



SEASONS

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

Seventeenth Sundays of Ordinary Time, Year B

July 28th 2024

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Church Services from July 21st

Sundays

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday Mass 8.00am

Sunday Mass 10.00am

Friday* Mass 10.00am

*Rosary prayed before this Mass.

Reconciliation times

Tuesday 6.00pm — 6.30pm

Friday 9.30am — 10.00am

Saturday 4.30pm — 5.00pm

Adoration

Tuesday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 9:00am - 10:am

Special Mass times

[First Friday \(2nd August\)](#)

Adoration 8pm—11pm

[First Saturday \(3rd August\)](#)

Adoration 9am—10am

Mass for Protection of Life 10am

[First Sunday \(4th August\)](#)

Filipino Mass 4pm

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

**We
pray for:**

**Those who have passed away recently:
Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:**



Anne Harwood, Maureen Sweeney, Prof. Bill Walker, Dr. Raymond Hennessy, Anne Price

The sick... Barbara Hunt, Charlie Ebsworth, Nicole Buchanan Dawn Daff, John Wareham, Maggie Campbell, Carmel Gowans, 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.

Faith Formation for Adults each Thursday night from July 25th in Parish Community Centre 7pm - 8:15pm.

Following the successful launch of the Alpha Programme which focused more on personal faith, the Holy Spirit and prayer, we are now launching the formal catechetical part of our instruction for adults. We are warmly inviting anyone to join us for regular meetings where we will learn about the Catholic Faith, answer questions and enter into the mysteries, history and beauty of the Church's life and teachings. Over the next few months, Fr Patrick will present 14 classes on various topics. If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic the classes each week will help prepare you to receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These will be celebrated on November 24th. If you are interested in this please email me directly: Patrick.bradford@cam.org.au. However, anyone is able to join any of the classes if you are curious of would like to know more about the faith. Details below:

Date	Topic
25/7/24	Faith and knowing God in the world
1/8/24	The Church
8/8/24	Scripture
15/8/24	God's family- Father, Son, Holy Spirit
BREAK	
29/8/24	Prayer: why and how to pray
5/9/24	Intro to Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation
12/9/24	Eucharist & The Mass
19/9/24	Confession & Anointing
BREAK - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
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10/10/24	Marriage & Holy Orders
17/10/24	Catholic Social Teaching
24/10/24	10 Commandments 1-4—Love of God
31/10/24	10 Commandments 5-10 Love of neighbour pt 1
7/11/24	10 Commandments 5-10 Love of neighbour pt 2
14/11/24	The Saints and Mary
21/11/24	World without end

Parish website, phone and email

About three weeks ago we were advised that the NBN were doing some works on upgrading the cables coming into the Parish site from Canadian Bay Road. Unfortunately during this process these cables became were damaged and new lines have had to be tunnelled under the road. This resulted in our internet and phone lines being cut for several days at a time. There have been various workarounds and alternative access but this has been very unreliable. The internet is working at the moment which means phone calls, emails and the parish website are operational for now. A permanent solution is being sought this week to ensure that parishioners can reliably contact the Parish Office and myself (Fr Patrick). If you need to speak with the office, please choose option 2 and for Fr Patrick option 4. Normal office hours of Wednesdays and Fridays have resumed as well as the usual Mass times.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday 17 August 2024

9.30am to 4pm

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE
576 VICTORIA PARADE, EAST MELBOURNE

Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession
Three inspiring talks by Fr Frankie:
Joy of the Gospel
Sharing the Greatest Love Story
God Who Heals

MCs



MIMI LEE



SABRINA BATRAS

MUSIC



ALYSSA AGIUS

Encounter God's love and
meet a community of women of faith!

ABOUT FR FRANKIE

Fr Frankie Mulgrew, ordained in 2013, is currently Chaplain at the Mission House, Craig Lodge in Argyll, Scotland, where he is helping to train young adults to be missionary disciples.

Fr Frankie was a professional entertainer before answering a calling to become a Catholic priest. He has addressed major Christian events all over the UK and has ministered alongside inspirational Catholic figures such as Matt Maher, John Pridmore, Chris Stefanick, and Paul J. Kim.

TICKETS

\$80 - Lunch and Morning/Afternoon Tea included
Special Offer - 2 for 1 deal
Exclusively for those under 35!

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Church Account: Covers regular parish expenses including loan repayments insurance, rates, utilities, staff, repairs / maintenance, cleaning and groundskeeping. **Payment terminal in the Foyer of the Church supports this account**

You can also support the Parish by electronic transfer into our NAB Bank Account for both accounts:

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Church Account no. 638 078 704

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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 of August**

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)

Thanksgiving envelopes and contributions

We are very grateful for the financial support offered by the 124 families who are registered givers at the parish. For those who contribute by envelope, new envelopes dated from July are now available in the foyer of the Church, sorted alphabetically by last name. After EOFY June 30, in July, the parish will send out giving statements for those who contribute either electronically or by envelopes. This will contain a report detailing how your support is spent on providing for the parish's mission and outreach. Thanks again for your generosity and offering of time, treasure and talent.

Fr PB



Sunday, 28th July

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat, and have some left over

Responsorial Psalm 144(145)

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second reading Ephesians 4:1-6

One body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia

Gospel John 6:1-15

The feeding of the five thousand

Nicean Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow up to and including and became man, all bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again



Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits