



SEASONS

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

August 27th 2023

Diary

Catechism Classes

Tuesday 29nd August 4.30pm in CC

Counters Meeting

Thursday 31st August 2.00pm in CC

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Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

Ruth Hilton Joeayah

Emma Chapple Sandra Taylor

Kathy Raccanello

See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 28th August

Tuesday Mass 5.30pm

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Wednesday * Mass 8.30am

Thursday* Mass 10.00am

Friday Adoration 9.00am

Friday Mass 10.00am

**Sat 2/9 Mass for the Protection
of Life at 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

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



Reflection from Loyola Press:

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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

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



Helene "Nell" Hellard, Corrie Grootcholten, Ben Grootcholten, Eric Fox,
John Doherty, Sr Mary Teresita, Leo Mulcahy, Leslie Russell, Fr John Hardy

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, Elaine (Dee) Smith 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.

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. More information about John and the Melbourne tour is available on the website www.jpmelb.com.au

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



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.

STM SCHOOL FATHERS DAY MASS

Next Friday, 1st September at 10am there will be Mass with the STM School Community. The Mass will focus on the importance of Fathers and the inspiration of St Joseph. All are



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.)



World Youth Day 2023

Our two young pilgrims, Matthew and Charles Sayah have returned from their pilgrimage at World Youth Day. They have described the experience of being with Pope Francis and 1.5 million other young Catholics as life changing.

Thankyou again for St Thomas More Parishioners who supported their journey. They will speak briefly after the Masses in the coming weeks to share more about their experiences.



Parish Social Event:

Our next function will be on **Friday, 15th September**. Please join us for a stroll through the laneways of Melbourne— rich in history and full of interesting places. Coffee and lunch somewhere along the way. Meet at Frankston Station at 10am.

Enquires to Colleen 0408 314 409

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St Thomas More Parish schedules a number social events throughout the year. These events are intended to build up our Parish community and deepen the bonds of friendship and faith. If you are an active parishioner at St Thomas More and would like to be involved with planning and hosting some of our social events, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Be Still and Know—Anima and Maker’s Table Women’s Retreat –Saturday 2nd September

We realise that different people often need different things to restore or renew our relationship with God. We wish to invite you to a day (9.00am –3.00pm at Don Bosco Centre -Lysterfield) where you can retreat from the things that distract you from Him. We want to provide you a space to connect in the way you need.

There will be confession, adoration and Mass with Fr Paschal as well as a talk by Anna Krohn. Two Maker’s tables will be set up, flower arranging and a kitchen rosary. You may knit, paint or perhaps just walk around the beauty of the retreat centre or sit in the Chapel in Christs presence.

Price: Catered \$65, BYO \$50

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1096056>

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all
the day long.

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 22:19-23**

I place the key of the House of David on my
servant's shoulder.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 137**

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the
work of your hands.

Second reading **Romans 11: 33-36**

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 16:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 16: 13-20**

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my
church.

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 earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and
wine to cheer the heart.

Next Sunday's Readings:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27