



SEASONS

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

Corpus Christi Sunday, Year B

June 2nd, 2024

Tuesday, 4th June

**Funeral for Giovanna Santarossa
11.30am**

Wednesday, 5th June

Earlier Mass—8.30am not 10am

Friday, 7th June

**First Friday adoration
8pm—11pm**

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Wednesday 1pm to 4pm

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Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford, Ruth Hilton, Joe Sayah, Emma Chapple, Sandra Taylor, Kathy Raccanello

Pastoral Finance Committee

Joe Sayah, Jim Bourke, Joan Bekery-Coleman

Church Services from May 25th

Tuesday	Mass	5.30pm
Tuesday	Adoration	6.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	8.30am
Thursday	Adoration	9.00am
Thursday	Mass	10.00am
Friday*	Mass	10.00am

*Rosary 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

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christ—the body and blood of Christ. The Catholic (and Orthodox) teaching on the Eucharist sets our churches apart from every other denomination. The treasure of the Eucharist has been handed down to us over many centuries through the faith and belief of Christians—many of whom gave their lives as a witness to their belief in the real presence of Jesus Christ on the altar. While some Anglicans and other Christians believe that the Eucharist is a powerful symbol, or a representation of Jesus, or that the Eucharist depends on the faith of the person receiving it, Catholics have a more radical belief which can be traced back to St John’s gospel. When teaching on the Eucharist, St John tells us, the large crowds were appalled at Jesus teaching on the Eucharist as being a physical eating of his body and blood. Jesus was invited to rephrase or soften his message to make it more digestible. Instead, Jesus goes even further, saying “amen, I tell you, unless you eat my body and drink my blood you have no life in you”. It is clear that this teaching on the real presence of the Eucharist meant that huge numbers stopped following Jesus. As St John’s gospel reports, Jesus turns to his own disciples and asks them—will you leave me too? Sadly many Catholics today do not hold a belief in the real presence of Jesus, survey results in Australia vary somewhere between 5% and 40% of Catholics holding this belief. Yet, the Eucharist is a powerful aid and strength for our faith. When we are well prepared and understand this mystery, the spiritual food of Jesus’s body and blood gives us strength and power to live our faith. The Eucharist allows Jesus to literally become a part of us, and for us to become a part of God. “Communion”, or “Holy Communion” emphasises the bond that we have as members of God’s family that links us together. When someone approaches to receive Holy Communion, the statement is made by the priest or extraordinary minister “The Body of Christ” -which means—this is the body of Christ. The communicant responds—Amen. Amen means, yes, I believe, I



First Friday / Saturday/ Sunday of each month : Friday 7th June Adoration from 8.00pm—11.00pm.

Saturday 1st Jube Adoration 9.00 am, Mass for the Unborn 10.00 am. Sunday 2nd June Filipino Mass 4.00 pm

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

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



Leslie Calley, Violet Hoare, Estelle Tracey, Ben Bedenikoc, Kathleen Marshall

The sick... 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

Alpha Program



The Alpha Program commenced on the 18th of April. We have welcomed many people who are interested in exploring their faith and sharing what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Following Alpha's conclusion there are different pathway for participants to continue growing in their faith, including ongoing formation and RCIA. Thankyou to all those who have been a part of the Alpha programme.

Beginning on July 25th and running on most Thursdays from 7-8.15pm, Fr Patrick will be running faith formation classes. These classes are firstly for anyone who would like to be baptized as a Catholic or to be fully received into the Church. Classes may also be of interest for anyone who wants to explore their faith in a deeper way, to ask questions and grow in deeper knowledge and understanding. Further details will be advised from next week including the topics each week. If you or someone you know would like to become a Catholic please speak with Fr Patrick

Support for Sound System. Back in 2018 (only six years ago) the Parish spent \$43,844 on new microphones, speakers, and AV equipment. Unfortunately despite this significant investment, Our wireless lapel microphones are not working properly. This will impact on sound until a solution can be found. Our sound technician has now advised that we should invest in one high quality replacement mic for \$2,100 which should last 10+ years. Six donors have contributed \$870 towards this purchase. The new equipment should be installed once the order arrives in July. Our sincere to those who have offered generous support for this project. –Fr Patrick

