



SEASONS

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

12th February 2023

School Advisory Committee

Tuesday Feb 14th 7.30pm

Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday Feb 15th 10.30am

STM School Mass

Friday Feb 17th 2.30pm

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Church Services:

This Week

from 13th February

Tuesday Adoration 6.00 pm

Tuesday Mass 7.00 pm

Wednesday* Mass 10.00am

Thursday* Mass 10.00am

Friday Mass 10.00am

*Rosary before Mass

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am

Sunday 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.00pm

Friday 9.30am – 10.00am

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.00pm

St Thomas More acknowledges the Traditional Land owners, the Bunorong people on which we live, work and worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

Dear Friends

A reflection from 'Catholic Life' :

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20–22



The scribes and Pharisees were masters of the Old Law. Now that the Messiah had arrived, they were unwilling to go deeper and move beyond the Old Testament teachings that they often misrepresented. They preferred a black-and-white approach to morality that had been with them for centuries and did not want to change when presented with Jesus' new and higher calling.

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament but then elevates it to an entirely new level. The line quoted above makes it clear that the only way to accept these new teachings of Jesus was to surpass the "righteousness" of the scribes and Pharisees. And the dire result of not surpassing their righteousness was the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus begins by recalling the Old Testament commandment, "You shall not kill." But then He takes that commandment further by saying that "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Of course, killing remains a grave sin. But now Jesus explains that the interior attitude of anger, even if not acted upon, is a sin. He goes on to teach a similar lesson about adultery and swearing oaths.

It is helpful to understand these new teachings in the context of the approach that the scribes and Pharisees took in regard to the Old Testament. About that, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, the primary problem with the scribes and Pharisees is not that they failed to teach the Old Testament Law properly. The primary problem is that now that the Messiah has arrived and has ushered in a new time of fulfillment and righteousness, they would not go deeper and would not embrace the fulfillment of the Law of God. They are not willing to grow in holiness and embrace the fulfillment of all that had been taught before.

Reflect, today, upon the calling given to you by our Lord's new and glorious teachings. If you are to truly embrace the Gospel of our Lord and live in His New Law of grace, then you must be willing to go deep, become truly radical in your faith, and allow God to transform every part of your life. The New Law is one of the fullness of love, mercy, surrender, zeal, conversion and transformation. Commit yourself to surpassing the old and limited righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and God will do glorious things in your life.

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

Those who have passed away recently...



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Peggy Fox, Keith Donovan, Alice Murtagh, Trish Hutchinson, Leo Fennessy, Patricia Duguid, Pat May, David Dole, Lucy Tuck, Clare Sullivan, Michael Hauser,

The sick... Maureen Mirabella, Adrian & Maree Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, John Spirason, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Abbatangelo, 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, Julian Collins, Sue Emerton, Jimmy and Gary Lakeman, Anneliese Rose 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.

The Parish Welfare officers for February are Tom and Maree Shelton 0428337950



A great success !!
Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Fashion parade a great success, especially Lois, her daughters, the models and those who provided the delicious food.
The Community House proved to be the perfect venue for this event.
All the ladies really enjoyed the afternoon.

Parish Social Function
Breakfast at the Sober Mule Café
Wednesday 15th March
9.30am
Peninsula Lifestyle Centre
1132 Nepean Hwy
Mornington

Come and have some fun over coffee and toast!

Book in with Paul Kost 0421 467 285 / 9787 3757

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.

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday, 18th February, 2023 at 10.30am.

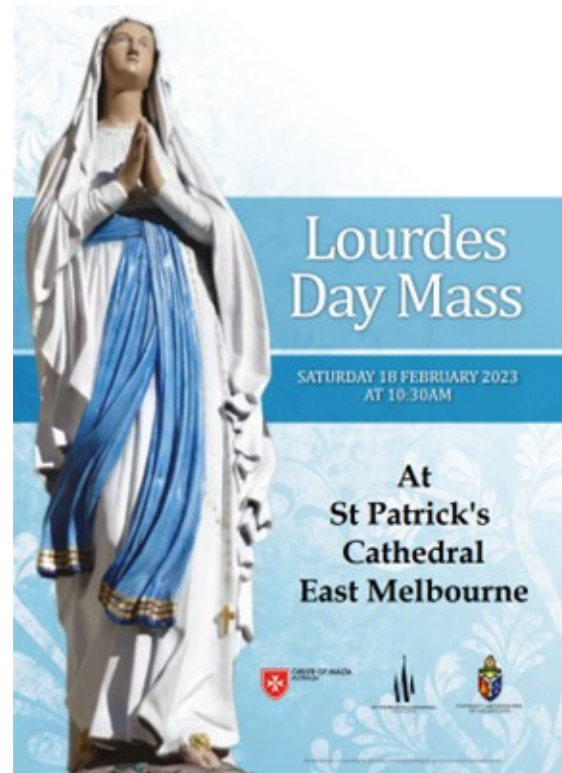
This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them.

The principal celebrant at the Mass will be His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material.

Tell your friends about the Mass, especially those who aren't well. Infact, bring them along.

A poster about the Mass is on display in the narthex of the church.



Pastoral Care appeal this Sunday

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023 This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", please contact : Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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 **Sirach 15:15-20**
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second reading **I Corinthians 2:6-10**
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before
the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:17-37**

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

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

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved
the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in
what they craved.



Next Sunday's Readings for Mass during the day.

19th February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading: I Corinthians 3: 16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48