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

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

September 22nd 2024

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Reflection on today's Second Reading:

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done.' (James 3:16) Everyone has ambitions. Sometimes a young person might say, 'My ambition when I grow up is to be a doctor' (or a teacher, or an Olympic gold medallist). And some of us have higher ambitions than others. Some people have the ambition to be prime minister. We all have desires for fulfilment. For example, we find fulfilment in making good use of our talents in the service of other people. That is how human beings are; that is how God made us. But St James in our second reading today speaks about a negative kind of ambition: 'Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done.' So one kind of negative ambition is jealous ambition: we want, not just to do well – we have to be the best, and maybe even to the extent that we find ourselves hoping that other people do badly.

Church Services from 22.9.2024

Sundays

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday Mass 8.00am

Sunday Mass 10.00am

Tuesday Mass 5:30pm

Wednesday Mass* 10:00am

Thursday Mass **8:30am**

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

Rosary

Monday 12 noon

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)**

**The Church is now open from
9am until 4.30pm on Wednesdays
and Fridays. All are very welcome**

In the gospel today we hear of the same kind of ambition: the disciples are arguing on the road about which of them is the greatest. And Jesus says to them, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' In itself, there is nothing wrong with having the ambition to be a leader. We need good leaders, and some people are born with the talent for that. But it is an ambition which needs to be treated with special caution: so often it can turn into the desire just to be 'number one', to be on top and have power over other people.

We have probably all experienced in ourselves that determination to get our own way no matter what. And of course, when two people want their own way no matter what, a fight is going to happen. So the problem is not with having desires, having ambitions. The problem comes when we make our own ambitions absolute – when we focus on them so much that we do not put them into the bigger context of what is good for other people – ultimately, when we do not put them into the bigger context of God's commandments, and especially the greatest commandment, the commandment of love.

Ambition in a negative sense comes about because we do not have harmony within ourselves, the harmony that comes from being subject to God. St James asks us, 'Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves?' It is only when we make God's will the absolute law of our lives that everything else falls into place. God's plan is for the good of each person, and for the good of all of us together as a community, so it is by following his will that we find harmony.

First of all, things fall into place in our own hearts, instead of all our desires battling each other; and second, things fall into place in our relationships with other people. When the first priority in our hearts is the will of God, then we do not make our own desires and preferences absolute. We are willing to give way to other people when that is the appropriate thing to do. This is what gives us peace, and ultimately it is

**We
pray for:**

Those who have passed away recently:

Maureen Williams



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Mildred Hanmer, Edward Doherty, Norman Prendergast, John Bowring, Celestine Fennessy, Charles Doherty, Patrick Willstead, Patricia Learson-Dash, Bernice Chute, Sheila Walker, Norman Heallard, Joan Enright

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, Jane Cooper-Jenkins.

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
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

FOOD DONATIONS

As October 7th approaches, we are asking for volunteers to assist with catering.

We are asking for plates of sandwiches or a cake/slice from anyone who is able to assist.

Anyone donating cakes can leave them at the church at on Sunday 6th October, or bring on Monday 7th. Please name your plate if it is not disposable.

Sandwiches can be brought on Monday the 7th and left at the church.

There is a clipboard in the foyer for you to fill out your details and an indication of the type of item you will provide.

Thankyou for your generous support.

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

There will be a Requiem Mass for Margaret McCartney at St Thomas More on Tuesday 24th September at 10:30am

the only way peace can come to the whole world. It is an impossible dream, maybe, that in this life everyone will follow this way of peace, but if we each keep converting our own hearts, and praying for the grace we need to do this, then at least we are making a start with ourselves. So: certainly, we rightly aim for good things for ourselves, for our families; we rightly have the ambition to develop our talents – but always with God’s plan, God’s law as our overall guide, not simply indulging our own desires without any restraint or qualification. Today’s gospel speaks of Jesus predicting his own death and resurrection to the disciples. Following God’s will does often mean crucifying our own desires – the path to peace within our hearts is not always an easy one. But only by following that path of self-denial do we come to resurrection, to the true fulfilment that comes when we have peace with God, peace within our own hearts, and peace with one another. –

(Credit to St Patrick’s Mentone/ Parkdale Parish– with editing)

**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 :

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

From 25th September to 3rd November you’re invited to take part in an international campaign against abortion: **40 Days for Life**. For details of location and other information, including how 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.



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

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 :



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

Sunday 22nd September

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 **Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

The wicked prepare to ambush the just man

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 53(54):3-6,8**

The Lord upholds my life

Second reading **James 3:16-4:3**

The wisdom that comes from above makes for
peace

Gospel Acclamation **cf Thessalonians 2:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 9:30-37**

Anyone who welcomes one of these little
children in my name welcomes me

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 **Jn 10:14**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and they know me.