



SEASONS

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

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

October 27th 2024

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Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30am to 4:30pm

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Church Services from 26.10.2024

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* (All Saints)	10.00am
Friday Vigil Mass (All Souls)	7.30pm

*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
Thursday	9:00am-10:00am

Rosary

Monday	12 noon
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First Friday 1.11.24

Adoration 8:00pm

First Saturday 2.11.24

Adoration 9:00am

**Mass for All Souls (offered for the
intention of protection of human life)
10:00am**

First Sunday 3.11.24

Filipino Mass 4:00pm

Dear friends,

This Friday at the 10am Mass we will celebrate the feast of All Saints—all the unknown men and women who have fought the good fight in this life and triumphed to be with Christ in heaven. It is a day of great joy as we think of the greatness that God has called us to share in when our earthly pilgrimage is over. On Friday evening we turn our thoughts to All Souls day—the day where we pray for those faithful departed who are on their journey to the fullness of life in heaven. There will be All Souls Mass at 7.30pm Friday as well as 10am Saturday.

As we drive around the streets of Mount Eliza, or visit the local supermarket, or any major shop you will find a great interest and excitement in Halloween. For a Catholic it is worth looking at the significance of Halloween in the context of our faith which is inspired by the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.

The exact origins of Halloween and its traditions are somewhat muddled. Some historians claim that Halloween is a “baptized” form of Samhain, an ancient Gaelic festival celebrating the harvest and marking the beginning of winter – the time of year when a significant portion of the population would often die.

Because of the fear of death that came with winter, celebrations of Samhain seemed to have included going door to door asking for treats dressed in costumes, which were thought to disguise the living from life-taking spirits. The Catholic feast of All Saints Days traces its origins in the Church to the year 609, and it was first celebrated in May. However, in the 9th century, Pope Gregory IV moved the holiday to Nov. 1, so that Oct. 31 would become the celebration of the vigil of the feast – All Hallow’s Eve.

Father Vincent Lampert is a Vatican-trained exorcist speaks about his work as an exorcist and what people can do to protect themselves against the demonic. “Ultimately I don’t think there’s anything wrong with the kids putting on a costume, dressing up as a cowboy or Cinderella, and going through the neighborhood and asking for treats; that’s all good clean fun,” Fr. Lampert said. The danger lies in costumes that deliberately glorify evil and instill fear in people, or when people pretend to have special powers or dabble in magic and witchcraft, even if they think it’s just for entertainment

The priest explains that the consumerist reinterpretation of the Celtic festival in places like Australia and the United States has emptied it of its content of faith and allowed Halloween to become “become rooted in magic, horror, and death, unlike Christianity,” in addition to being “closely linked today to dark realities such as witchcraft and satanism.”

**We
pray for:**

Those who have passed away recently:

Maree Bracken

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Bruce Wright, Beverley Smith, John Hooper

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

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.



The exorcist also highlighted that Halloween marks, for satanists, the beginning of the Satanic Year, which makes it more dangerous. Although most of those who celebrate it "have no intention of celebrating witchcraft and the devil," they can unwittingly put themselves "in communion with this maleficent spiritual current" and become "more vulnerable to the ordinary and extraordinary actions" of the devil.

"In the book of Deuteronomy, in chapter 18, it talks about not trying to consult the spirits of the dead, not consulting those who dabble in magic and witchcraft and the like," he said, "because it's a violation of a Church commandment that people are putting other things ahead of their relationship with God." "One of the best things Catholics can do is to use Halloween as a teachable moment, Fr. Lampert said. "A lot of children are out celebrating Halloween, perhaps evil is being glorified, but we're not really sitting around and talking about why certain practices are not conducive with our Catholic faith and our Catholic identity. I think using it as a teachable moment would be a great thing to do."

The custom of dressing up for Halloween is devotional in spirit," he said. "By dressing up as the saints whom we most admire, we imagine ourselves following their example of Christian discipleship. This practice allows the lay faithful in festive celebration to become 'living icons' of the saints, who are themselves 'icons' or 'windows' offering real-life examples of the imitation of Christ." "In dressing up as saints we make Christian discipleship our own in a special way, following the exhortation of St. Paul: 'Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ,'" he said, citing Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Proper veneration of the saints naturally leads to adoration of the Lamb who was slain, whom the saints adore and follow wherever he goes," he said. "True devotion to the saints, through our prayers and imitation of their witness, leads us sinners back to Christ." Let us urge one another this Halloween to express in every detail of our observance the beauty and depth of the Feast of All Saints,"

"Let us make this year's celebration an act of true devotion to God, whose saints give us hope that we too may one day enter into the Kingdom prepared for God's holy ones from the beginning of time."

There will be Requiem Mass held for Teodoro Panuccio at 11:00am on Tuesday 29th October at St Thomas More Church.

Faith Formation for Adults

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

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

Date	Topic
31/10/24	Catholic moral teaching I
7/11/24	Catholic moral teaching II
14/11/24	The Saints and Mary
21/11/24	World without end



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 27th October

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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 **Jeremiah 31:7-9**

I will guide them by a smooth path where they will
not stumble

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 125(126)**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are
filled with joy.

Second reading **Hebrews 5:1-6**

'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and
for ever'

Gospel Acclamation **cf 2 Timothy 1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with
death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 10:46-52**

Go; your faith has saved you

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 19:6**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.