

St Thomas More's Parish

*St Thomas More's Catholic Parish, a welcoming people of faith,
lives out God's Mission, embracing love, justice and peace.*

*We acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair people, the Traditional Owners
who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship
of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country
and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: 6 – 7 July, 2019

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

It is not unusual for a crisis to function as the catalyst for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution. While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognize that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church. The so-called "crisis of numbers" is also leading many priests and religious to rediscover the heart of their respective calls either to leadership in faith or to prophetic challenge. Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to "fill the gaps", we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses "seventy others" and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or "pairs" constitute a formidable resource for the mission. They are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kin-dom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them.

Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples. Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an "accurate" but "incomplete" knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorization of the present leadership and the unflinching support of the local communities.

(Reflection by Sister of Mercy, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Theologian and Biblical Scholar)

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Parish Diary: 8 - 14 July 2019

Monday: 9.00am.....Mass
7.00pm.....St V de P
Tuesday: 2.00pm.....Liturgy Group
5.30pm.....Mass
7.00pm.....PRDC
Tue to Sat 7.00am..... Mass at St Pat's
Wednesday: 9.00am...Liturgy of the Word
10.00am.....Open Door
10.30am.Jubilee Mass St Pat's
Thursday 7.00pm.....Social Justice
Friday: 9.00am..... Mass
Saturday 7.00am.....Car Boot Sale

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Mass: 6.00pm Saturday
8.30am Sunday
Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37



July 2019

6/7 July – Fr Hal Ranger 60 Years of Priesthood Celebration
13 July – Car Boot Sale
20/21 July – First Communion

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

Celebrating Fr Hal Ranger's 60 years as a Priest:

We are celebrating Fr Hal Ranger's 60 years as a priest at both Masses this weekend. Please stay after Mass to continue the celebration over refreshments. We congratulate Fr Hal on this great milestone in his journey of ministry.

Car Boot Sale July 13:

The Car Boot Sale is happening next Saturday 13 July 2019 starting from 7 am. Sites still available at a cost of \$20 for cars or \$25 for gazebo/market stall set ups. There will be a sausage sizzle on the day and tea and coffee will be available. Please spread the word. All inquiries can be directed to Michael at the Parish Office or to any of the members of the Committee.

First Communion:

First Communion will be celebrated at both Masses on the weekend of 20 and 21 July 2019. Any queries, please contact Michael on 0407 804 461 or by email: parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au

Leadership In Our Parish:

Our Parish Pastoral Council plays a vital role in ensuring the ongoing vibrancy of our community as we live the mission of Jesus. This year three members are needed to join the six others who are continuing. A person on the Pastoral Council is nominated by a member of the Parish and needs to be a baptised Catholic who attends St Thomas More's and who is willing to be recognised within our community and to be approachable. To be able to accept nomination, it is important that participation does not take from family life. Family support is vital.

The commitment is to at least one meeting per month (with the exception of January) over a period of two years (with an option to extend for a third year). Some ministries require more time and on occasion sub-committees are formed.

For more information: see the Parish website page: http://stthomasmores.org.au/?page_id=45, speak with Pastoral Council Members or the Parish Leader. An Information Night for nominees will be held on 29 June at 7pm in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Penance Program:

The next Sacramental Program starts at the end of July. This group will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at the end of August this year and Confirmation and Communion in 2019. Applications still welcome. For further details, please contact Michael, our Parish Leader, by phone, 4635 9555, mobile, 0407 804 461, or by email, parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au

Spring Clean Garage Sale – Date Claimer:

Following the success of the Spring Clean Garage Sale last year, the Parish Revenue Development Committee are preparing to run another one in 2019. The sale is scheduled for Saturday 7 September and will also run on the following Saturday 14 September if needed. If you are doing the autumn or winter clean up, please keep this event in mind. As happened last year, we can pick up items ahead of the sale. All inquiries can be directed to Michael at the Parish Office or to any of the members of the Committee.

