



# St Thomas More's Parish

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A welcoming people of faith,  
living out God's Mission,  
embracing love,  
justice and peace.

*We acknowledge the Giabul 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.*

## 6th Sunday of Easter: 21/22 May 2022



### Homily: by Richard Leonard SJ

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present. And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we perform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see. As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives.

God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

### Safeguarding Induction Session:

Fr Peter Dorfield will conduct a **Safeguarding Induction Session on Monday 6 June at 6.30pm**. The aim of the session is to inform parish groups and ministries on their role and responsibilities of Safeguarding. **Representatives from each parish group and ministry are requested to attend.** Please indicate your intention to attend by contacting the parish office at [parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au)

*© Richard Leonard SJ is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, is a member of the Australian Catholic Media Council and a film critic for all the major Australian Catholic newspapers. He completed a PhD in cinema studies at the University of Melbourne. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University, has lectured widely and is the author of numerous books.*

Parish Leader:.....John Briffa  
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Secretary:.....Donna Pugh  
School Principal:.....Michael Cash  
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School Board:.....Karen Tobin

### Parish Diary for This Week

Mon...	9am	...	Mass STM
Tues...	9.30am	...	Faith Ed
	5.30pm	...	Mass STM
Wed...	9am	...	Liturgy of Word
	10am	...	Open Door
Thur...		...	
Fri...	9am	...	Mass STM
Mon	5.30pm		Masses at
Tue	9am	...	St Patrick's
Wed-	7am		Cathedral
Sat			

### Next weekend – 28/29 May 2022

#### Ascension of the Lord

**Saturday 6pm**  
**Sunday 8.30am**

Readings: Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23  
Lk 24:46-53



**Parish Safeguarding Contact:**  
Sarah Holcombe  
0408 193 636  
Safeguarding children & vulnerable adults is a responsibility for all of us.

**21 May/22 May 2022  
HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH/DIOCESE**

**A Welcoming Community:**

We welcome all who come to be part of our community, particularly extending that welcome to young families with children – we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children in this community and want children to know the welcome of our loving God through the warmth with which they are received and accepted here.

**Planned Giving and Parish Contributions:**

Many thanks to those who continue to drop their Planned Giving Envelopes into the mailbox near the door to the Parish Office. Details below for online internet banking contributions:  
Account Name: St Thomas More's  
BSB Number: 064786 Account Number: 514001500  
Reference: Your Envelope Number (if part of Planned Giving) or Loose Collection (if not part of Planned Giving)  
Phone us if you need to ask further about this option. Thanks to those using the Tap and Go Pay point in the Church foyer.

**Baptism at St Thomas More's**

**Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.**

For inquiry about Baptism or other Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office via email [parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au) or **4635 9555**.

**Bulletin Email List:**

If you would like to receive the bulletin each week by email please send an email to John at [parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au)

**Visible Mending Workshop:**

As part of STM School 'Green Week', a workshop is being conducted to learn about a form of visible mending inspired by Japanese embroidery and a traditional style of patchwork used in Japan for mending. **Sunday 22 May, 2-4pm in STM Library**. All are welcome. No cost to attend. To RSVP please email [margy.heuschele@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:margy.heuschele@twb.catholic.edu.au)

**Encountering Exceptional Women of Scripture:**

**Saturday 4th June 2022, 8:30-12pm at SYCHAR** (House of Prayer and Spirituality), 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba. Truly exceptional women are introduced throughout scripture as prophets, judges, queens, heroes and disciples. The session will investigate the stories of some of the extraordinary women from the Old and New Testaments. Using these stories, participants will be invited to engage in contemplative prayer using scripture, images and nature.

**After Mass Cuppa:**

Thank you to the groups that have put their hands up to participate in the once-a-month hospitality roster (1st Saturday/Sunday of the month). The roster will be published in the coming weeks. Please contact the Parish Office if you/your group would like to be part of it. **The next hospitality weekend falls on the weekend of Pentecost. To celebrate the multicultural diversity within our community, people are invited to bring a plate of traditional food to share after Mass on that weekend.**

**Readers Refresher & Information Session:**

All those who proclaim the word and those who would like to join the ministry are asked to attend a short session to review some of the practical aspects to undertaking this ministry. The mini workshop will take place after both Masses on the weekend of 11/12 June.

**Name Badges:**

We are planning to place a bulk order in the near future for name badges. With so little social interaction over the past 2 years and things returning to some form of 'normal' there are probably some parishioners who would not have a name badge. The cost of the badge is \$9.00 and orders need to be in by 31 May. If you would like to order a badge please contact the Parish Office so your name can be added to the list [parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au)

**Special Celebrations & Dates:**

<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>	<b>Wed 1 June 6.30pm</b>
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>4/5 June</b>
<b>Anointing Mass</b>	<b>Wed 8 June 9.30am</b>
<b>Family Mass/1st Communion</b>	<b>Sat 18 June</b>

**Carnival of Flowers Display:**

STM has been invited to participate in the floral display held within the Cathedral during the week of Carnival. If you are interested in preparing a display, contact John at [parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au)

**Baptisms:**

This weekend we welcome into our Church Community **Mateo Ethan Fernando** son of Christy and Angela Fernando We also welcome **Digby James Greenwood** son of James and Sally Greenwood.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who are ill:** Paul Williams, Thomas Lawton, George McGowan, Jon Gaffney, Alexander Kennedy, Bryan Flemming, Terry Tyers, Ned Sparksman, Damian Wyvill, Scott Murphy, Michelle Halpin, Christine Prescott, Toni Fitzgibbon, Camille Taylor, Janice Lockhart, Val Sharpe, Mary Buttin, Rev Fr Brian Sparksman, James Babineau, Mort Edmiston, Arleen Hansen, Peter Webster, Monica Gleeson, Edgie Rose Allen, Brian Swords, Terry McNamara, Pauline Anderson, Margaret Reis, Gwen Jonkers, Ashley Toombs, Tim Erbacher, Loretta Erbacher. Donncha Boles (son of Christine Prescott), Maria Krulik, Joan Leonard, Benjamin Shelley, Andrew McGregor, Helen Gaine, Irene Earsman, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC, Helen Finlay, Janet Showman, Noel Lyons, Daniel Long, Frank Kenneally, Jon Gaffney,  
We remember all who are ill with the Corona Virus.

**Anniversaries:** John Heeney, Val Meara

**Recently Deceased:** Sameria Haddad

**WEEK 5 – 28/29 May**

<b>6.00PM MASS ROSTER</b>	
<b>CO-ORDINATORS</b>	Ava Emery
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	S McNelley
<b>ORGANIST/SINGER</b>	Instrumental Group
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	
<b>READERS</b>	A Emery, F Mitchell, S McNelley
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	C Bathurst, M Lobo,
<b>8.30AM MASS ROSTER</b>	
<b>CO-ORDINATORS</b>	D Gardiner
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Terry & Helen Donnollan
<b>ORGANIST/SINGER</b>	D Phillips, Men's Group
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	John McAuliffe
<b>READERS</b>	S Wilson, S Kruger, M Phillips
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	M Bourke, Pat White-Davidson
<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>	R & N Mauch, D & A Gatfield

<b>Giving</b>	
Planned	949.50
Loose	142.10
Pay Point	150.00
D Debits	86.50