



# SEASONS

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

Easter Sunday -Year B

March 31st 2024

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Parish Priest:

**Rev. Fr. Patrick Bradford**

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Office Days/Hours this week

Wednesday 9.30am to 4pm

Friday 9.30am to 4pm

**Pastoral Leadership Team**

Fr Patrick Bradford

Ruth Hilton Joe Sayah

Emma Chapple Sandra Taylor

Kathy Raccanello

*See your happy team on the Notice Board!*

**Church Services from 1st April**

Monday Mass 10.00am

Tuesday Mass 5.30pm

Tuesday Adoration 6.00pm

**Wednesday \* Mass 8.30am**

**Thursday Adoration 9.00am**

Thursday Mass 10.00am

Friday\* Mass 10.00am

**Friday Adoration 9.00pm-MN**

**Saturday Adoration 9.00am**

**Saturday Mass for Protection of Life 10.00am**

\*The Rosary will be prayed before this Mass.

**Reconciliation**

Tuesday 6.00pm –6.30pm

Friday 9.30am -10.00am

Saturday 4.30pm -5.00pm

**Usual Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am

Sunday 10.00am

**Sunday 7th April**

Divine Mercy Devotions  
(see inside)

Filipino Mass 4.00pm

Dear Friends,



The first Easter Sunday was a strange experience for the first Christians. The women who went to the tomb of Jesus to mourn his death were met with a confounding experience, something they could not quite understand or put into words. Everything they thought they knew about their faith was transformed in a flash. Their lives would never be the same. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed not only the lives of those first disciples, but has changed the course of human history. Suffering, fear, worry, sickness, anxiety, sickness and death – have all been transformed. While we must still go through these things – we no longer have to do so on our own. We do so with the assurance and confidence that God has entered into our lives and is ready to lead us through the other side. This is the good news of our faith. Jesus' resurrection is the final great sign – as St John calls it – the final proof that Jesus was not just another man but is God in human flesh. Jesus offers us a different way of living- with meaning, purpose and direction. Jesus' powerful teaching on the importance of love, sacrifice, living a life of faith and trusting in God are made possible for us by his own personal witness. Jesus didn't just talk about these things, he did them.

For us living in Mount Eliza in 2024, Jesus' resurrection still has great power. We live in a world and society that runs at a great pace, where we are told that we can achieve anything. We live in a world where medicine and technology offer the dream of a life with few limits. The world says that we can solve any problem as long as we have the right political, financial and technical expertise. The world offers fun, excitement and happiness. Jesus' kingdom is different. With the risen Lord at our side, and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, God's world transforms our world. We no longer live in fear. We face our challenges with trust. We approach our families and relationships with love, patience and conviction. We face our death with hope and acceptance, knowing that a kingdom awaits those whom Jesus has given his life for. Easter Sunday changed the lives of Jesus' friends, and it changes our lives too. May we all experience in a personal way this victory, and take some time over these days to celebrate not just with chocolates and Easter bunnies (which are important!) but with our living faith which is made alive by Jesus Christ.

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

**Those who have passed away recently...**  
Mary Doherty -Funeral Mass Tuesday 2nd April 11.30am

**Those whose anniversaries fall at this time..**

Melinda Flahive, Nancy Smith-Johnston, Alma Baxter

**The sick...** John Wareham, Maggie Campbell Carmel Gowans, Frances Glare, 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 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](http://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](mailto: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.



THIS YEAR, COME AND CELEBRATE THE 24<sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL WORLDWIDE;

# Divine Mercy Sunday

7 April 2024

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

311 Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza

- 1:45pm** Confessions.
  - 2:45pm** The Divine Mercy Chaplet.
  - 3pm** Holy Mass.
- Celebrant: Fr. Patrick Bradford**

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).

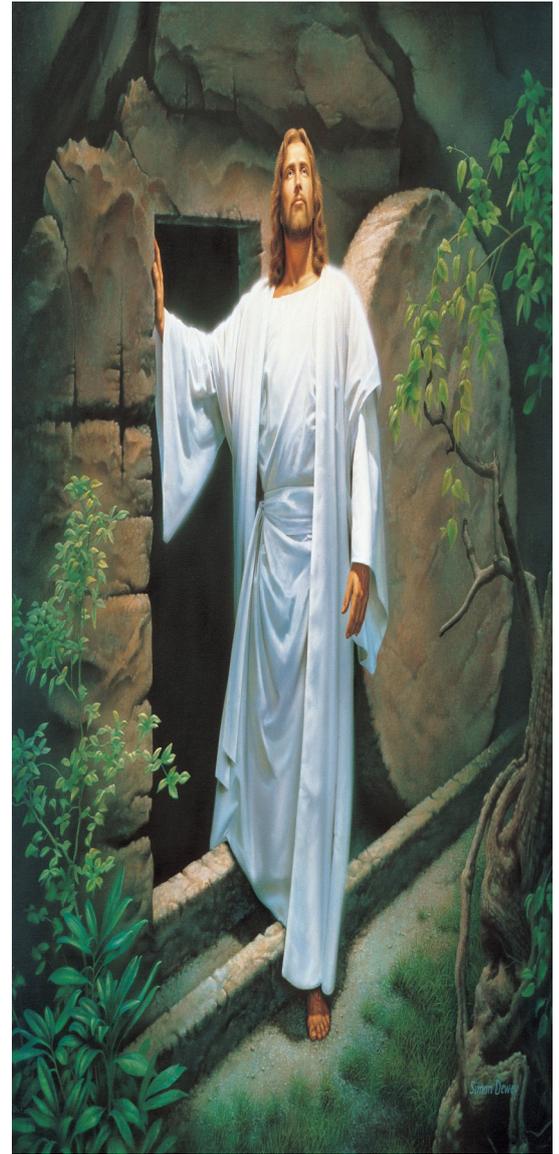
**Jesus asked Saint Faustina:** *“Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy . . . On the day of my feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them.”* (Diary 206)

**“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”** (Diary 699)

*“When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul.”* (Diary 1602)



**Jesus said to Saint Faustina:**  
*“I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My mercy are open. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”* (Diary 699)



Enquires, please contact: Parish Office - 9787 7777

**!! NEW !!**

**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

*Happy Easter*

May this Easter be filled full of revelation and blessing as your draw closer to Jesus.

**Entrance Antiphon**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia  
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,  
 alleluia

**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** **Acts 10:34,37-43**  
 'We have eaten and drunk with him after his  
 resurrection.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** **Psalm 117**  
 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
 and be glad.

**Second reading** **Colossians 3:1-4**

Look for the things that are in heaven, where  
 Christ is.

**Gospel Acclamation** **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us  
 feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia

**Gospel** **John 20:1-9**

He must rise from the dead.

**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**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
 therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
 bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



Next Sunday's Readings:  
**2nd Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy )**

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

2nd Reading: John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31