



SEASONS

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

Thirteenth and Fourteenth Sundays of Ordinary Time, Year B

30th and July 7th 2024



We celebrate the feast of St Thomas More on June 22nd. Here is some of his poetry:

Written by Mr. Thomas More in his youth, of the death of queen Elizabeth, mother to king Henry VIII, wife to king Henry VII, and eldest daughter to king Edward IV; which queen Elizabeth died in childbed, in February in the year of our Lord 1503, and in the 18th year of the reign of king Henry VII. O! ye that put your trust and confidence
In worldly joy and frail prosperity,
That so live here as ye should never hence,
Remember death and look here upon me;
Ensample I think there may no better be. 1
Yourself wot well that in this realm was I
Your queen but late, and lo now here I lie.

Was I not born of old worthy lineage,
Was not my mother queen, my father king,
Was I not a king's fare in marriage, 2
Had I not plenty of every pleasant thing?
Merciful God, this is a strange reckoning;
Riches, honour, wealth, and ancestry,
Hath me forsaken, and lo now here I lie.

If worship might have kept me, I had not gone,
If wit might have me saved, I needed not fear,
If money might have holpe, I lacked none, 3
But O! good God, what vailleth all this gear? 4
When Death is come thy mighty messenger,
Obey we must, there is no remedy,
Me hath he summoned, and lo now here I lie.

O brittle wealth, aye full of bitterness,
Thy single pleasure doubled is with pain;
Account my sorrow first and my distress
In sundrywise, and reckon thereagain
The joy that I have had, and I dare sayne, 7
For all my honour, endured yet have I
More woe than wealth, and lo now here I lie.

Where are our castles now, where are our towers?
Goodly Richmond soon art thou gone from me;
At Westminster, that costly work of yours,
Mine own dear lord, now shall I never see.
Almighty God vouchsafe to grant that ye,
For you and your children well may edify!
My palace builded is, and lo now here I lie.

Adieu mine own dear spouse, my worthy lord,
The faithful love that did us both combine,
In marriage and peaceable concord
Into your handes here I clean resign,
To be bestowed upon your children and mine.
Erst were you father, and now must you supply 8
The mother's part also, for lo now here I lie.

Farewell my daughter, Lady Margaret,
God wot full oft it grieved hath my mind, 9
That ye should go where we should seldom meet, 10
Now am I gone and have left you behind.
O mortal folk that we be, very blind!

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Office Days:

Wednesdays 1pm to 4pm

At the moment the office is running on reduced hours. Email is the preferred means of communication. Emails, voicemails and letters are being checked and responded to twice per week

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-
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Church Services from June 30th

Monday Rosary 12pm

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Thursday Rosary 12pm

Friday* Mass 10am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4.30pm — 5.00pm

While Fr Patrick is away there is a limited Mass schedule at St Thomas More. Further details on alternative services are on page 3

First Friday / Saturday/ Sunday of each month : First Friday / Saturday currently suspended while Fr Patrick is away.

Sunday 2nd July Filipino Mass @ 4.00 pm

We pray for: **Those who have passed away recently: John Curwood** 

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:
 Frederick Eggins, Peter Hellard, Jo Clarke, Peter Jackson, Bill Marshall, Barbara Oswianka, Louise Kasperi, Ellen Breen, Lorna Macgregor, Lorna Marshall, Kath Thompson, Eunice Merkus, Melinda Mitchell, Alfred Bardsley, Maria Knuckey, Lillian Oakes, Nan Hoban, Mary Goss, Phillip Jackson

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.

Padua College School Advisory Council Representative



Padua College School Advisory Council is the governing board which meets once per month to provide advice and support to the Principal, Kelly McGurn in her leadership of several hundred staff and three thousand students across three campuses. The school constitution has been written to include representation from each parish which owns Padua College and to represent the clergy who collectively are responsible for supporting the Catholic mission at the college. Preferably, the parish representative is someone actively committed to their faith, with a knowledge of education and is able to contribute to the Catholic mission of the School. There is currently a vacancy on the board for a St Thomas More Parish representative. The term is for two years, the board meets once per month. The person need not have a child at Padua college. If anyone is interested in this, please contact me directly by email: Patrick.bradford@cam.org.au

Faith Formation for Adults each Thursday night from July 25th in Parish Community Centre

We have some people within our community who are interested in becoming a Catholic or who want to explore their faith. 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 further 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:

