

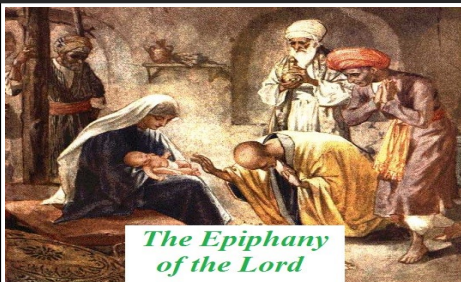
SEASONS

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

The Epiphany of the Lord — Year B

3rd January 2021

**Welcome and Thank you to our visiting Priests
Fr Geoffrey McIlroy and Fr Len Size**



*The Epiphany
of the Lord*

Led by the star, the wise men found and worshipped the Christ Child. Led by faith, we too have found Christ, and in the Eucharist we worship him.

As of 6th December, **Our St Thomas More Church has a total capacity (based on current distancing laws) of 130 people.**

DHHS has given the following directives for gathering of **all** religious groups:

- v Social distancing and Hand sanitising is to be observed at all times.
- v Wearing of a face-mask is optional and mandatory in confined spaces.
- v Absolutely No physical contact between persons.

Remember, you are the best person to make the decision for yourself about attending Mass during this time of Corona Virus.

Mass Arrangements for STM

Parish from the Weekend of 2/3 January 2021

Weekend Reconciliation & Masses

Saturday	Reconciliation	5:00 PM—5:30 PM
	Vigil Mass	6:00 PM
Sunday	Masses	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses are suspended from 16th December 2020 until Fr Patrick Bradford arrives in the second week of January 2021



St Thomas More acknowledges the Traditional Land owners, the Bunurong people on which we live, work and worship. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and merging.

We pray for...

Those who have passed away recently...

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.... Tony Pinnuck, Brendan Dickson, Agnes McDonald, Inga Kufer, Keith Jackson, Michael Gleesa

The sick... Rosemary Ivey, Patricia Leerson-Dash, Bill Hunt, Shirley Spry, Dennis Mirrabella, Michael



Leonard, Liz Spurdle, John Spurdle, Evonne Paddison, Maree Bracken, Maria Truong, Bill Luscombe, Brigitte Rohner, Eileen O'Beirne, Helen Steinbach, Ava Macias, Michael MacKenzie, Luke Carroll, Betty Corke, Chloe, David Dole, Maria Kelly, Elizabeth Ware, Althea Greeff, Michael Blick, Maureen Anstey, Jake Steyn, Adrian Gobel, and all of the sick at the George Vowell Centre & Ranelagh Gardens Nursing home **and the parishioners of St Thomas More Parish, Tequinomata, East Timor, St Therese Parish, Bathurst Island and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs.**

The Epiphany of the Lord — Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.



Next Week's Readings — Year B

The Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11



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Mass online

www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

OR <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

OR <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

OR St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Daily and Sunday Mass is available, with the I am Mass live streamed; it is also available as a recording on-demand.

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

The Bishops of Victoria have suspended the Sunday Mass Obligation for all Catholics in Victoria until further notice.

Mass is broadcast via the **Ten Network (6am Sunday)**

for any one who would like to participate.

Financial Matters 27th December

	Actual	Pledge
Stewardship	\$ 492	\$ 1017
(December weekly average: \$ 2053)		
Presbytery	\$ 1222	
(including Christmas collections)		

*Thanks to all of you who give
so generously to support
our parish.*

What's Happening Here ...

**Our next Parish Administrator is Fr Patrick Bradford
who will arrive on 9th January 2021**

Safeguarding Committee

The next meeting is 21st January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Contact: John Natoli (Coordinator) 0418 208 778 or
Julie Carter (Banda) 0420 923 859 or Parish Office on 9787 7777



Hello Volunteers, The Church rosters will expire at the end of December.



I would like to compile our new rosters as soon as I can but I need your help!

I would like to know

- if you are comfortable resuming volunteer duties, and
- what are your current preferences, eg which mass time and which duty/s.

I acknowledge that for some people it is still too soon to return to public circulation. I respect your decision.

Only you know when it is right for you to return or engage in out of house activities.

Hopefully I will receive enough replies back to the Office to provide you with a fair roster so that we do not burn out our wonderful volunteers. No one wants the pressure of Reading or AV operator each week.

Please have a think over the weekend about what role you can play at St Thomas Mores Parish over the next 4 months.

Again, I want to state; there is no pressure to attend church or sign up for rosters unless you are comfortable doing so.

Bye for now.... Regards Vicki Abbatangelo Parish Office Manager

STM Social Club Fun & Friendship For All

New members are always most welcome! Membership fee is \$30.

Please contact **Carolyn Gascoigne on 0448 871 970**

St Thomas More Website:

<https://www.stm-mteliza.org/>

Our main website has some operating problems when you select the Weekly Bulletin Page it freezes. It is due to it's age and the Archdiocese IT department suggest I place **the weekly bulletin link on the HOME page.**

This link will take you to our other Website where you can scroll down the home page to find the newsletter on the left hand side.

<http://pol.org.au/mounteliza/Home.aspx>

STM Parish Office Limited Hours: leave message on 9787 7777 and Vicki will return your call.

After Hours or Anointing of Sick :

Please leave a message at Mornington Parish Office on 5975 2200



Pastoral Care for STM Parish during the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic

This plan will be revised upon further easing of restrictions

1. **STM Church and Office operating under current restrictions**
2. **Seasons** publish online, send out by email, or by post.
Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive a copy of *Seasons* by post.
3. **Pastoral visitation: Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the housebound:**
By request through Mornington Office on **5975 2200**

Assistance Required

Due to building density and social distancing regulations, STM Church can only have a total of 130 attendees for each service.

However, before STM Parish can start having 130 attendees at each Mass it is necessary that we have at least a team of 2 volunteers to assist with sanitising the Church after Mass. Also, we need 1 volunteer to supervise the registration process for each Mass. Ideally, we would need to have more than 1 team of volunteers to help with cleaning the Church and to supervise the registration process. If you are able to assist with either of these duties please contact the parish office ASAP.

Sat 6:00PM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: **Margaret Jamieson**

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: **Sam Failla**

Team 2

Sanitiser 1:

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: **Don McKenzie**

Sunday 8:00 AM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: **Barry & Marj Hansen**

Sanitiser 2: **Mary Goss**

Registration: **Joan Bekery-Coleman**

Team 2

Sanitiser 1: **Beatrice Rodriguez**

Sanitiser 2: **Ron & Charlotte Congues**

Registration:

Sunday 10:00 AM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: **Lien Sy**

Sanitiser 2: **Stephanie Nguyen**

Registration: **Maree Shelton**

Team 2

Sanitiser 1:

Sanitiser 2:

Registration: **Maurie Hutchinson**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST- PPLT

The PPLT are currently under quota and so we are calling on all interested parishioners to put their hands up to join the PPLT. We meet in the evening on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to discuss, plan and implement activities that benefit the whole parish community. During this difficult year we have met via Zoom meetings but usually we meet in the Parish House

Please consider joining the PPLT. This represents us, the people of our community and it's where our voices can be heard. We are an advisory group to the Parish Priest/ Administrator and we work together with the best interests of this Parish in mind. At the centre of our meetings is the Parish three year Plan (which is due for an update) and decisions are made within this framework.

If you want further information or wish to express an interest in joining us you can contact any of the PPLT.

PPLT Members: Jacinta Griffin (Chair), Leonie Burke, Carmel Huggard, Margaret Jamieson