



SEASONS

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

Trinity Sunday —Year B

May 26th, 2024

Thursday, 30th May 7pm
Alpha in Undercroft

Sunday, 26th May
PPLT Meeting

Wednesday, 29th May
Parish Finance Meeting
Please approach a PPLT/ Finance member if you would like an item to be discussed at these respective committees

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Office Days:

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 10.00am

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 2nd June CANCELLED

Sunday 10.00am

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.00pm — 6.30pm

Friday 9.30am — 10.00am

Saturday 4.30pm — 5.00pm

NO 8AM MASS ON JUNE 2ND



Dear Friends,

Every week we recite the creed at Mass, a prayer which contains some powerful truths about our faith. We often use the Apostles' Creed, which is an earlier, succinct statement of belief that came out of the early church, beginning the year 180 AD. Over time the Church began to reflect more and more on what Jesus revealed to us and formulated the Nicene Creed in the year 325 at the Council of Nicea. As we celebrate this weekend Trinity Sunday, the feast which recognises God as three persons, we reflect on the deeply profound truth that God one being with three persons. Below is a commentary which talks about the creed and the trinity from the UK Bishop's Conference:

Can you remember when you first heard the Creed? Chances are you don't. It is used at baptism which, for many, takes place when we are small. At every baptism either the parents and godparents or the persons being baptised profess their faith. There are two Creeds used regularly; the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene. The Apostles' Creed was first used at baptisms in ancient Rome. The Nicene Creed was drawn largely from the work of the Councils of Nicea and Constantinople which affirmed that Jesus is both God and a human being. Originally it too was used with those who were to be baptised. Because of this it began with I believe. We believe, I believe The Nicene Creed was introduced at Mass in the Eastern Church and the 'I' was altered to 'We' for congregations to recite. We started reciting it at Mass in Rome and the west of Europe much later. We have always used the version written for baptism and in Latin it begins 'credo' - 'I believe'. The creed is said towards the end of the

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

Saturday 1st June 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..**



Bernard Thomas, Marie Fulton (Sr Patricia RSM), Sam Ransom, Sydney Jackson, Ted Marshall, Francis Lindner, Kevin O’Grady

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. Alpha meets in the Undercroft on Thursday nights, and meetings begin at 7pm, with refreshments followed by discussion and closure at 8.45pm. Please continue to keep the group in your prayers as they grow together in fellowship and faith, as this is the last week they are meeting. Following Alpha’s conclusion there are different pathway for participants to continue growing in their faith, including ongoing formation and RCIA. who generously support the Alpha participants each week.

Celebration of Confirmation Mass, May 19th @ 1pm

On Sunday the Parish welcomes Bishop Tony Ireland to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the candidates who have been prepared through the School and Parish. To show our support for these members of our community, parishioners will have the opportunity to take a prayer card that has the candidates first name and a short prayer on it. This prayer card may be left on the fridge, in a bible or prayer space at home as a prompt to pray for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to be nurtured in these children. As we move into June and towards the Feast of St Thomas More the School community will be learning more about our patron saint in the classroom and these projects will be displayed in the Church later in June.



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, both wireless lapel microphones have now stopped working. This will impact on sound until a solution can be found. Our sound technician has now advised that these mics are unfortunately beyond repair and that we should consider investing in one high quality replacement mic for \$2,100 which should last 10+ years. Thankyou to those who have offered generous support for this project. If you would like to directly support this (unexpected) purchase, please take one of the envelopes in the foyer or donate through CDF online: <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=70>

Mass Count

During the month of May during the offertory collectors will be performing a census of those who attend Mass at St Thomas More Parish

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).

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

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

Liturgy of the Word as we remember and respond to the call and message of God. Beginning with 'we believe' helps us say that we share our faith with others. On the other hand, using 'I believe' reminds me of the promises made at baptism. As I pray the creed I remember that I am a member of the family of the Church. We emphasise this at Easter when we renew our baptismal promises by using the question and answer form based on the Apostles' Creed. We think about Baptism a great deal in the seasons of Lent and Easter and so we can use the Apostles' Creed at Mass during these times. Consubstantial with the Father The Nicene Creed helps focus on who God the Son is and on his Incarnation. We speak of him as God from God, Light from Light etc. We use the word 'consubstantial' to say that Jesus has the same nature as God and that he is God himself. Our faith in the Trinity means we believe in three persons who are not three Gods but one God. In Jesus, God took our human nature so that the person who is the eternal Son of God was born in time and is the person who is the Son of Mary. We bow as a sign of respect (at Christmas, we genuflect) at the words, 'and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man'. The Creed is a sign we are

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 from May 31st to Sunday 2nd of June.

The first event will be on Friday, 31st of May in a social night with drinks and nibbles 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.

On Sunday 2nd of June the 10am Mass 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 that Sunday. 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. Cost is \$30 for adults or \$15 for under 18's for lunch and drinks. St Thomas More is saint for our own times, and we have much to learn and be inspired by his vision. I warmly invite you to participate in these events.

Schedule of events:

Friday, May 31st

7pm Drinks and nibbles

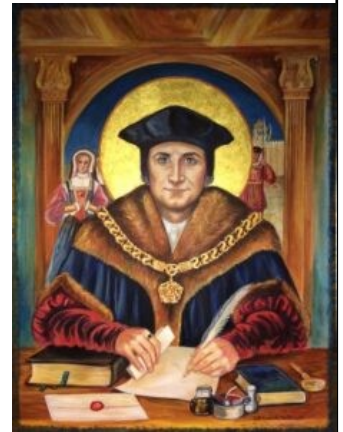
7.30pm-9.30pm Movie

Sunday, 2nd June

8am—No Mass

10am—Parish Mass

11am—1500's themed Parish Luncheon



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 Ireland's 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 6.30pm. 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 Deut 4:32-34,39-40
The Lord is God indeed, he and no other

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:33, 4:6-9, 18-19, 20,22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own

Second reading Rom 8:14-17

The spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, God who was, who is and who is to come, Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Go and make disciples of all nations

Apostles 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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the spirit of his Son, the Spirit who

Next Sunday's Readings: Corpus Christi

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mk 14:12-26