



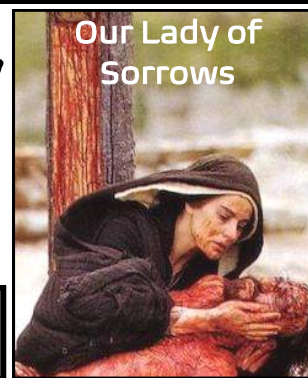
St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass Times: Sat: 5.00pm, Sun: 8am, 10am & 7pm
Confessions 4.15pm - 4.45pm Saturday Afternoons



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 11 SEPTEMBER, 2022

1ST READING: EXODUS 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, "Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. 'Here is your God, Israel,' they have cried, 'Who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave Me, now, My wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation."

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever." So the Lord relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM: Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

2ND READING : 1 TIM 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into His service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer, I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of His inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in Him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION: 2 COR 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



**For today's
Gospel reading,
please turn to
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Communion Antiphon: O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 9.30am till 3.30pm
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We remember and pray for those in our parish community who are sick, along with parishioners' special intentions.

Parishioners who are sick at the moment: *Christine White; Barry White; Joseph Kos; Steve Bezjak; James Klingberg; Maja Bimbo's Family; Leon and Josephine Griffiths; Luzviminda Gaffud Vea; Teresita Coronel; Josephine Bautista; Henry D'Olivero; Irene Hung; Daniella/Mirjana and Family; Cathy Solano; Lina D'Amato; Maria Micalizzi.*

Recently Deceased: *Mary Botterill; Alexander Nuñez; Nathan Galea; Peter Mawer; Teresita Coronel; Naceforo Castro; Jose Guerreiro; Gabriel Barra.*

Prayers for the Deceased: *Mary & Joseph Thomas; Elia, Les George, Jean Spiteri; Frank Sammut; Raymond Sammut; Oreste Azzopardi; Neville McKewen; Alvaro Casas; Ghassan & Anise Touma; Sayde & Joseph Harb; Philpa Raphael; Lirio Babaran Pedro; Letterio Micalizzi; Paul Russell; Anci Venzon; Rustico Venzon; Marie Nahas; Vincent Gellel; Mary Doyle; Beatrice Borg.*

Our Deceased Anniversaries: *Damiao Rosendo; Ercilia Dos Santos; Antonio D'Amico; Rogelia Pitogo; Grace Spiteri; Cristina Debono; Catherine Vella; Harry Blackburn; Mary Gatt; Therese Saliba; Bartolo & Francis Natoli; Ruza Keri; David & Colleen McIntosh; Jim Dickson; June Waters; Herbert Fenech; Gary Hood; Joseph Chan; John Charles Longergan; and the Holy Souls in Purgatory.*

Mass Intentions: *Cherry Palomero.*

This week ahead in the parish

12 Sept Mon	9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
13 Sept Tue	St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor 9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
14 Sept Wed	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
15 Sept Thur	Our Lady of Sorrows 9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
16 Sept Fri	St Cornelius, Pope & Martyr and St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr Adoration/Benediction 9am Mass —Followed by Rosary
17 Sept Sat	4:15pm - Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass
18 Sept Sun	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am, 10am, Spanish Mass at 12:30pm, and 7pm

There are two ways to donate in support of our Parish:

Our Parish Website: www.thomasmorebrighton.org.au
 Select blue **SUPPORT** button on top right of the page.

Electronic Transfer: To arrange, please email: office@thomasmorebrighton.org.au

The Prodigal Son...

... No matter how far we've run from God, no matter how often we've chosen against Him and His ways, we still have time to make another choice. Scott Hahn

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's policy on the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young persons is available on the notice boards. For more information go to: www.sydneycatholic.org

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. For further information and resources <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

Pope Francis Beatifies John Paul I Last Sunday

In one of the shortest reigns in papal history (33 days), John Paul I is remembered for his humility, and for teaching the faith in an understandable way.



Is there a Eucharistic Minister **available once a month on a Friday at 10am** who can visit our local nursing home to distribute Our Lord to the residents? If someone would like to be trained in this area, please contact the STM Parish Office. This is a most rewarding and honourable ministry!



