

SEASONS

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

Palm Sunday -Year B

March 24th 2024

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Office Days/Hours this week

Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm

Pastoral Leadership Team

Fr Patrick Bradford

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Kathy Raccanello

See your happy team on the Notice Board!

Church Services from 25th March

Tuesday Mass 5.30pm

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

Wednesday * Mass 10.00am

Holy Thursday

Solemn Mass 7.00pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Commemoration of the Lord's

Passion 3.00pm

Followed by Reconciliation

Holy Saturday

Solemn Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 8.00am

Easter Sunday 10.00am

*The Rosary will be prayed before this Mass.

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.00pm –7.00pm

Wednesday 9.00am-10.00am

Friday (after 3pm service)

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,

Holy Week is the “grand final” week in our Catholic Calendar. In these coming days, everything that we believe about the Church, about Almighty God and about ourselves is represented in the readings, prayers and gestures of these liturgies. This Sunday we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem as the triumphant king. This procession brims with excitement and expectation that Jesus will be the one to finally overthrow the Roman occupiers and restore Davids’ Kingdom. Here we read the Passion Narrative, the story of Jesus suffering and death. We not only read the story, but we enter into it—taking the part of the crowds, Pilate, the disciples, putting ourselves into the story. On Holy Thursday night we are with Jesus in the upper room as he transforms the Jewish feast of Passover into the Mass. The signs and symbols of the Old Testament are fulfilled and renewed in the New Testament. The lamb that was eaten by the Israelites as they fled the slavery of Pharaoh becomes Christ, the lamb who saves us from the slavery of sin and death. At the last supper Jesus gives his apostles the mandate to “do this in memory of me” - to continue to make real and present the Eucharist all around the world. Following this Mass we will process to the Altar of repose, where we are invited to spend time in quiet prayer with Jesus as he contemplates magnitude of what is being asked of him, to carry our sins to the cross. On Good Friday morning we celebrate the stations of the cross. Through the eyes of Mary and the Apostles we accompany Jesus in the streets of Jerusalem. In the afternoon the liturgy begins with an eerie silence, as the celebrant enters the Church and lies flat on the floor—a symbol of complete submission to God. The cross is presented to the crowds and parishioners are invited to show respect by approaching the cross and reverencing it. Following this service (which is not a Mass) the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession will be available. On Holy Saturday the Church is dark and quiet, while outside a new fire burns. This fire spreads the light of the resurrection to each individual candle until at last, the bells are rung and the Church is flooded with light and joy. In this Mass the prophecies and readings from the Old Testament tells of us God’s plan, from the beginning of time, to send his son into the world to reveal to us the love of God the Father. At this Mass we renew our baptism commitment, and we catch a glimpse of the Holy Spirit, who will be fully given to us at the feast of Pentecost. I warmly invite parishioners to attend as much of these celebrations as you are able, as each of these liturgies reveals unique about our Christian faith.



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

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..

Unah Burr, Mylee Trevitt, Moira Renouf, Gwen Murtagh, Geoff Wines, Kate Gloury,
Jack Hooker, Betty Sullivan, Mary Russell, Bartolo Vino, Nancy Flume, Bill Hunt, Adolf Wigger
Patricia Lawton, Janet Lindner

Mary The sick... Carmel Gowans, Frances Glare, Sr Elizabeth Brown-Russell, John Miller,
Fiona Leyden, Annette O'Brien, Maree Bracken, Jim Bourke,

(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...

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Fridays 9.00pm –Midnight

1st Saturdays 9am –10.00am

Safeguarding Committee

For information: Julie Carter 0420 923 859



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.

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 5th April.**

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.

Holy Land Collection—Good Friday March 29th

This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.



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Peninsula Young Adults



- 18-35 years old?
- Want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

**COME ALONG TO OUR INAUGURAL
YOUNG ADULTS EVENT**

SATURDAY 6th APRIL

9:30: MASS @ OUR LADY OF FATIMA
10:30: 5KM HIKE
12: BBQ & CATECHESIS**

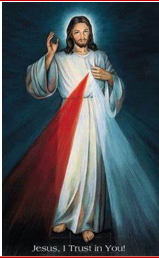
MEETING POINT:
ROSEBUD FOR MASS
or FINGAL PICNIC AREA FOR HIKE

* Keep your eyes peeled for our second event:
Benediction followed by Board Games &
Catechesis @ Rosebud Presbytery

** Speaking on: Divine Mercy

RSVP

Fr John Paul
or
John Florio
0420 866 737



St Thomas More will be celebrating **Divine Mercy Sunday** on 7th April
1.45pm Confessions, 2.45pm Chaplet 3.00 Holy Mass

To observe Divine Mercy Sunday fittingly, we should precede the feast by a nine-day novena of reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet, beginning on Good Friday (privately said).

Thank You so much for the wonderful work completed by the Working Bee on Saturday.



Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday-Solemn Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.00pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross : 10.00am

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm
followed by Reconciliation

Saturday: Solemn Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Masses 8.00am, 10.00am

7th of May: Divine Mercy Sunday Chaplet & Mass 2.45pm

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: *Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? He the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. *Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you who have come in your abundant mercy!*

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 **Isaiah 50:4-7**

I did not cover my face against insult.

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 21**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading **Philippians 2:6-11**

Christ humbled himself but God raised him on high

Gospel Acclamation **Philippians 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel **Mark 14:1-15:47**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my
drinking it, your will be done.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Easter Sunday –Year B

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9