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

2nd Sunday of Lent -Year A

5th March 2023

Stations of the Cross
Each Friday at 3.30pm
Reconciliation Information
Evening
Wednesday March 8 7.00pm
Parish Working Bee
Saturday March 11 8.00am
Infant Baptisms
Sunday March 12 11.30am

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services:
from 6th March

Tuesday	Adoration	6.00 pm
Tuesday	Mass	7.00pm
Wednesday*	Mass	10.00am
Thursday*	Mass	10.00am
Friday	Exposition	9.00am
	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 Bunurong people on which we live, work and worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

Dear Friends,

A reflection from My Catholic Life:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

[Matthew 17:1-3](#)

This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.



Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus, Who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

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

Those who have passed away recently...




Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Marta Egyed, Doug Lang, Mortimer Hurren, Michael Connolly, Jack Need, Ryan Hamilton, Nola Kennedy, John Marshall, Luke Pratley, Peggy Morrow, Ian Stewart

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, Charlie Ebsworth, Noel Anstey, Mary Doherty 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

The Parish Welfare officers for March are Jim and Betty Bourke 0429 011 082



Working Bee

Our next parish working bee will take place:
Saturday March 11

8am-1pm.

There are plenty of jobs to be done to prepare the church and surrounds for Easter.
Does anyone have any spare Tip Vouchers?

Please add your name and number to the signup sheet in the Church Foyer if you can help on the day, serve or prepare morning tea.

YOUTH ALPHA (11 TO 16)

Starting Tues 28 Feb

Where: St Thomas More Church

When: Every Tuesday starting 28th Feb to 20th May

Time: 5 to 6.45pm

Includes: Dinner (Free!)

COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN AND DISCUSSION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH



Contact Faye for further details: 0421 443 632

Parish Social Function

Come and have some fun over breakfast / coffee at the

The Sober Mule

Peninsula Lifestyle Centre

1098 Nepean Hwy Mornington

9.00am Wednesday 15th March

Book in with Paul Kost

9787 - 3757 / 0421 467 285

Women's Fellowship Group

Let's get together ladies! Every first Friday of the month from 7pm to 9pm (after dinner) for women 18 - 100 yearsPLUS a chance to connect, chat, laugh and share. Our first get together will be Friday 3 March.

Where: at my home - Please email me for details if you're interested in attending (raccanellokathy@gmail.com)

If you can, please bring something to share with everyone. Hope you can come!

Kathy



Please join us when you can.

Stations of the Cross

3.30pm

Every Friday during Lent



Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

BISHOP ROBERT RABBAT'S

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

PLEASE DONATE NOW

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war. Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster.

MCF DGR ACCOUNT
Ref: Syrian Appeal
BSE: 062784
Account: 100011493

All donations are Tax Deductible.
For a receipt please email mcf@melkite.org.au
or contact on (02) 9750 5514

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Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**

Youth Discipleship and Catechesis & Baptism and Confirmation Preparation (See poster opposite.)

St Thomas More Parish is offering a programme for youth aged 12 to 16 to explore their faith and the “big questions”. This is open to anyone whether they are Catholic or not. The first meeting **begins on Tuesday, 28th of March at 5pm** in the Parish Community Centre. Meetings begin with dinner, then we watch a short video, followed by group discussion. Topics include Jesus: Who is he? How can I have faith? How do I pray? How can I make the most of my life? Through our weeks together we will use the Youth Alpha programme which is being used at Churches around the world. Those who attend the programme will have the opportunity to make their baptism and confirmation in May. For more details please contact Faye Sayah— 0421443632

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
Hide not your face from me.

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 **Genesis 12: 1-4**

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you.

Second reading **2 Timothy 1:8-10**

God calls and enlightens us.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel **Matthew 17:1-9**

His face shone like the son.

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.



Next Sunday's Readings for Mass during the day.

12th March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42