



SEASONS

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

Pentecost Sunday -Year A

May 28th 2023

DIARY

Baptism Preparation

Thursday 1st June 7.00pm

Youth Alpha Weekend

Saturday 3rd June 10.00am

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

NOTE: NO 8AM MASS 11TH JUNE

Church Services from 22nd May

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Tuesday Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday * Mass 10.00am

Thursday* Mass 10.00am

Friday Adoration 9.00am

Friday Mass 10.00am

**Saturday Mass 10.00am
(for the Unborn)**

*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

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,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The coming of the Holy Spirit was a defining moment of the early Church. It transformed the fear and confusion of the disciples into boldness and courage. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks about the power of the Holy Spirit to unite many different peoples, with different cultures and backgrounds to worship one God, with one faith and in one Church. *Unity in Diversity* has become a popular modern slogan. It says that there can be strength in having different expressions or approaches but always holding firm to what is essential. For Catholics this means that we hold firm to what Jesus has revealed to us through the Church about the Trinity, worship, The Sacraments and prayer; but we also celebrate the variety of worship. Within the Catholic Church there are more than 23 distinct rites—Churches, each of them with their own language, ways of celebrating the Mass and the Sacraments, ways of celebrating the great feasts of Easter and Christmas, different expressions of prayer and piety. Within our own Roman Rite and even St Thomas More Parish we see variation in styles of prayer, postures, ways of understanding our faith and our tradition. Pentecost teaches us that variety and diversity is a good thing when it is inspired and underpinned by the one and same Holy Spirit.



The second reading reminds us this Spirit is given as a unique gift to different people in different ways, and always for the purpose of building up the community. The gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings the gift of peace, and brings about the forgiveness of sins. If we find ourselves agitated or uneasy God's spirit casts light on the sins that hold us back, and the Holy Spirit prompts and enables us to return back to God and to the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful invitation to receive the forgiveness of the Holy Spirit, as the power to forgive sins that was given to those first disciples continues today through Bishops and Priests around the world.

This Sunday let us pray to receive more fully this wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. While it can be sometimes difficult to pin down exactly when and where the Holy Spirit is at work, one sure way of knowing the presence of the spirit is through the fruits. These fruits are worth meditating on in the coming week: what are the areas of my life where I experience love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fortitude, gentleness, faith, self-control and chastity. When and where are those times and places where I don't experience these fruits? These are the opportunities we have to turn to the Holy Spirit and pray for God to open us to receive these gifts. The Holy Spirit contained a radical power that transformed the disciples, and this same spirit can transform our lives too.

Fr Patrick

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

Those who have passed away recently...



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Leslie Calley, Violet Hoare, Estelle Tracey, Ben Bedenikovic,
Kathleen Marshall, Ian Dash

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,

The Parish Welfare officer for May is Margaret Gallagher 0410 210 500

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)

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 years plus!

A chance to connect, chat, laugh and share.

Next get together Friday 2nd June.

(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



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

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.



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 - just two weeks away - 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> . If you would like to assist the team with hosting, please contact the parish Office. Bookings close on Sunday, 4th of June.

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

Parish Offertory Campaign

Over the last two three weeks St Thomas More Parish has been renewing its stewardship through an offertory renewal campaign. The campaign has been conducted under the guidance of the Philanthropy and Fundraising Office of the Archdiocese. During the Masses over the last few weeks, 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 has 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.

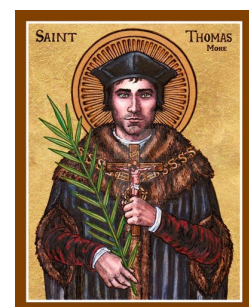
I am pleased to report that though we are only in the first week following the official stewardship renewal we have had a solid in pledges. Some of this support has come from our existing givers who have responded to the invitation to prayerfully consider their gift in the light of God's gifts to us. There has also been strong support from a number of parishioners who have pledged to support the Parish for the first time. I extend my heartfelt thanks to 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, 23rd July

This year once again the Parish will be commemorating our Patron Feast Day as part of the Sunday Mass celebrations on 23rd July. 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

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

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 Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began
to speak.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of
the earth.

Second reading I Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptized.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you:
Receive the Holy Spirit.

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 were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke
of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Sunday's Readings:
The Most Holy Trinity - 4th June



1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: John 3:16-18