



SEASONS

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

3rd Sunday of Easter —Year B

April 14th 2024

Diary

Infant Baptism

Sunday 14th April 11.30am

SVdP Meeting

Monday 15th April 7.30pm

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Rev. Fr. Patrick Bradford

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Office Days/Hours this week

Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm

Friday 9.30am to 4pm

Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

Ruth Hilton Joe Sayah

Emma Chapple Sandra Taylor

Kathy Raccanello

See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from April 15th

Tuesday Mass 5.30pm

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Wednesday* Mass 10.00am

Thursday Adoration 9.00am

Thursday Mass 10.00am

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 6.00pm — 6.30pm

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,

A reflection from My Catholic Life:
Understanding Dispersal Doubt

“But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.”
Luke 24:21–23

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus’ Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: “but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.”

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they travelled, they were “conversing and debating” about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified and killed. Jesus’ death took a

serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn’t bring themselves to believe. Thus, they travelled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused and doubting.



As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God’s will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives. If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would *(continued page 3)*

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

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Laurie Pendlebury, James Bourke, Patricia Bourke, Terence Phillips, Chas Pay,
Dr Harry Hodson, Harold Hoare, Robbie Sinclair, Frank Bracken, Jos Gobel

The sick... Nicole Buchanan Dawn Daff, John Wareham, Maggie Campbell, Carmel Gowans,
Frances Glare, Sr Elizabeth Brown-Russell, John Miller, Fiona Leyden, Annette O'Brien,
Maree Bracken.

(Names of the sick will be published for one month, unless otherwise requested. If you would like a Mass to be offered a loved one's intentions, envelopes are available at the back of the church.)



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Come to Palms' **Discovery information session at Sacred Heart Oakleigh on 22 April**. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about Assignments Aboard.

Venue: Sacred Heart PRIMARY School. **Address:** 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh **Date:** Monday 22nd April 2024
Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm **02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au**

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Next Meeting – Monday April 15th

7.30pm in the Undercroft

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.



Project Compassion

Thank you for your wonderful generosity!
Please remember to bring back your envelopes or boxes to the church.

Thank you for supporting our parish

Presbytery

Supports our Parish Priest and the priests of the Archdiocese

Church

Facilitates regular parish expenses.

Payment terminal in the Foyer of the Church

You can also support the Parish by electronic transfer into our NAB Bank Account for both accounts: **BSB 083-347**

Church Account no. 638 078 704

Presbytery Account no 637 953 335

Women's Fellowship Group

Let's get together ladies!

Every first Friday of the month :7pm to 9pm (after dinner) for women 18 - 100 years +

A chance to connect, chat, laugh and share.

Next get together : **Friday 3rd May**

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

Children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.

not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed to understand the divine plan for our lives correctly. We have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations. Do you have perfect hope in

God and His plan for your life? Or do you allow the various crosses you endure to confuse you and lead you to doubt? Allow our Lord to appear to you through prayer and reveal to you His perfect plan. Be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation you have toward doubt, replacing it with trust and hope.

Lord of perfect wisdom, Your plan for my life is perfect and glorious beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to understand Your will and fall into confusion and doubt. Please open my mind to Your truth and help me to see everything from Your perspective so that I will always walk with hope and trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Thankyou and farewell Ann

We have been blessed to have Ann Hancock working in the Parish Office in recent times. Ann's cheerful and welcoming presence in the Parish office will certainly be missed. Ann has brought her deep commitment to faith and a generous spirit of service to her role. During her time with us Ann and has built rapport with so many in our Parish community not only as parishioners but also as friends.

As she leaves us to spend more time supporting and caring for family we wish Ann all the very best.

Ann's last day with us will be Friday, 19th April.—Fr Patrick



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Bulletin Notice – INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: The Vocations website for the Archdiocese is available. The links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357
(Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

'Mothers who pray for their children'

This will be a great day of Spiritual richness for all mothers and grandmothers.

27th April : Catholic Leadership Centre Melbourne
(See brochures at back of church.)



Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY
One rosary for all. One family in mission.

**World Mission
May Rosary Prayers**

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time
12pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID:
893 8798 2280
Password:
876574

**GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet**

catholic mission
Rejoice in God's life

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise, 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 3:13-15,17-19**

You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised
 him from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 4:2,4,7,9**

Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second reading **I John 2:1-5**

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our
 sins and those of the whole world.

Gospel Acclamation**Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our
 hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 24:35-48**

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on
 the third day rise from the dead.

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

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise
 from the dead; in his name repentance and
 remission of sins must be preached to all the
 nations, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings:

4th Sunday of Easter - Year B 21st April

1st Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

2nd Reading: I John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18