



SEASONS

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

August 13th 2023

Note: Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Tuesday, 15th of August
Mass 10am and 5.30pm

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Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 14th August

Tuesday	Mass	10.00am
Tuesday	Mass	5.30pm
Tuesday	Adoration	6.00pm

Wednesday *	Mass	10.00am
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Thursday*	Mass	10.00am
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Friday	Adoration	9.00am
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Friday	Mass	10.00am
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*The Rosary will be prayed before this Mass.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil	5.00pm
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Sunday	8.00am
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Sunday	10.00am
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Reconciliation

Tuesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm
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Friday	9.30am - 10.00am
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Saturday	4.30pm - 5.00pm
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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 Abbott Phillip:



Many of us think of God as strong and powerful—and God is that. But God also shows Himself to be weak and poor and powerless. Today's readings show us this God who is so powerful that He can be weak and poor for our sake.

The first reading is from the First Book of Kings and is about the Prophet Elijah—one of the greatest of prophets. There are so many accounts of the strength of this Prophet and yet he relies completely on God. Today this Prophet has fled to the holy mountain, Horeb, which is probably the same as Mount Sinai. This mountain is where the 10 commandments were given to Moses. It is a place of encounter between God and His people.

When we think of the 10 commandments being given, we think of thunder and lightning and enormous displays of strength and might. Today, in the same place, God manifests Himself in a tiny, whispering sound. This is the God who can be all powerful and also be insignificant and weak—all because He loves us just as He loved the Prophet Elijah.

The second reading is from the Letter to the Romans. Here Saint Paul is telling us how he would willingly give up everything for the sake of the salvation of his own people. We are given powerful words: "They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen."

We are challenged to give our lives for our own people and for all peoples. How much do we love? How much do we care? Has salvation become simply a private possession for me to have—and to ignore all others. No, this cannot be. We must be like Saint Paul and long for the salvation of all other peoples.

The Gospel from Matthew today is the wonderful account of Jesus walking on the water and then inviting Saint Peter—who said that he wanted this gift—to walk with him. Saint Peter panics and lets fear get hold of him. And he sinks. "Do not be afraid." Pope Saint John Paul II often used those words to encourage others. We also must learn not to be afraid. Our faith will let us do amazing things. The most amazing is simply believing. From that faith, that belief, we are given strength for so many other things. The most important is to love and to serve others with all our strength. We must hear the words of Christ echo within us as we love and serve: Do not be afraid.

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

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



Simon Ryan, Andrew Pinnuck, Thomas Hansen, Donn O'Connor, Doris Driscoll,
James Kennedy, Kaye Coughlan, Olga Brady, Agostino & Alma Postregna

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, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Parish, Alice Springs.

Parish Mission on September 18, 19 and 20 from 7:30-8:30pm



We are excited to be hosting international speaker John Pridmore for a Parish Mission to be run in late September.

MISSION NIGHTS

John has given over 250 missions in parishes. Please join us for these nights:

Monday 18 September

NIGHT 1: GOD'S LOVE

Tuesday 19 September

NIGHT 2: GOD'S MERCY

Wednesday 20 September

NIGHT 3: GOD'S HEALING

John has spoken to millions around the world about his past and remarkable conversion. He has inspired countless individuals through his powerful talks, conferences and parish missions. John was a serious "face" in London's East End. His drug deals netted him thousands; he lived the 'high' life ... when he found himself nearly killing a man. What happened next can only be called extraordinary.

To hear more, we warmly invite you to join us and John on the three mission nights held in the Church. Each night will include a talk by John, music and scripture readings, and a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

To prepare for the mission, John will briefly address the congregations at the three Sunday Masses. We are planning for John to speak at our local Catholic Schools and invite the students to join us for the mission nights. If any parishioner is interested in helping to plan, promote and host this significant event please contact the Parish Office to be put in touch with the Parish Mission Organising Committee. More information about John and the Melbourne tour is available on the website www.jpmelb.com.au

Parish Social Function

Please join us for lunch 12.30pm on Wednesday 16th August
Canadian Bay Hotel Mt Eliza.

A great chance to catch up with old friends and to meet new ones.

Book with Colleen 0408 314 409 before Monday 14th August.

Special Collection this
weekend:

Catholic Care

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Tuesday 15th August
Masses 10.00am (with school) and 5.30pm



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.

Margaret Jamieson

Dear friends

After 24 years of dedicated service, Margaret is finishing her working life with us at St Thomas More. Margaret has generously worked for five Parish Priests and I will miss her cheerful, friendly and hardworking presence around the presbytery and parish office.

We wish Margaret all the best in the next chapter of her journey.

A morning tea will be hosted on Sunday 27th August after the 10.00am Mass. Please join us in thanking Margaret for her wonderful contribution to the S. T. M. community. *(A letter from Margaret to parishioners can be picked up from the back of the church or emailed upon request to the parish office.)*



Knights of Southern Cross dinner



THE
ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER
1 SEPTEMBER 2023
INVITATION



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE 23RD ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER, TO BE HELD AT MOONEE VALLEY RACECOURSE ON FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT 7:00PM.

THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT OFFERS GUESTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALISE WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE WHILE SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION OF OUR CLERGY.

Enquiries

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Cost- \$160.00 per person

RSVP – Friday 18th August 2023

Guest Speaker: [Very Rev. Dr. Cameron Forbes](#). Compere: [Mr Bryan Martin OAM](#)

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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 **1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13**

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake,
or the fire.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 84:9-14**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Second reading **Romans 9: 1-5**

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my
brothers.

Gospel Acclamation**Ps 129:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 14: 22-33**

Jesus walks on the water.

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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your
fill of finest wheat.

Next Sunday's Readings:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 56: 1,6-7

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28