Cashless Donation Point:

In the near future, we will be setting up a Cashless Donation Point in the foyer of the Church. The declining use of cash in favour of electronic payments means that someone who is a visitor to our Church for Mass or other occasions, for example Baptism, may wish to make a donation to the Church, but may not be carrying cash. This will give them the opportunity to make a donation. The Cashless Donation Point will be pre-set for \$5 and will work like any other "tap and go" terminal. Please note that the current Planned Giving and Envelope arrangements, as well as the normal Sunday collections, will continue unchanged. This will simply be an option for those who don't carry cash.

Baptisms:

This Sunday, we welcome into our Church Community **Kosta Ryan Danger Duggan and Frankie Neve Duggan** son and daughter of Ryan and Lisa Duggan, **Henry Magnus Gillett** son of Emily and David Gillett and **Matilda May Ryann Myles** daughter of Tasman Myles and Savannah Ranford.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:

The Winter Appeal has now commenced. Donation envelopes are now available in the Church foyer.

Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on 22 July 2019.

Jubilee Celebration of Priestly Ordination:

On Wednesday 10 July 2019 at 10.30am a Jubilee Celebration of Priestly Ordination will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral to honour Fr Hal Ranger (60 years of priesthood), Bishop Bill Morris and Fr Brian Connolly (both 50 years of priesthood). All welcome to attend.

Ordination to the Priesthood – Tom Duncan:

Bishop Robert McGuckin warmly invites the diocesan community to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of Tom Duncan at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.30 pm on Thursday 18 July.

Drake's Supermarket Tags:

St Vincent de Paul received the amount of \$102 from Drakes this month so keep on using your tags when shopping at Drakes as these funds are a boost for St Vincent de Paul.

Cent Sale:

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their Cent Sale on WEDNESDAY JULY 10. It will be held at ALL SEASONS FUNCTION HALL, North and Tor Sts TOOWOOMBA. For further information contact the Sisters on 46321818.

Blue Care Grief and Loss Program:

A Blue Care Grief and Loss Program to provide support for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one will be held at the Blue Care complex, Middle Ridge commencing Wednesday 31st July 9.30am – 11.30am. This is a free, small group program and registration is essential. Please contact Margaret Spinks 0491071787 or bluecare.grief.loss@gmail.com to register or for more information.

Missionary Sisters of Service 75th Anniversary:

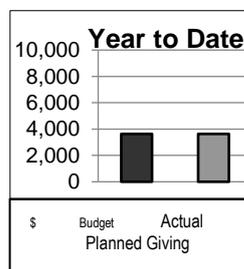
Everyone is invited to join the Sisters at a Diocesan Mass celebrating the 75th anniversary of their foundation. Bishop Morris will be the main celebrant at St. Anthony's parish, Memory St. Harristown on Sunday 4th August at 2pm. Also their coffee table commemorative cookbook "Food for the Highways and Byways" will be on sale at \$40 (cash). Afternoon tea will be provided. Please RSVP by 27th July. Contact Sr. Mary Cleary, (07) 4634 9786 or email: marycleary5@bigpond.com

PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: Bryan Flemming, Terry Tyers, Ned Sparksman, Pauline Dixon, Allan Wills, Damian Wyvill, Sara Mehari, Scott Murphy, Michelle Halpin, Christine Prescott, Toni Fitzgibbon, Camille Taylor, Patrick McNamee, Janice Lockhart, Dodie McGrane, Christene Andrews, Maria Hunter-Robinson, Val Sharpe, Paul Turner, Hedy Marshall, Mary Buttin, Rev Fr Brian Sparksman, James Babineau, Mort Edmiston, Arleen Hansen, Peter Webster, Ros Morton, Monica Gleeson, Georgie Rose Allen, Denis O'Dea.

Recently Deceased: Sylvia Lawton

Anniversaries: Rev Fr Simon O'Dea, Rev Fr Ralph Underwood, Monica Bermingham.



PLANNED GIVING

As we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and the beginning of NAIDOC, we celebrate the life of the late Deacon Boniface Perdjert, the first permanent Deacon ordained in Australia. He passed away in March 2019 and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have shared the following tribute to this well-loved and respected elder:

It is with heavy hearts that we farewell Deacon Boniface Perdjert, who went to God on Monday - March 18, 2019 - following an extended stay in hospital.