Memorial Wall - Plaque Restoration

Some parishioners have enquired about having the plaques of their relatives restored. Following several enquires, arrangements have been made with A1 Plaques to undertake a total restoration of the standard plaque for \$70 plus GST. If you are interested in taking up this offer you may contact Dave Stenhouse directly on: 1300 558 813 (local callor via email ... a1plaques@bigpond.com



Thank you for supporting our parish

Presbytery Account

Supports our Parish Priest and the priests of the Archdiocese
Church Account

Facilitates regular parish expenses **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: **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 7th June**

Where?: at my home - Please email me for details if you're interested in attending (raccanellokathy@gmail.com).

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

agree, this is true, I affirm that this is the Eucharist. Amen also means I agree, I affirm that I am in communion with the body of Christ which is the Church. Words are important, as words signify reality. This is why the Church asks those who are not in communion to come forward for a blessing. Corpus Christi also a good time to remind ourselves of how to receive Holy Communion. Whether we receive on the hand or on the tongue, we should prepare ourselves well as we approach the minister. If we receive on the hand, one hand should go over the other to make a "throne" for the Lord to be placed in our hands. We do not take Holy Communion, the Church gives this to us as a gift. It is practical to stand aside, pause for a moment or two before making our way back to our seat for quiet prayer, reflection and thanksgiving.



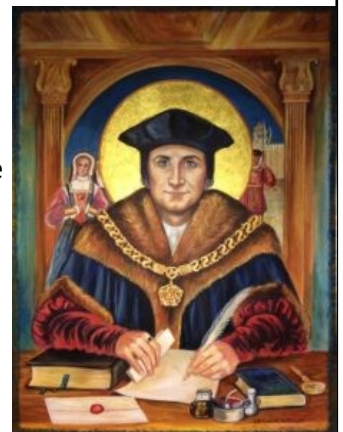
St Thomas More Feast Day Celebrations

June 22nd is the official feast day of our patron saint, Thomas More. Due to calendar issues the Parish will be celebrating St Thomas More's patronage of our Parish on Sunday 2nd of June.

The first event was on Friday, 31st of May. A social night with drinks and nibbles was followed by a screening of the newly released film Cabrini. For those who haven't yet seen it, the film depicts the life of Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini, who worked tirelessly to support the poor and destitute beginning in New York but is now worldwide. St Cabrini and St Thomas More share a passion for justice, the dignity of every human person, the primacy of education and religious freedom. The film has a 90% rating and has been very popular worldwide. Thankyou to all those who helped to host this event and for the 25 or so parishioners who attended.

On Sunday 2nd of June during the 10am Mass we will consider St Thomas More in the light of the feast of Corpus Christi. To bring our whole community together for this celebration there will be no 8am Mass on Sunday, 2nd of June. Following the Mass there will be a festive medieval luncheon with drinks and multiple courses and live music from the 1500's performed on a recorder and viola-de-gamba.

St Thomas More was chosen as Patron Saint of our parish because he was someone that we could relate to. Mount Eliza is a community with a significant number of families with working mums and dads. Like St Thomas More people in our community have a passion for justice, for education, for pro-family values. St Thomas More lived 500 years ago, but he still very much a Saint for our times, and for our community.



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.
Other members: Faye Melhem; Nick Passmore



Bishop Ireland's Visitation and final Report

A summary of Bishop Irelands report from his visit in February is available at the back of the church. This is the final weekend the report will be available

The next meeting of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday the 17th June in the Undercroft at 7.00pm. New members are welcome— please approach the Parish Office for more info- Marilyn Moloney



Entrance Antiphon**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 Exodus 24:3-8
**This is the blood of the covenant that the
Lord has made with you**

Responsorial Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18
I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the
name of the Lord

Second reading Hebrews 9:11-15
The blood of Christ can purify our inner self

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 14:12-16,22-26**

This is my body, this is my blood

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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**Next Sunday's Readings:****Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Gen 3:9-15
2nd Reading: 2 Co 4:13-5:1
Gospel: Mk 3:20-35