



SEASONS

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

October 15th 2023

Diary

SVdP Meeting

Monday 16th at 9.30am CC

Catechism Classes

Tuesday 17th Oct 4.30pm CC

STM School Mass

Friday 20th 10.00am

STM First Communion

Sat 21st 5.00pm, Sun 22nd 10.00am

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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 16th Oct

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.

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.00pm -7.00pm

Friday 9.30am -10.00am

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.00pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

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,

The world was shocked and saddened by the outburst of violence that has hit the Holy Land over the previous weekend.

I know that for many in our Parish community, the plight of those who live in Israel and Palestine touches them deeply, following the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy places where the group have met and formed connections with many of those who are now facing tremendous uncertainty and the threat of violence.

The message below comes from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, who reminds us of the power of prayer and that for Christians, peace is the fruit of the justice. At St Thomas More, our two Holy Hours next week on Tuesday evening and Friday morning will be dedicated and prayed specifically for peace and reconciliation.

From Catholic World Report:

The Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Tuesday, Oct. 17 for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa has urged Catholics to organize times of prayer with Eucharistic adoration and recitation of the Rosary "to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation." "In this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear," he said in a statement issued on Oct. 11. "That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish." Pizzaballa, who serves as the head of Latin Catholics living in Israel, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, and Cyprus, acknowledged that the war may inhibit many Catholics in the Holy Land from organizing large gatherings and encouraged "simple and sober common moments of prayer in parishes, religious communities, and families."

In response, Catholics from around the world have also pledged on social media to join in the fast for peace in the Holy Land in solidarity, which falls on the feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch, the first-century bishop and martyr from Syria. After Hamas' unprecedented multi-front attack on Israel killed 1,200 people, the Israeli government vowed retaliation and launched airstrikes on the blockaded Gaza Strip, killing 900 people according to Gaza officials. Some 130 Israeli hostages were taken by the militant Islamist group, who have threatened to kill one hostage every time that Israel's military bombs civilian targets in Gaza without warning. "The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis. We have suddenly been catapulted into a sea of unprecedented violence," Pizzaballa said. "The hatred, which we have unfortunately already been experiencing for too long, will increase even more, and the ensuing spiral of violence will create more destruction. Everything seems to speak of death." (Cont. Page 3)



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

Those who have passed away recently...



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

John Deighton, Maria Torcaso, John Hoban, John Eggins, Bunty Bowring, Veronica Wood

The sick... Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, 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, Elaine (Dee) Smith, Sharon Collins, Bernadette Smith, Sr Elizabeth Browne-Russell, Philip Yee, John Miller 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.



Memorial Wall - Plaque Restoration

Some parishioners have enquired about having the plaques of their relatives restored. Following several enquires, arrangements have been made with A1 Plaques to undertake a total restoration of the standard plaque for \$70 plus GST. If you are interested in taking up this offer you may contact Dave Stenhouse directly on: 1300 558 813 (local call) or via email ... a1plaques@bigpond.com

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held Monday the 16th October in the Parish Community Centre at 9.30am.
Thank you, Marilyn Moloney



Stewardship

Would the person who is contributing via Envelope No 32 please contact the parish office.
Many thanks

Want to become a Catholic?

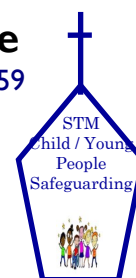
At S.T.M, we are about to start classes for those who would like to learn about our beautiful Catholic faith.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in this invitation, please contact Ann at the parish office on 9787-7777.

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.



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 and 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.

Click to see more about getting involved [Winter Shelter Flyer Seaford St Annes](#). Or check out the flyer in the foyer.

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The cardinal, who arrived back in Jerusalem on the night of Oct. 10 after being in Italy for the consistory, said that he returned to find “a country that has changed a great deal and very quickly.” “I fear it will be a very long war,” Pizzaballa said in an interview with Vatican News on Oct. 11, noting the possibility of an Israeli ground operation in Gaza. He said that Christians in Gaza have taken shelter in the Catholic parish and school grounds in the hope that these buildings will not be targeted. “As long as the Palestinian issue, the freedom, dignity, and future of the Palestinians are not taken into account in the ways that are necessary today, prospects for peace between Israel and Palestine will be increasingly difficult,” the cardinal said. “We need support, to condemn all forms of violence, to isolate the violent, and to work relentlessly for a ceasefire. Because as long as weapons speak, it will not be possible to hear other voices.”



October—Month of the Rosary

“The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.”

Pope Leo XIII

Our Lady has made 15 specific promises to those who faithfully pray the rosary throughout their lives.

(Take a sheet from the back of the church.)

Volunteer Opportunities in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

PAROUSIA: THE BIBLE AND THE MASS

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall Rosebud. Join us for Catechesis by Scott Hahn each Wednesday from 6:00pm—7:00pm starting October 18th for 10 weeks. 20 minutes video followed by discussion..



Children's colouring sheets

Colouring sheets are now provided for the use of younger children during weekend Masses. The topics are related to the gospel, psalms or other readings to help children gain some knowledge and understanding on their level. May God bless them all.

Parents, after children have finished colouring please remind your children to put any bags of borrowed pencils back on the table in the foyer, so that other children can use them at other Masses. Thank you.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN

STM PLAYGROUP

At the Undercroft
St Thomas More Primary school, Mt Eliza
Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Coffee, tea and water provided.
Please BYO travel cup and/or drink bottle and snacks.

CONTACT: STMPLAYGROUP.AU@GMAIL.COM

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is found
forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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 **Isaiah 25:6-10**

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away
the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 22**

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life.

Second reading **Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens
me.

Gospel Acclamation **Ephesians 1:17,18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great
is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 22:1-14**

Invite everyone you can to the wedding.

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 rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who
seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Next Sunday's Readings:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

2nd Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21