

SEASONS

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

Holy Family — Year B

27th December 2020

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



Heart of Jesus, I adore Thee,
Heart of Mary, I implore there,
Heart of Joseph, pure and just,
in these hearts I put my trust.

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.

We would like to invite parishioners who would like to attend Mass to register your interest with the parish by phone ([Registration for Weekend Masses - Closed Friday 3PM](#)).

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

Parish from the Weekend of 26/27 December 2020

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... Salih Basic



Those whose anniversaries fall at this time....

George Morrow, George Grech, Valda Pierce, Tomasine Hennessy, Maurice Carr, Sidney Smith, Karel Merkus

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.**

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First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3

Your own son shall be your heir.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Acclamation:

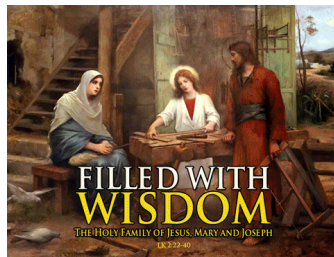
Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.



Next Week's Readings —Year B

The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



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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 20th December

	Actual	Pledge
Stewardship	\$ 1941	\$ 2247
Presbytery	\$ 318	

*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.

Assistance Required

Due to building density and social distancing regulations, STM Church can only have a total of 130 attendees for each service (this figure could be doubled when the building density and social distancing rules are further eased by Christmas).

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. Failia

Team 2

Sanitiser 1: Anselm Gunsekera

Sanitiser 2: Yolande Gunsekera

Registration: Don McKenzie

Sunday 8:00 AM Mass

Team 1

Sanitiser 1: Barry Hansen

Sanitiser 2: Marj Hansen

Registration: Joan Bekery-Coleman

Team 2

Sanitiser 1: Beatrice Rodriguez

Sanitiser 2: Mary Goss

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