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

The Holy Trinity -Year A

June 4th 2023

DIARY

Filipino Mass

Sunday 4th June 4.00pm

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

NOTE: NO 8AM MASS 11TH JUNE

Church Services from 5th June

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Tuesday Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday Mass 8.30am

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

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,

When I was growing up I remember visiting friends houses from school, and noticing how things were done were a little bit differently in their house compared to ours. Mealtimes were different; conversations at the table were about different things. There were different traditions and rituals; in our house you had to go to bed at 9pm, but some of my friends could go to bed whenever they liked.



Every family is different because each member of the contributes their own unique personality and experiences. It often amazes me that siblings from the same family, with the same parents, can sometimes turn out so different from each other. Spending a lot of time living with another family enables us to get to know them in a deeper way, but also helps us to understand our own families too.

As we consider this great feast of the Holy Trinity, we are invited to spend time with God's family, which is at once mysterious and familiar. In our families we can think about people in terms of what they do, but more profoundly, we think about about who they are, and their relationships. So too with God's family. The Father has neither a beginning nor end; he existed before time and will exist after time ceases. The Father is revealed in scripture as the life-giver, authority, powerful protector. He is immense, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent with infinite power and charity that goes beyond human understanding. Thomas Aquinas, after completing his 3000 page Summa Theologica concluded that he had "not yet begun to understand 'God the Father'".

In God's family, the Father has a son. Jesus is made of the same substance as the Father—as we recite in the Nicene Creed. While the father and son are very close, they are not identical. Their strength comes from their differences. The son loves the father so much that he is obedient (from the latin word—to listen)—Jesus chooses to desire and loves the same things as God the father. Jesus came into our world to reveal his father's love to us and to teach us how to pray. Jesus shows us how to be human by using our freedom in a way that is so in sync with the fathers will, that we are divinised and made holy. One of the reasons why Jesus was executed was because he dared to call God his Father; he crossed chasm between creation and creator.

The powerful love between father and son is not exclusive, but overflows in the form of another person—the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is what animated Jesus throughout his ministry. The spirit is another person who is known to do extraordinary things: the spirit forgive sins; brings unity, imparts life through baptism and the Sacraments; inspires and encourages; reassures and convicts.

In God's family, each person has a different personality which reveals an aspect of the one God. I think many older married couples, having spent many years together can offer us a glimpse into how God's family operates. Man and wife are different, complementary and free, and yet each wants to spend time with their beloved. They don't always need to say much—they already know what the other one is thinking. They can anticipate the other persons needs. They know what to order off the menu for the their spouse. They work as a team, and their differences are their strength. This Sunday we consider the incredible bond of love that unites God's family. May this divine love inspire our own relationships in our own families.

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

Those who have passed away recently...



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Nance Awburn, George Awburn, Maria De Jong, Dragana Bedenikovic,
Roger Pearson, John Herbert, Frances Taylor, Tony Collins, Harold Redfern

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.

The Parish Welfare officer for May is Helen Grech 0438 880 791

Perhaps you would like to join this special group of volunteers?

They nominate one month of the year when they will try to contact those in the parish who are sick or alone. This mainly just means a phone call but according to your choice could involve a hospital or home visit.

This contact by a caring person means a great deal to the receiver, and the role is very fulfilling.

If you have any interest in this role or would like more information
please contact Ann at the parish office on 9787 7777.

**Parish Social Function
Fashion Parade**

Parish Community Centre
Tuesday June 13th at 2.00pm

U and I Fashions: a well known brand both in Victoria and the Gold Coast (and daughters of Lois Bracken) will present their winter collection of classic, classy and casual clothing.

Phone Lois to book by June 1st
9787 -2970 (after 5.00pm is best)

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

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 included for \$70pp. Bookings can be made following Sunday Mass in the coming weeks.



Excelsis

Is one of Melbourne's most exciting and dynamic choirs, singing predominately for Catholic liturgical events. You can see them at the

Mornington Winter Festival at St Macartan's Church on Saturday 10th June at 2.00pm. Cost is \$10.00. Tickets are available from the Parish Office at 4 Drake St Mornington



Feast of Corpus Christi

11 June 2023

3pm Solemn Mass and Eucharistic Procession

Corpus Christi College
100th Anniversary Celebrations

Seminary Church of the Sacred Heart, corner Rathdowne & Pelham Streets, Carlton



Catholic Mission Appeal

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality. Please give generously at to-days Mass to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope or going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs.

Formal installation of Father Patrick as Our Parish Priest

Saturday June 10th –Saturday Vigil Mass
by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

On the 10th of June - next week Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be joining us to celebrate the Rite of Installation at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm. Following Mass, there will be a reception at St Thomas More School with refreshments to welcome the Archbishop and mark this important occasion. Finger food, soft drinks, wine and tea/coffee will be provided by Parish volunteers. To assist with catering, it would be appreciated if you could RSVP by either indicating your attendance at Masses over the next three weeks on the clipboard at the back of the Church or else by registering online Here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CILBQ> . Bookings close of Wednesday, 7th of June



PLEASE NOTE AS A RESULT OF THE INSTALLATION THERE WILL BE NO 8AM MASS ON SUNDAY 11TH JUNE

Parish Offertory Campaign

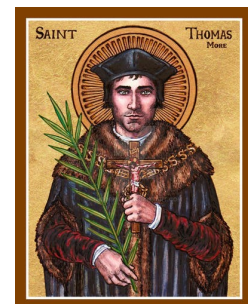
Throughout the month of May, Thomas More Parish has been renewing our financial stewardship through an offertory renewal campaign. During the Masses we have been listening to scripture readings through the lens of generosity, faith and trust. I am tremendously grateful for the spirit of openness that St Thomas More Parishioners have entered into this journey. The Parish was founded on the generosity and vision on those who have gone before us, and its future relies on the commitment and support of our community today.

I am pleased to report that as we conclude our second week of follow up, we have had a tremendous response from you. So far we have noted a nearly 50% increase in our giving pledges. This support has come from existing givers who have responded to the invitation to prayerfully consider their gift in the light of God's gifts to us. Thankyou There has also been strong engagement from a number of parishioners who have pledged to regularly support the Parish through thanksgiving for the first time. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who have already returned your pledge cards. The Parish Office contacts each family to arrange your preferred method of payment and ensure your details are correct. You will be formally thanked and acknowledged in the coming weeks.

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to return your completed pledge card, you will be able to do so at the Masses over the next few weeks. You can drop these into the collection baskets or leave them in the blue box at the back of the Church. You will receive a call from the Parish Office to thank you and confirm your preferred arrangements.—Fr Patrick

St Thomas More Mass and Feast Celebrated on Sunday, 25th June

This year once again the Parish will be commemorating our Patron Feast Day as part of the Sunday Mass celebrations on 25th June At the 10am Mass there will be a visiting preacher who will explore some of St Thomas More's great qualities: his commitment to conscience, his love of faith and his devotion to the king and the rule of law. St Thomas was a father and husband, and strongly promoted education. Following Mass there will be a medieval themed luncheon in the Undercroft with a film to follow in the Parish Community Centre. A sign up sheet will be available for parishioners to indicate their attendance after Mass. Payment can be made on the day.



Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

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 **Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9**

'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion'

Responsorial Psalm: **Daniel 3:52-56**

Glory and praise for ever!

Second reading **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 3:16-18**

God sent his Son so that through him the world
might be saved.

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

Since you are children of God, God has sent into
your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who
cries out: Abba, Father.

Next Sunday's Readings:
Corpus Christi - 11th June



1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58