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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

September 24th 2023



Dear Friends,

I am very grateful for the great impact of the Parish Mission which was hosted by St Thomas More Parish over the last week or so.

John Pridmore's story begins with his experience of growing up and not having an awareness of God's love, and moved to the encounter and change he had by meeting Jesus when he was at his lowest and most vulnerable.

John's visit began last Friday with a talk to around 400 year 11 students from Padua College. John described his life as a 16 year old and beyond – 'having everything the world says makes you happy, but having a deep emptiness inside'. John led the students in a prayer and encouraged them to turn to Jesus for solace and strength in their times of struggle.

Later that morning, John spoke to around 70 students from St Thomas More Primary School. Here the focus changed to speaking about God's love for each one of us and how working with Mother Teresa taught John how to love. The children were reminded about how unique and special they are, and that God has a perfect plan for their lives. Later on Friday evening, we visited Quinn's Place – an initiative of St McCartan's Parish. Here around 50 young people aged 12-20 listened to John's story of conversion, and how despair and hopelessness was transformed into freedom and purpose.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week John presented his three main talks to our community. "God's Love" focussed on the personal impact of knowing and experiencing the love of God and how this experience gives us the confidence and strength to trust in God.

The second night, "God's healing" focussed on opening our hearts to God through the Sacraments.

On the final night the congregation was invited to receive an individual blessing with the Eucharist. This was a powerful experience that left a deep impression on me, and many in our community.

While the Parish Mission went for three days it is clear that the impact of these encounters will continue in the hearts and minds of our parishioners long into the future.

I would like to sincerely thank the team of parishioners who met for several weeks planning and organising the mission, and for all those who volunteered with setting up the church, helping on the nights and offering hospitality afterwards. It was great to see the Parish Community Centre filled with so much energy and life each night. -Fr Patrick

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Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm

Friday 9.30am to 4pm

Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 25th Sept

There will be no weekday services this week.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

Reconciliation

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.

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

Those who have passed away recently...



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Patrick Willsteed, Patricia Learson-Dash, Bernice Chute, Sheila Walker, Norman Hellard, Joan Enright, Leo Ryan, Mary Pearson, Thomas Kelly

The sick... Adrian Gobel, Caroline Herbert, April Morrissey, 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, Sharon Collins, Bernadette Smith, Sr Elizabeth Browne-Russell, Philip Yee, John Miller 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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN

STM PLAYGROU**P**

At the Undercroft
St Thomas More Primary school, Mt Eliza
Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Coffee, tea and water provided.
Please BYO travel cup and/or drink
bottle and snacks.

CONTACT: STMPLAYGROUP.AU@GMAIL.COM

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 7th October.
(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

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.

Safeguarding Committee

For information:
Julie Carter 0420 923 859

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. 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.

We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

Children's colouring sheets. After children have finished colouring - parents, please remind your children to put any bags of borrowed pencils back on the table in the foyer, so that other children can use them at other Masses. Thank you.

Stewardship

Would the person who is contributing via Envelope No 32 please contact the parish office.

Many thanks

Celebrating Migrant/Refugee Sunday

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the theme of which is 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'.

It is an opportunity to honour those who have come to Australia seeking a new life and to hear their stories.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au



ST PETER CLAVER'S **MISSION FAIR** **SATURDAY 14 October**

9.00 am – 2.30 pm

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER
154 COTHAM ROAD, KEW VIC. 3101

*COME AND ENJOY THE DAY
WHILE SUPPORTING THE MISSIONS*

For further information please telephone: 9817 3715

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 14 October.

This year the proceeds will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children.'



March for the Babies 2023

Come and join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate life!

October 7th, 1.00pm

Meet at Treasury Gardens, corner of Spring and Wellington Parade. Transport may be available. Contact the parish office for details.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear
them and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 55: 6-9**

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 144**

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second reading **Philippians 1:20-24,27**

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me
more.

Gospel Acclamation**Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 20:1-16**

Why be envious because I am generous?

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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully
kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your
statutes.

Next Sunday's Readings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32