3rd Sunday of the Month	17 Sept 5.00 PM (Sat) Vigil	18 Sept 8:00 AM (Sun)	18 Sept 10:00 AM (Sun)	18 Sept 7.00 PM (Sun)
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E	ONE MORE NEEDED	A Shea J Meagher	A Diel Z Valenzuela M Nguyen	J Varga
A	D Blackburn	T Thumboo	A Coll	R Varga

Please note - office will not be open before 8.30am

12/9 E Collaro; T Gaut
19/9 T Fahey; T Comans



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INVITA A LA SOLEMNE MISA Y EN HONOR DE NUESTRO SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS

Domingo 16 de Octubre 2022, 12:30pm. St Thomas More Catholic Church. 298 BAY ST. BRIGHTON LE SANDS, NSW 2216



UNA VEZ FINALIZADA LA MISA TENDREMOS:
EMPANADAS, ALFAJORES, BRAZO DE REINA
Y PICARONES A LA VENTA.
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COMO YA ES COSTUMBRE TODO LO RECAUDADO SERA ENVIADO AL COMEDOR DE LA IGLESIA SAN FRANCISCO DE LIMA Y AL OBISPADO DE LA TABLADA DE LURIN - LIMA.
MAS INFORMACION CON MERCEDES MEDINA Ph: 8509 5548 Mob: 0402387676

Y CON CUALQUIER INTEGRANTE DE NUESTRA HERMANDAD.



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated at this parish on the weekend of 19th/20th November.

Our parish is inviting those that attend St Thomas More Primary & our local State Schools to enrol ASAP. If you desire that your child makes this Sacrament, please enrol on-line through our website link:

<https://www.thomasmorebrighton.org.au/holy-communion/>

There will be two opportunities to attend a parent information evening on either: Wednesday, 12th October or Monday, 17th October, both at 7pm in the Parish Centre.



A weekend away to rediscover the importance of your marriage

November: Fri 25th, Sat 26th & Sun 27th
Join us for a weekend away to stop, reflect, and nourish your marriage. You will have the chance to rediscover the importance of your marriage, as well as enabling quality time to talk and reconnect.

\$300 per couple for two nights' accommodation and catering at the Carmelite Retreat House, Varroville. Please email the STM Parish Office with your interest at:

office@thomasmorebrighton.org.au

Public Rosary Rally Today: Sunday, 11th Sept

Time: 3pm **Location:** Hurstville Plaza (opposite Club Central and across from Hurstville Station).

Our parish of STM has something for everyone!

Next Men's Breakfast: 24th September
(2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 9am).

'Read Me' Bible Study Group: Every Saturday at 11:30am - 12:45pm.

Next Children's Liturgy: Today, 11th Sept during 10am Mass, then we break for the school holidays until 23rd October (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month during 10am Mass).

STM Playgroup: Every Thursday during school term 9am-10:30am in School Hall, Francis Ave, Brighton-Le-Sands.

Spanish Mass: Next Sunday, 18th September at 12:30pm (third Sunday of the month).

Today's Sunday Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, 'Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, 'How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.' So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants, he asked what it was all about. 'Your brother has come,' replied the servant, 'and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.' He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening.'

The father said, 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found'." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Today's Sunday Gospel Reflection:

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity."

This image (left) expresses the extent of the love and forgiveness that our Heavenly Father has for each one of us. Despite us being disfigured by sin and standing hidden in the shadows a distance away, He sees us from afar and runs quickly to embrace us. Also expressed here is God's loving initiative to meet us, making it easier for us to confess our sins. Such is God's love and mercy! May we never take that for granted.

The Catholic Church celebrates the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows** this Thursday, 15th September, the day after the Feast of the Holy Cross. This shows the close connection between Jesus' Passion and Mary's Sorrows.

In this Good Friday depiction (right), Mary Magdalen and John the Apostle take one last glance at the Tomb before retiring with the Sorrowful Mother. The three crosses of Calvary can be seen in the distance. So much sadness for a Mother who knew from the start that Her Son's path would be a sorrowful one!

