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

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

September 15th 2024

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Church Services from 15.9.2024

Sundays

Saturday Vigil Mass	5.00pm
Sunday Mass	8.00am
Sunday Mass	10.00am
Tuesday Mass	5:30pm
Wednesday Mass*	10:00am
Thursday Mass	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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Upcoming changes to Mass times:

Thursday 26.9.24 8:30am Mass
(instead of 10:00am)

Wednesday 2.10.24 8:30am Mass
(Instead of 10:00am)

Friday 18.10.24 8:00am Mass
(Instead of 10:00am)

Dear Friends

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realised his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will still rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

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There will be a Requiem Mass offered for John Kinnaird on Thursday 19th of September at 11:30am.

**We
pray for:**

Those who have passed away recently:

John Kinnaird



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Monica Prendergast, Patrick Ginnane, John Murphy, John Maxwell, John McLoughlin, Michele Rogic,

The sick... Charlie Ebsworth, Nicole Buchanan Dawn Daff, 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.

Faith Formation for Adults each Thursday night from July 25th in Parish Community Centre 7pm - 8:15pm.

Following the successful completion of the Alpha Programme which focused more on personal faith, the Holy Spirit and prayer, we have now launched the formal catechetical part of our instruction for adults. We warmly invite anyone to join us for regular meetings where we will learn about the Catholic Faith, answer questions and enter into the mysteries, history and beauty of the Church's life and teachings. Over the next few months, Fr Patrick will present 14 classes on various topics. If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic the classes each week will help prepare you to receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. These will be celebrated on November 24th. If you are interested in this please email me directly: Patrick.bradford@cam.org.au. However, anyone is able to join any of the classes if you are curious of would like to know more about the faith. Next class details below:

Date	Topic
19/9/24	Confession & Anointing
26/9/24	Marriage and Holy Orders
3/10/24	Catholic Social Teaching
BREAK	
24/10/24	10 Commandments 1-4—Love of God
31/10/24	10 Commandments 5-10 Love of neighbour pt 1
7/11/24	10 Commandments 5-10 Love of neighbour pt 2
14/11/24	The Saints and Mary
21/11/24	World without end

Day of prayer for Peace

In the world and in our hearts

On the anniversary of the Feast of Our Lady of Victories, the St Thomas More community will gather on Monday, 7th October for a day of prayer, recollection, meditation and fellowship. This date will mark the first anniversary of the recent tensions that erupted in Israel last year, and have continued until now. The day will run from 9am until 4pm and there will be opportunity for Mass, adoration, reconciliation, the Rosary, divine mercy chaplet as well as time for fellowship and reflection.

More information is available in the foyer.

Save the date: October 7th

Women's Fellowship Group

Please note there will be no catchup in October.

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

Kathy: raccanellokathy@gmail.com

**Live Your Best Life in Love...
A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...**

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions.

The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected

and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

We are also offering a weekend in Trafalgar, Gippsland on November 16 -17th, 2024.

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

**Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the
Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliari
Project, Salesians of Don Bosco**

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2025 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands.

*For more information, or to send us an enquiry:
www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au*

Thankyou from Salesians of Don Bosco

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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

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



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 15th September

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people of Israel

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 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land
of the living.

Second reading James 2:4-18

If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead

Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the
world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

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 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.