



# SEASONS

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

**Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B**

November 3rd 2024

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**Church Services from 26.10.2024**

Saturday Vigil Mass	5.00pm
Sunday Mass	8.00am
Sunday Mass	10.00am
<b>Tuesday Mass</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday Mass*</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
Thursday	10:00am
Friday Mass* (All Saints)	10.00am
Friday Vigil Mass (All Souls)	7.30pm

\*Rosary prayed before this Mass.

**Reconciliation times**

Friday	9:30am -10:00am
Saturday	4:30pm - 5:00pm

**Adoration**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am - 10:00am</b>
Thursday	9:00am-10:00am

**Rosary**

Monday	12 noon
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**First Friday 1.11.24**

<b>Adoration</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>
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**First Saturday 2.11.24**

<b>Adoration</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
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**Mass for All Souls (offered for the  
intention of protection of human life)**

**10:00am**

**First Sunday 3.11.24**

<b>Filipino Mass</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
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Dear friends,

On November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the Church begins the month of November with an invitation to remember the “last things”- death, judgement, heaven and hell. November is a time when we particularly remember our beloved family and friends who have gone before us, especially those whom we have lost within the last twelve months.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of November we triumphantly celebrated the feast of All Saints – all the saints who are united in love in God’s kingdom, seeing God face to face, fully alive and free in his kingdom. The saints in heaven are praying for each one of us, and their example of courage, strength and faith is a reminder that God is faithful to his promises, and extravagant in his generosity, sharing his own inner life with us in heaven. The next day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we pray for the Holy Souls. The doctrine of purgatory finds its origins throughout scripture – particularly in the book of Maccabees, where Judas Maccabeus takes up an offering so that sacrifice can be offered for those who at their death wanted to be with God, but are not perfect enough to enter the fullness of God’s light and love. Purgatory is not meant to be understood as a punishment but as gift or grace. The “front porch of heaven” is one image of explaining how those destined to be saints are gently exposed to more and more of God’s love and grace; God’s light purifies and sanctifies them so that they can enter the new Jerusalem. When a loved one is separated from us because of sickness, work or travel we experience a kind of pain at not being able to get close and spend time with them. The longer we spend away from them, the more we miss them and long for them to come home. This is the kind of “pain” that the Holy Souls feel – the deep longing to be with God, but the sadness that they are not yet ready to embrace.

During the month of November we are invited to support our beloved dead firstly by praying for them – perhaps at mealtimes with the traditional prayer “may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace”. We can also offer our rosary or other devotions for this intention. November offers an opportunity to visit the graves of our loved ones and spend some time thanking God for their lives and praying that we will be reunited with them one day. Because we believe in the physical resurrection of the body, we know that the body buried in the earth will be the same body restored and resurrected at the end of time. Parents may find this month a good prompt to appropriately and gently introduce to their children the mystery of death, which for Catholics need not be scary, but is an open doorway that we must all walk through and meet Jesus face to face when our time comes. The feast of Christ the King at the end of November marks the end of our church’s year, and also the end of time and the end of this world. One day Christ’s kingdom will be complete

**We  
pray for:**

**Those who have passed away recently:**

Hilmar Wunder

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

Eric Marsden, Mona Kelly, David Mitchell, Irene Ryan, Amelia Smith, Beverley Smith, Mary Donnellan,  
John Pingiaro

**The sick...** Charlie Ebsworth, Nicole Buchanan Dawn Daff, Maggie Campbell, Sr Elizabeth Brown-Russell,  
John Miller, Fiona Leyden, Annette O'Brien, Rod Ebsworth, Liz Layden, Gary Johnson



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and Christ will reign of all peoples, nations and worlds. For now we are called to build up God's kingdom looking forward to what is yet to be revealed, and looking here and now at what God is doing in our lives today.

In every Mass we remember and pray for both the living and the dead. If you would like to have a mass or masses offered specifically for the intentions of the faithful departed, envelopes are available at the back of the Church. You are welcome to write the names of your loved ones on the back of the envelope, and these Masses will be offered for them in the coming months.



The Parish of Saint Thomas More warmly invites families to be a part of a special *Youth and Family Parish Choir* to sing Christmas carols, followed by the Vigil Mass hymns at St Thomas More Church on

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, commencing at 5:10pm.**

The choir will be led by parish volunteers and musicians, Emma Chapple and Ruth Hilton and will be a wonderful opportunity for our families to participate joyfully together in the Mass.

All participants are asked to please indicate their commitment to joining the choir via the Trybooking Link which also contains information regarding rehearsals etcetera.

There is also an event flier in the church foyer.



*There will be Requiem Mass held for Hilmar Wunder at 2:00pm on Wednesday 6th November at St Thomas More Church.*

**Faith Formation for Adults**

**Held each Thursday night in Parish Community Centre 7pm - 8:15pm. All are welcome**

Date	Topic
7/11/24	Catholic moral teaching II
14/11/24	The Saints and Mary
21/11/24	World without end

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

Let's get together ladies!

Every first Friday of the month: 7-9pm (after dinner) for women 18-100+ years  
A chance to connect, chat, laugh and share.

**Details for the next get together will be listed here so watch this space!**

Please contact Kathy Raccanello for more information: [raccanellokathy@gmail.com](mailto:raccanellokathy@gmail.com)



**Healing Mass will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month @ 7pm.**  
 Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 6.15pm.  
 Confessions @ 6.30pm.

*'Heal me, LORD, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise.'* Jeremiah 17:14

**COME AND JOIN US**  
 at St Francis Xavier Parish,  
 60 Davey St, Frankston Vic.

*'Healing Mass' on Friday,  
 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm.*

**Includes:**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration/Benediction, Washing of Hands, Lighting of Candles, Anointing with Holy Oil, Prayers of Healing of the Sick, Family Tree, Intergenerational and Spiritual Warfare.**

*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 / maintenance, 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:

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**Church Account no. 638 078 704**

**Presbytery Account no 637 953 335**

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**Vinnies**

**Vinnies Mornington-Tyabb** is seeking fun passionate volunteers. If you have a passion for helping others and your local community, we would love to meet you.

Weekend volunteers are highly sought after and where we need you most.

Please reach out to the store if you would like to join the team.

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**READERS NEEDED**

Thankyou to those who have already kindly volunteered to read, we are very grateful! We will always welcome more to share the load though. You only need to be able to commit to reading at one Mass per month to help our current volunteers. If you are able to help, please email the Parish Office at [mounteliza@cam.org.au](mailto:mounteliza@cam.org.au) with your name, phone number, and preferred Mass: 5pm Saturday, 8am Sunday or 10am Sunday.

**MINISTER UNTO GOD PRAYER GROUP**

Our prayer group is a Catholic Charismatic prayer group; "Charismatic" meaning it emphasises the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit, present in all believers.

We have been meeting for the past 41 years and have members from parishes around the Peninsula, and other Christian churches.

We praise and worship, we discover through scripture the will and love of God, and we pray for the needs of the wider community.

You are invited to join us every Tuesday morning from 10:00am-12noon at St Macartan's Community Centre (next to the church) at 4 Drake Street Mornington.

All very welcome.

Contact Josie for more information: 0405 380 841

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

# Sunday 3rd November

## 3 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### 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 Deuteronomy 6:2-6

You shall love the Lord your God with all your  
heart

### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

### Second reading Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ, because he remains for ever, can never  
lose his priesthood

### Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to  
them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 12:28-34

'You are not far from the kingdom of God'

### 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 Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.