



SEASONS

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

Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

October 20th 2024

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**Church Services from
11.10.2024**

Sundays

Saturday Vigil Mass	5.00pm
Sunday Mass	8.00am
Sunday Mass	10.00am
Tuesday Mass	5:30pm
Wednesday Mass*	10:00am
Thursday	10:00am
Friday Mass*	10.00am

*Rosary prayed before this Mass.

Reconciliation times

Tuesday	6:00pm—6:30pm
Friday	9.30am —10.00am
Saturday	4.30pm — 5.00pm

Adoration

Tuesday	6:00pm—7:00pm
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Rosary

Monday	12 noon
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**MASSES INDICATED IN RED
ARE FIRST EUCHARIST
MASSES CELEBRATED WITH
OUR PARISH SCHOOL
FAMILIES. WE WARMLY
WELCOME VISITORS WHO
ARE PRAYERFULLY
SUPPORTING THEM**

Dear friends,

This weekend we welcome the candidates from St Thomas More Parish School who will be receiving the Most Blessed Eucharist for the first time. Over the past several weeks and months they have been preparing for this moment by learning about the sacrament, through experiences of prayer and by joining with their mums and dads for an information night. At this meeting I presented the inspiring story of blessed (soon to be saint) Carlo Acutis, whose deep devotion to the Blessed Eucharist brought him and his whole family closer to God. Carlo was born in Milan in 1991 and died in 2006, aged 15 years old. In a very short lifetime, Carlo grew closer to Christ because of his witness of faith. Many more will grow closer to God in the years ahead as they learnt about him and his faith Carlo was beatified on October 10, 2020, and will be canonised a saint sometime next year. Carlo’s deep faith is expressed in some of his quotes taken from his journal. He wrote “The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven”; and ““The Eucharist is the highway to heaven.”

In recent years our Catholics and others have been rediscovering the sense of awe and mystery connected to a Eucharistic life lived. Two expressions of this are the major conferences celebrated earlier this year.

The first large Eucharistic gathering this year was the National Eucharistic Congress celebrated in July. At this event 60,000 Catholics processed from the four corners of the United States into one great celebration of faith at Indianapolis. The positive atmosphere, the incredible range of speakers, workshops and musical celebrations was a life changing moment for those who attended. For those who are interested in watching any of the major talks or Masses, the link to the materials can be found here:

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/> .

The second gathering in September was the International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Equador. More than 25,000 people attended the various Masses, workshops and celebrations focussing on how the Eucharist and the Mass are the centre of our lives as Catholics. In speaking to the 1,600 children making their First Holy Communion, Archbishop Mateus gave these encouraging words:

**We
pray for:**

Those who have passed away recently:



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

John A Hoban, John Eggins, Bunty Bowring, Veronica Wood, William Ryan, John Pierce, Ronald Taylor

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

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.

"This memory will remain engraved in your hearts for life and you will be able to say with certainty that you are the 'Eucharistic missionaries' of our Church in Quito and grow knowing that you are called to build fraternity, starting in your own families,". "Open your hearts, dear children, to receive him with joy, so that the encounter with him in the Eucharist that you are going to receive for the first time will lead you to know how to share, to dream, to be grateful, to trust and honor others," he continued"

Pope Francis shared a special message directly with the first communicants, reminding them *"making your first Communion means wanting to be closer to Jesus every day, to grow in friendship with him and that others can also enjoy the joy that he wants to give us. The Lord needs you to be able to work the miracle, that your joy may reach many of your family members and friends."*

In 2028 the Australian Church will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney. It is hoped that this event will gather together Catholics and others from all Australia and the Pacific, and that it will engage and reenergise our community with the same heroic faith that inspired Carlo Acutis, the Martyrs and Apostles to experience God's real presence in the Eucharist. As we enter into the awe and wonder of receiving the Lord at today's Mass, let us pray especially for our first communicants that this First Holy Communion opens the door to many Holy Communion received with love and devotion.

St Vincent de Paul Conference: *Our sincere thanks to Joan & Andrew who spoke to us last weekend about the important work of the Morning Star Conference which has assisted several hundred families this year with almost \$100,000 of support. We also sincerely thank those parishioners who have agreed to volunteer and visit those need. The next meeting of the St Vincent De Paul Society will be held on **Monday the 21st October in the Undercroft at 7:30pm.** New members are welcome*

Faith Formation for Adults

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

Date	Topic
BREAK for two weeks: October 8th and October 16th	
24/10/24	10 Commandments 1-4—Love of God
31/10/24	10 Commandments 5-10 Love of neighbour
7/11/24	10 Commandments 5-10 Love of neighbour 2
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.

The next get together will be on Friday 1st November.

Please contact Kathy Raccanello for details: raccanellokathy@gmail.com



**Healing Mass will be held on the
3rd Friday of each month @ 7pm.**

'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,
11th October 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:

BSB 083-347

Church Account no. 638 078 704

Presbytery Account no 637 953 335

Alternatively you can scan the QR code below and make your donation this way.



40 Days for Life is campaigning from 25th September to 3rd November. We are still looking for on-site volunteers especially after 2pm weekdays and all hours on weekends. For location, calendar bookings and other information, or to sign up visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne.

TIP VOUCHERS

If anyone can spare any Tip Vouchers, the Parish would greatly appreciate them for our Spring Cleanup! Please drop off to the Parish Office, or in the letterbox if office is unattended.

Thankyou for your support.

READERS NEEDED

Our beautiful team of volunteers who read at each of our Masses could use your help! You only need to be able to commit to reading at one Mass per month to help our current volunteers. If you think you can help, please email the Parish Office at mounteliza@cam.org.au with your name, phone number, and preferred Mass: 5pm Saturday, 8am Sunday or 10am Sunday.

THANKYOU!

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 20th October

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
In the shadow of your wings protect me.

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 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord
wishes will be done

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you.

Second reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Our high priest is one who has been tempted in
every way that we are

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom
for many

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 Mk 10:45

The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.