



SEASONS

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

2nd Sunday of Lent-Year B

February 25th 2024

Diary

Prep Welcome Mass & picnic

Sunday 25th Feb 10.00am

Baptism Preparation

Thursday 7th March 7.00pm

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Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

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See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 26th Feb

Tuesday Mass 5.30pm

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Wednesday* Mass 10.00am

Thursday Adoration 9.00am

Thursday Mass 10.00am

Friday* Mass 10.00am

1st Friday Adoration 9.00pm

1st Saturday Adoration 9.00am

Saturday Mass 10.00am

(Protection of the unborn)

*The Rosary will be prayed before this Mass.

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.00pm –6.30pm

Friday 9.30am -10.00am

Saturday 4.30pm - 5.00pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

Sunday 3/3 (Filipino) 4.00pm

Dear Friends,



A Gospel Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent:

In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus brings his disciples away from the noise and business of the market place and takes them up a mountain. This is not unusual in itself. We know from the gospels that Jesus himself often went to the mountain top to pray on his own. While they are on the mountain, something very strange and unusual happens. Jesus is changed in a very dramatic way; he is transformed beyond all recognition. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Imagine the surprise and shock of those who were with Jesus. Yet even with this amazing experience, Peter is still able to proclaim this great prayer, 'Lord it is wonderful for us to be here.'

As we continue our Lenten journey and Jesus continues his own journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what he is facing. He will be betrayed, denied, condemned and crucified. Perhaps he feels and senses the disciples fear and anxiety and so wants to reassure them. So he gives them a glimpse of the shape of things to come; he is revealed to them in all his glory.

Maybe this brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. We too need know that our prayer, fasting and sharing with the poor is not an end in itself or that it is all done in vain. We are heading towards the resurrection and the new life of Easter, but we have a distance to go yet. But the experience of Jesus transformed offers each of us a taste of what lies ahead of us. If we share in the suffering and passion of Jesus, we will also share in his resurrection. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, if we have become one with him in his dying as he did, in the same way we shall be one with him by being raised to life as he was. (Rmns. 6.5)

This is the hope in which we are asked to have faith as we make our way through Lent. When we are tempted to give up and give in, let us look to Jesus changed and transformed. May we see in him the future that is promised to us, not only at Easter but in the fullness of God's Kingdom.

As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us do what the voice of God says to each of us; 'This is my Son, Listen to him.'

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

Those who have passed away recently... Marion Walshe

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Faye Fitzgerald, Genevieve Payne, Peter Wilson, Hilda Fitzhenry, Vin Pearson,
Anne Morrow, Molly Gage

The sick... Carmel Gowans, Frances Glare, Sr Elizabeth Brown-Russell, John Miller,
Fiona Leyden, Annette O'Brien, Gui Hone, Jim Bourke, Caroline Herbert, Bev Johnstone,
Maree Bracken, Eileen O'Beirne, Michael MacKenzie, Betty Corke, Maureen Anstey, Rosalie McKiernan,
Sue Emerton, Noel Anstey and Mary Doherty



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



Please join us for...

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent
3.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Fridays 9.00pm –Midnight
1st Saturdays 9am –10.00am

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859



Jazz afternoon - First Parish social occasion

A very enjoyable afternoon was held to begin our Parish social year and ardent Traditional Jazz lovers were treated to a wonderful program of music and dance.

Thankyou to all those who supported Peter and Eileen McIntyre. They have given so much support to our Parish musical events over many years.

(‘Mrs Sippy’ will be playing again this Sunday afternoon , 25th Feb, at the Mornington Civic Bowls club.)

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 1st 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

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



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**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Alpha Program

Commencing 7th March 2024, 7pm

The PPLT warmly invites parishioners, members of the school community and anyone from our local community to join us for Alpha. The Alpha programme has attracted nearly 22 million people to learn more deeply about their faith and to explore belief in a non judgemental, no pressure setting. The programme looks at who is Jesus? Why did he die? How can I have faith, understand the bible and pray? What is the Holy Spirit? What about evil, the Church, being a follower of Christ today?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each week looks at a different question around life and faith such as

- * Is there more to life than this?
- * Who is Jesus?
- * How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Alpha is fun, relaxed and free - and you can ask anything you like! Millions around the world have found it a wonderful introduction to the Christian faith.

Each session starts with a meal. There's a video presentation and plenty of time to ask questions and share opinions - it's designed to create conversation. And there's no obligation and no pressure.

'Alpha was the best thing I ever did. It helped answer some huge questions and to find a simple empowering faith in my life.'
Bear Grylls, TV Adventurer

Starts Thursday, 7th of March @ 7pm

For more information or to register please contact Parish Office. Registration also through trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CPFDZ>



Sessions are scheduled for Thursday evenings from 7pm until around 8:30pm. The meetings will run from 7th of March, taking a break for Easter then running each week from the 18th of April until we finish on 30th of May. There is no charge nor any obligation to attend particular sessions.

Alpha is also the pathway for anyone in the community who is interested in becoming a Catholic. Once completing the Alpha series, RCIA / Catechism classes will commence in July for those adults and older children who have not yet been baptised Catholic, or for those adults who are baptised Catholic and would like to receive their first communion, reconciliation and confirmation. If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic, Alpha is the first step on this journey. For more information on any questions please contact the Parish or speak with Fr Patrick after Mass

Can you help? Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen whilst the Alpha program is running. If you can spare a little time please leave a msg on the office phone 9787 7777. Thank you!!

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

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 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 115**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land
of the living.

Second reading **Romans 8:31-34**

God did not spare his own Son

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 **Mark 9:2-10**

This is my son, the Beloved; listen to him.

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:

3rd Sunday of Lent –Year B

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25