Deacon Boniface, who was 82 blazed a trail for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to follow as he not only walked between two worlds – Catholic and Traditional – he brought them together. His words and actions spoke loudly to the members of the Wadeye Community – of which he was a deeply loved and respected Elder – but also to the Catholic Hierarchy with whom he shared his wisdom on many official occasions.

He was ordained the first permanent Deacon in Australia at Port Keats on July 19th 1974 by Bishop John O'Loughlin, the Bishop of Darwin and in November 1986, Boniface assisted at the Mass celebrated by now Saint John Paul II in Alice Springs when he delivered the famous address to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. He again assisted St. John Paul II at the beatification Mass for Mary Mackillop in Sydney in January 1995. [A special article was produced by NATSICC to mark Deacon Boniface's 80th Birthday in 2016.](#)

A man of extraordinary faith, Deacon Boniface was able to describe the ways in which his culture and faith came together. He once described this relationship by saying “Jesus told us we have to love God with whole hearts, mind and spirit that means the whole of me and the whole of me is Aboriginal. There is no other way for me to love him.” Simple yet powerful.

As the wider Catholic and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities grieve alongside the community in Wadeye, the members of NATSICC ask that you keep Deacon Boniface’s words in your hearts and continue the journey that he started all those years back by expressing your faith and culture in a way that is meaningful to you and enlightening for the Australian Catholic Church as a whole.

A Quote from Deacon Boniface:

*God did not begin to take an interest in people
with the incarnation of his Son,
nor with Abraham.
My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham.
In all that time God was with my people.
He worked through their culture.
He was saving us despite human weakness.
He was preparing us for the day
when he would see the features of Aboriginals
in the image of his Son.
So I must recognise,
I must use the things of God that are in my culture.
I must use them in his service.
If I do not do this,
my faith and my service are shallow.
They are a pretending.
They belong to someone else, not to me.
God has asked us to love him with whole mind, heart and soul.
So I must give myself to God as an Aboriginal.
This is what God wants or he would not have made me what I am.*

(The above words were written in the late 1970's)

Gathering: A New Heart for A New World

T Watts/M O'Brien

**Create a new heart, holy Lord,
Beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
United as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
Heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name,
We pray our hearts change.**

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor, calls us on.
Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth.

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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.

Psalm:

C Smith

**Response:
Let all the earth cry out to God with songs of joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O rendour him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'

"Before you all the earth shall bow;
Shall sing to you, sing to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
Tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
They passed through the river dry shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
He rules forever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
Nor withhold his love from me.

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Verse before the Gospel: Alleluia

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord hear our prayer.

Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your
Death, O Lord until you come again.

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Preparation of the gifts:

M Herry

Lord, we come to your table Lord, we hear your word
Lord, you are our bread of life and we the Body of Christ.

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Communion: The Harvest of Justice

D. Haas

**May we find richness in the harvest of justice
Which Christ Jesus has ripened for us.
Bread for the journey, bread for the hungry,
All for the glory and praise of God.**

Gather with patience for those who have nothing.
Leave them your riches and you will receive.
Make room for the poor ones, make way for the stranger;
For I am the Lord, the Lord your God.

For to have mercy on those forgotten,
This is my true law, this is my command:
Clothe the naked, be home for the orphan,
Be hope for the widow and welcome the lost.

For to have little is to be in abundance,
To give what remains, to give all we have,
Is to walk with the poor ones and become the stranger,
One with the Lord, the Lord our God.

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Thanksgiving: Let There Be Peace On Earth

S Miller & J Jackson

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family:
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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Recessional: Bring Forth the Kingdom

M Haugen

CANTOR: You are salt for the earth, O people;

ALL: Salt for the Kingdom of God!

CANTOR: Share the flavour of life, O people:

ALL: Life in the Kingdom of God.

Refrain: **Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God.**

CANTOR: We are a blest and a pilgrim people:

ALL: Bound for the Kingdom of God!

CANTOR: Love our journey and love our homeland:

ALL: Love is the Kingdom of God!

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