celebration.



**Entrance Antiphon**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me,  
O God, my Saviour!

**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** **Exodus 19:2-6**

I will count you a kingdom of priests,  
a consecrated nation.

**Responsorial Psalm:** **Psalm 99:2-3,5**

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

**Second reading** **Romans 5:6-11**

We have been reconciled to God through the  
death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

**Gospel Acclamation****Mark 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe  
the Good News! Alleluia!

**Gospel****Matthew 9:36-10:8**

The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.

**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**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I  
seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life.

Next Sunday's Readings:

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33