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

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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Church Services from 1.9.2024

Sundays

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sunday Mass 8.00am
Sunday Mass 10.00am

Tuesday Mass 5:30pm

Wednesday Mass* 8:30am

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

First Friday of the month 6/9

Adoration 8pm

First Saturday of the month 7/9

Adoration 9am

Mass for the Unborn 10:00am

**The Church is now open from
9am until 4.30pm on Wednesdays
and Fridays. All are very welcome
to drop in for quiet prayer.**

Dear Friends

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

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**We
pray for:**

Those who have passed away recently:



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

Vincent Cleary, Jim, Hunter, Mary Sheila Butler, Myrtle Haines, Maurice Doyle, Matthew Patrick Kelly

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
12/9/24	Eucharist & The Mass
19/9/24	Confession & Anointing
BREAK - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
10/10/24	Marriage & Holy Orders
17/10/24	Catholic Social Teaching
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

**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 Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco**

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

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.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Thankyou from Salesians of Don Bosco

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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

Sunday 8th September

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 35:4-7

The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second reading James 2:1-5

God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

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 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
 but will have the light of life.