Faith Formation Classes 7pm—8.15pm

| Date | Topic |
|-------------------------|---|
| 25/7/24 | Faith and 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 | 10 Commandments "worship God alone" |
| 24/10/24 | 10 commandments "love one another" |
| 31/10/24 | 10 commandments "relationships" |
| 7/11/24 | CONTD: "speaking truth and using things well" |
| 14/11/24 | Saints and Mary |
| 21/11/24 | World without end |

Changes to Mass times and Parish Office

Fr Patrick will be away from next week for a conference, annual retreat and holidays. During this time there will be weekday Mass only on Fridays (except this Friday, 14th June). There will be **no change** to Mass times on the weekends as four different priests will be visiting to offer Mass and hear confessions on Saturday night. The Parish Office will be generally closed to the public but will be attended twice a week to respond to messages, emails and phone calls and for regular counting teams. Email is the preferred means of contact during this time for non urgent or routine matters. If you need a priest urgently, please contact either St McCartans' in Mornington on 59752200 or St Francis Xavier, Frankston 97833484. Weekday Masses are available at Mornington Tuesday—Friday at 9.15am. While there are no Masses being scheduled, there will be the opportunity to come to the Church for personal prayer and to recite the rosary at 12pm, midday, Monday—Thursday. All are very welcome.

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

That we least fear, full oft it is most nigh,
From you depart I first, and lo now here I lie.

Farewell Madam, my lord's worthy mother, 11
Comfort your son and be you of good cheer,
Take all a worth, for it will be none other.
Farewell my daughter Catharine, late the fare¹²
To prince Arthur, mine own child so dear.
It booteth not for me to weep or cry,
Pray for my soul, for lo now here I lie.

Adieu Lord Henry, my loving son adieu, 13
Our Lord increase your honour and estate.
Adieu my daughter Mary, bright of hue, 14
God make you virtuous, wise and fortunate.
Adieu sweet heart, my little daughter Kate, 15
Thou shalt, sweet babe, such is thy destiny,
Thy mother never know, for lo now here I lie.

Lady Cicily, Anne, and Catharine,
Farewell my well-beloved sisters three.
O! Lady Bridget, other sister mine,
Lo here the end of worldly vanity!
Now well are ye that earthly folly flee,
And heavenly thinges love and magnify.
Farewell and pray for me, for lo now here I lie.
1. ensample, example.
2. fare, wife.
3. have holpe, have helped.
4. vailleth, availleth (is of use); gear, worldly goods.
5. delice, delight, joy.
6. devinatrice, divination.
7. sayne, say.
8. erst, before now.
9. God wot, God knows.
10. Margaret Tudor, her eldest daughter, was promised
in marriage to James IV, king of Scotland.
11. Queen Elizabeth's mother-in-law, Margaret Beaufort,
Countess of Richmond and Derby.
12. Her daughter-in-law Catherine of Aragon, who had
married Prince Arthur.
13. Prince Henry, afterwards King Henry VIII.
14. Her daughter Mary Tudor, afterwards Queen of
France.
15. Katherine, whose birth had been the cause of the
Queen's death, followed her mother soon after.
16. every chone, everyone (ever each one).
17. to the alone, to thee alone.

Thank you for supporting our parish

Presbytery Account: Supports our Parish Priest,
other priests of the Archdiocese, sick and retired
clergy and the Archbishop

Church Account: Covers regular parish expenses
including loan repayments insurance, rates,
utilities, staff, repairs / maintainence, 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: **BSB 083-347**

Church Account no. 638 078 704

Presbytery Account no 637 953 335

Sunday, 30th June

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Gloria

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First Reading Ezekial 17:22-24

God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living

Responsorial Psalm 29:2,4,,6,11,13

I will praise you, Lord for you have rescued me

Second reading 2 Cor: 5:6-10

The Lord Jesus became poor for your sake, to make you rich

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought
us life through his gospel. Alleluia

Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Little girl, I tell you to get up

Creed

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Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name

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 the parish's mission and outreach. Thanks again for your generosity and offering of time, treasure and talent. Fr PB



Sunday, 7th July

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O lord, we have received
in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God,
like your name, reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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 Ezekial 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet
among them

Responsorial Psalm 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his
mercy

Second reading 2 Cor: 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, he sent me to
bring good news to the poor. Alleluia

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is only despised in his own country

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the
man who seeks refuge in him