



SEASONS

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

June 25th 2023

DIARY

Mass for the Unborn

Saturday 1st July 10.00am

Filipino Mass

Sunday 2nd July 4.00pm

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Fr Patrick Bradford

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 26th June

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Tuesday Mass 7.00pm

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

Sunday 2/7 (Filipino) 4.00pm

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:

“Fear No One”

Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” Matthew 10:26

This line is spoken by our Lord within the context of preparing the Twelve for the persecutions that are to come. Prior to this passage, Jesus said, “But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans.” After saying much more about the persecutions to come, Jesus gives them a certain hope and encouragement in the passage above.

First of all, Jesus directly addresses one of the effects many people suffer when they encounter some form of persecution: fear. “Fear no one,” He says. Fear can consume a person when they lack faith in God’s care for them, allowing anxiety and worry to take hold. When we can keep our eyes fixed firmly on Christ and dispel the attacks we receive in life, then we will remain confident in God’s truth and not be deterred by lies.

Jesus is also very aware of the fact that fear can become overwhelming. This is especially the case when we must endure any form of severe persecution or trial. Therefore, He speaks a consoling line to the Twelve to help them have hope. “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” This is a reference to the end of time when Jesus returns to earth for the Final Judgment. At that time, every deceitful attack that people have endured will come to full light for all to see. Every virtue, including every hidden virtue, will also come to light. In the end, truth will reign and all will be judged by God’s Truth.

This should be very consoling to those who have suffered injustice in life. Persecution comes in many forms. Of course, persecution issued against you because of your faith is the worst form of persecution. But most often, persecution comes in other forms. Jealousy toward another could lead to gossip about them. Revealing the sins of another in a public way is the sin of detraction and is a form of persecution. Passive aggression, slander, the “silent treatment” and so much more are all forms of persecution. Any time one person attempts to inflict some form of harm upon another, this is persecution.



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

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



Lorna MacGregor, Lorna Marshall, Kath Thompson, Eunice Merkus, Melinda Mitchell,
Alfred Bardsley, Maria Knuckey

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.

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 7th July.

(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

Safeguarding Committee

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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.

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)

One common tendency that people encounter when another has harmed them in some way is to return the harm done. There is nothing wrong with defending ourselves by speaking the truth with love. But too often, the hurt experienced either turns into a consuming fear or into an attack against the one who harmed us. When this temptation is felt, Jesus' words above are most helpful and freeing. In the end, no injustice will be ignored. Every wrong will be dealt with by the justice and mercy of God, and perfect order and truth will be fully restored for eternity.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with fear. As you do, reflect upon Jesus' words over and over. "Fear no one." Do not allow yourself to be controlled by any injustice inflicted upon you. Instead, remain confident in the truth and, if some injustice is not able to be corrected here and now, look forward to the end of time when everything will be brought to light in accord with the mind and justice of God.

My courageous Lord, You endured so much ridicule and harsh treatment but never allowed it to deter You from Your divine mission of love. Please free me from all fear and give me courage when I face the injustices of life to trust that You will right every wrong in the end. Jesus, I trust in You.

Aid to the Church in Need

ACN Australia and
New Zealand



One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at

great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023?

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

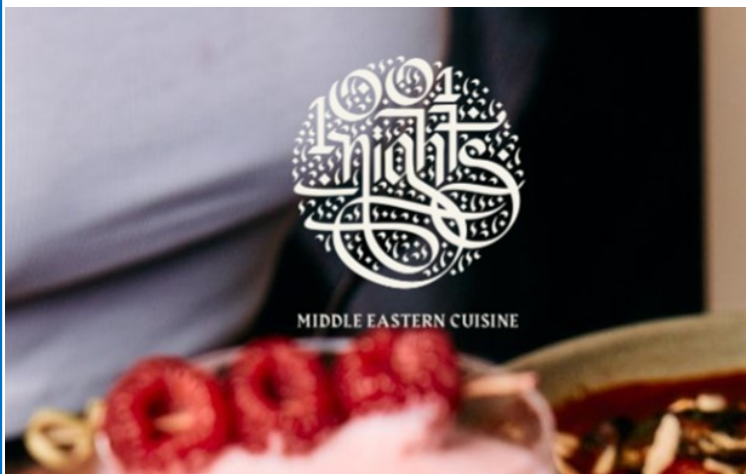
Remember! June..... Month of the Sacred Heart



World Youth Day Dinner

Sunday, 23rd July 6PM

Parishioners are invited to 1001 Nights restaurant in Mount Eliza for a fun night to help support Charles and Matthew Sayah travel to World Youth Day in Portugal this year. We have a target of \$2000 each to cover their remaining costs. A shared multicourse banquet and drinks will be included for \$70pp. Bookings can be made following Sunday Mass in the coming weeks.



Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

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 **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 68 (69)**

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second reading **Romans 5:12-15**

The gift considerably outweighed the fall.

Gospel Acclamation **John 15:26-27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 10:26-33**

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

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 eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Next Sunday's Readings:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42