



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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 18 SEPTEMBER, 2022

1ST READING: AMOS 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, "When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, "Never will I forget a single thing you have done." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESP PSALM: Ps 145:6-10

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

2ND READING : 1 TIM 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: He wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, Himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed Himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION: Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but He became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of His poverty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: "There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.' Then the steward said to himself, 'Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.' Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'One hundred measures of oil' was the reply. The steward said, 'Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.' To another he said, 'And you, sir, how much do you owe?' 'One hundred measures of wheat' was the reply. The steward said, 'Here, take your bond and write eighty.' "The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus**

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be faithfully kept. May my footsteps be firm in keeping your commands.

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: Peter Cross; 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; Philipa Raphael; Lirio Babaran Pedro; Letterio Micalizzi; Paul Russell; Anci Venzon; Rustico Venzon; Marie Nahas; Vincent Gellel; Mary Doyle; Beatrice Borg.

Our Deceased Anniversaries: Denzil Fogarty; 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 Ker; 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	
19 Sept Mon	9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
20 Sept Tue	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, St Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs 9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
21 Sept Wed	St Matthew, Apostle 9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
22 Sept Thur	9am Mass - Followed by Rosary
23 Sept Fri	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Adoration/Benediction 9am Mass—Followed by Rosary
24 Sept Sat	4:15pm - Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass
25 Sept Sun	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am, 10am, 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, email: office@thomasmorebrighton.org.au



May God bless you all for your generosity and your support!



Fr Manuel



Thank you, Ma'am.

May you rest in Peace.

Checked out our STM Facebook Page?

<https://www.facebook.com/298BayStreet>



How many popes did the Queen meet?



The monarch first visited Pius XII at the Vatican in 1951 as Princess Elizabeth. Her first visit as Queen took place in 1961 with Pope John XXIII. Queen Elizabeth would then go on to meet future popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis.



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/>

Prayer for Child Protection

Lord, you asked that the little children be allowed to come to you, for it is such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood, give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen

4th Sunday of the Month	24 Sept 5.00 PM (Sat) Vigil	25 Sept 8:00 AM (Sun)	25 Sept 10:00 AM (Sun)	25 Sept 7.00 PM (Sun)
C		B Trott		
L	M & M Mutuanene	B Trott, T Liaw	P McGovern A Diel	S Donevski P Botterill
E	R Leo D Tungul	A Shea, G Thumboo	R Ventura Zen M Pirota	J Varga
A	L Festa	M Tomasiello	J D'Amato A Coll	R Varga

Please note - office will not be open before 8.30am

19/9 T Fahey; T Comans
26/9 G Daniels; P Harding



Blessing of the Pets Sunday, 2nd October

In recognition of St Francis of Assisi's upcoming feast day (patron saint of animals), Fr Manuel will be available **between 9am and 9.45am** to bless your pets in front of Our Lady's grotto.

Let's take pause that day to behold and ponder God's little wonders, His small messengers of pure joy!



'Snags' the Sausage Dog eagerly awaits Fr Manuel's blessing as he arrives at the STM carpark.

Catholic Lay Chaplains at St George Public Hospital

Gary Cartmer and Sr Maria Pineda are Catholic Care lay chaplains at St George Public Hospital. They are there on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, providing emotional, spiritual & sacramental support for you or your family member.



Feel free to call the Chaplain Office on **9113 2189** and leave a message with the patient's name, and they will provide ongoing support during their stay.

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.

Children's Liturgy: We will return on 23rd October after school holidays (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month during 10am Mass).

STM Playgroup: Every Thursday during school term 9:00am - 10:30am in School Hall, Francis Ave, Brighton-Le-Sands.

Parish Marian Pilgrimage: Upcoming Bus trip to Marian Shrine in Southern Highlands in October for 'Month of the Holy Rosary'. Details soon!

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

Upcoming Masses at St Mary's Cathedral

Pontifical Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II next **Saturday, 24th September** at **10:00am** to mark her life and reign. All are welcome and are strongly encouraged to attend. Archbishop Fisher will be officiating.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday: Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, 25th September** at **2:00pm**. Feel free to dress in your traditional cultural attire. There will be representatives from all corners of the world as we celebrate the cultural diversity of our Church in Sydney.

2022 Annual Marriage Mass: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your marriage vows at this Mass which is being celebrated by Archbishop Fisher on **Sunday 16th October** at **10:30am**. All families welcome! Please RSVP by 12th September at:

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>. For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 9307 8480.



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 @ 7pm or
Monday, 17th October @ 6pm
both held in the Parish Centre.

Today's Gospel Reflection: God or Money?

Source: www.mycatholic.life

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." [Luke 16:13](#)



Many people dream of being rich. Having a lot of money brings with it a certain amount of security and freedom to do many things that most people could not. Money, in and of itself, is neither good nor bad. If one is rich, that is fine. If one is poor, that is fine. From the perspective of God, the amount of money you have matters little.

With that said, the danger with money comes when you allow it to become your 'master'. Interestingly, even those who are poor can allow money to become their master when they allow the desire for more to dominate their lives. The key is in the desire and the healthy detachment.

What are you attached to? Are you attached to the money you have? Are you attached to the desire for the money you wish you had? The goal is to see money for what it is. In the big picture, money has very little value. It's a means to the end of taking care of your daily needs but can never become the source of your joy and fulfillment in life. Only God is the proper Master of our hearts and only He can fill you with true riches.

You must be ready to stand apart from the world. Do you want the full and complete satisfaction that you find in Jesus, and the satisfaction of the world too? Then you are trying to serve God and Mammon, or if not trying to serve, then claiming the wages of both God and Mammon.

If you work for God, you have your reward. But then you turn to the world, to human beings, and expect that reward too. This is not right. All reward necessary will be given to you by God.



Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with being overly attached to money, or the lack thereof. God promises to provide for you in your need, so it's essential that you trust Him. And if your financial needs are more than met, be grateful and cultivate generosity as you seek to detach from money as a false source of happiness. Let your heart only be filled with the rich grace of God as its source of fulfillment and you will be rich in the truest sense.

Dear Lord, help me to keep You as the one and only Master of my life. Give me the grace I need to detach from all that is of this world, so as to live for You and in accord with Your will

UPCOMING PADRE PIO MOVIE

This Friday, 23rd September, the Church celebrates the feast of St Pius of Pietrelcina, better known as Padre Pio. So what better time to take a closer look at former troubled actor Shia LaBeouf, who God led to repentance and faith, and his experiences while playing a young Padre Pio in the soon-to-be-released movie about the saint's life.



LaBeouf has appeared in 40 movies and is the winner of multiple acting awards. The 36-year-old is most famous for his leading role as Sam Witwicky in the *Transformers* series. Of his former troubled life, he said during a recent interview with Bishop Robert Barron, "My life was on fire. I was walking out of hell. I didn't want to be an actor anymore and my life was a complete mess. I'd hurt a lot of people."

To prepare himself for the role of Padre Pio, LaBeouf spent time at a Capuchin Friary in California: "I've been met with nothing but grace since I've been here...It is super attractive seeing people giving themselves to something so divine...and it is heart-warming to know that there is a brotherhood like this that exists." He also travelled to Italy to visit the places where Padre Pio lived, and learnt major parts of the Traditional Latin Mass that the saint would have celebrated. LaBeouf stated that the Traditional Latin Mass played a key role in his conversion.

To view the recently-released movie trailer, go to: youtube.com/watch?v=K4gYTehm_o4