



SEASONS

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

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

September 29th 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

Rosary

Monday 12 noon

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

First Friday 4th October

Adoration 8:00pm

First Saturday 5th October

Adoration 9:00am

Mass for the Unborn 10:00am

First Sunday 5th October

Filipino Mass 4:00pm

On the 7th of October , the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, St Thomas More Parish will be hosting a day of prayer for peace. All are very welcome. A flyer is available in the Church foyer

The Church dedicates the month of October to the Rosary, that simple but beautiful prayer filled with holy power. The Rosary offers us a great weapon in spiritual struggles. After the Mass, no other prayer has been encouraged so regularly by the Church. Our Lady, across many of her apparitions, asks us to pray it every day.

Why? In part because the 20 minutes of prayer it requires forms a basis for the daily practice of meditation, which is necessary for growth in the Christian life. Though many people complain that it can become formulaic, the Rosary should become a profound form of personal prayer, as the prayers of each bead address God and Our Lady directly: “Our Father,” “Hail (or even “hello”) Mary,” Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,” and “O My Jesus.” Meditating on the mysteries of our salvation draws us daily into the reality of our faith.

The Rosary serves as a means of fighting against the many forces of evil that oppress us by drawing us close to Jesus and Mary. As an act of love, it also makes reparation for sin — both our own sins and for a world that has turned against God.

The Rosary in particular has been used for teaching the faith and overcoming difficulties. St. Dominic often receives credit for popularizing the Rosary in his efforts to preach to the Albigensians of southern France in the 13th century.

The historical record points to a more gradual development that engages all of the major religious orders. Strings of beads first became common in the 11th century, with the name Paternosters because they were used for reciting 50 Our Fathers. By the next century, Ave Marias were added, beginning the practice of the Rosary in rudimentary form. It was the Cistercian Order that began the practice of praying a Marian Psalter of 150 Hail Marys taking the place of psalms, with the monk Stephen of Sallay encouraging the meditation of 15 Marian joys in the 13th century (shortly after the time of St. Dominic).

It was a Carthusian, Dominic of Prussia, who added the Our Father and Glory Be to the Rosary while meditating on the mysteries in the 15th century, while the Franciscans promoted their own version of the Rosary, a Crown of Roses dedicated to the Seven Joys of Mary. Bl. Alan de la Roche, also in the 15th century, promoted the Dominican version of the Rosary and established the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary. This Dominican version became formalized for the entire Church under the fifteen classic mysteries of joy, sorrow, and

**We
pray for:**

Those who have passed away recently:

Jane Cooper Jenkins

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Leo Ryan, Mary Irene Pearson, Thomas Kelly, Edward Mast, Eileen Redfern, Dr Francis J McCoy,

Gracie Scicluna

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.



glory by the Dominican Pope, St. Pius V, who also established the feast of the Our Lady of the Rosary in 1571, in thanksgiving for the Battle of Lepanto. Even afterward, the Rosary continued to take shape, with Our Lady of Fatima asking for the addition of the "O My Jesus prayer" at the end of each decade in 1917 and St. John Paul II adding Luminous Mysteries in 2002.

Rooted in ancient prayers to Our Lady and taking shape in the Middle Ages, the Rosary has been put forward as a great weapon against the evils of our age. When Our Lady appeared to the three children in Fatima in 1917, she asked them to "Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." By adding a prayer to the Rosary, she pointed us to the need to pray for those "most in need," asking mercy for them, especially that all of us would be saved "from the fires of hell," which the children were shown.

The Rosary offers us such a simple solution, which, therefore, can be easily overlooked. Jesus has already overcome all evil and sin in the world, but he invites us to cooperate with his work for our salvation. Mary asks us to spend time with her and Jesus each day as an act of love and reparation in order to obtain peace and conversion.

In praying the Rosary, we are standing alongside of our fellow sinners, praying for them when they are not and asking the Lord to have mercy on them. As an act of love, this makes reparation, which the Catechism's glossary describes as "making amends for a wrong done or for an offense, especially for sin, which is an offense against God." Let's not overlook such a simple answer to the world's problems. Prayer truly provides the means forward for humanity as we recover our obedience to God and make amends for turning away

Faith Formation for Adults

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

Date	Topic
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
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

Please note there will be no catchup in October.

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

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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.

**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

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.

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.



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 29th September

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
And deal with us according to the bounty of your
mercy

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 Numbers 11:25-29

If only the whole people of the Lord were
prophets!

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118(119):8,10,12-14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart

Second reading James 5:1-6

The Lord hears the cries of those you have
cheated

Gospel Acclamation cf John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth;
make us holy in the truth
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my
name

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 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.