



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.

Body & Blood of Christ: 18/19 June 2022

From the Gospel this Week:



The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the central observance of Christianity – the Eucharist. The readings for today all speak of elements that make up our Eucharistic tradition. From the practices of the Hebrew forefathers to Jesus feeding the 5000, the sharing of food and meals has always been associated with giving thanks to God for all the goodness which is continually shared upon us. Stories of table fellowship are a constant theme throughout the gospels, and while Jesus is always central to the story, in the feeding of the 5000 a major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the disciples. The disciples had originally said to Jesus, 'send them home, for what are we to feed them'? But somehow, the message of Jesus found its way into their hearts.

Jesus took the bread and giving thanks to God, he blessed it and broke it. Then he gave it to the disciples to share amongst the people. Jesus did not personally feed the five thousand. When the disciples shared the food Jesus had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd, and in this way, Jesus gave his followers a real taste of the future generosity of what God offers us in the heavenly banquet. But none of this would have happened if the disciples had not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task. This takes me back to when my own children were preparing to make their 1st Communion. Like the disciples in today's gospel story, I didn't think I was able to offer much. I thought, teaching kids about the sacraments wasn't for me. Little did I know that my experience with our Eucharistic tradition would result in my own 'transformation' which gave me the courage to take on the role of Sacramental Coordinator at that time. It was in that time and space when I accepted Jesus's invitation to feed others and it has led me to this place today.

One of the beautiful things about sharing in the Eucharist is that the opportunity to encounter the risen Christ is always available. We don't always experience it, but we will know it when we do.

I wish all the children who have become full members of the faith community, and their families, every blessing as they journey through life.

What a great Feast to be celebrating 1st Holy Communion!

John Briffa

Parish Leader:.....John Briffa
Priest Director:.....Michael O'Brien
Pastoral Council:.....Andrew Ward
Finance Committee:.....Peter Wilson
Secretary:.....Donna Pugh
School Principal:.....Michael Cash
APRE:.....Kristin Byrne
School Board:.....Karen Tobin

Parish Diary for This Week

Mon...	9am	...	Mass STM
	4pm	...	Liturgy Team
	6.30pm	...	Finance Meeting
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 – 25/26 June 2022

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8.30am

Readings: 1 Kg 19:16,19-21
Gal 5:1, 13-18
Lk 9:51-62



Thought for the Week

'...many are schooled
but few are educated'.

St Thomas More
Wed 22 June



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

18/19 June 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 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

STM Battery Recycling:

Battery Recycling is encouraged via our large yellow box in the church foyer which is happy to accept batteries of all shapes and sizes.

Containers for Change:

STM operates a couple of Containers for Change bins at the back of the Parish Hall for recycling cans and bottles. Drop your containers for change in these bins and the Parish collects 10c.

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). There are still a couple of slots with no coordinator. Please contact the Parish Office if you or your group would like to be participate.

Donations of Flowers:

Donations of fresh flowers are always welcomed by our church flower arrangers. Each week they do a marvellous job decorating the church with whatever is available. Fresh flowers help bring the mystery of God to life during liturgy. The scent, the colour, the fragility and complexity of real flowers subtly remind us of the essence of Creation. **If you have flowers which could be used for church decorations, please contact Carmel MacDermott on 0422 138 472. The flower team are also in need of an extra person to help on the monthly roster.**

National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council:

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us.

Access *Walking in the Spirit* Prayer Resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit

Special Celebrations & Dates:

Peters Pence Collection next weekend 25/26 June
Ordination Nathan Webb Sat 25 June 10am St Pat's
Plenary Prayer Gathering Thur 30 June 5.30pm OLOL

Praying for the Plenary Council

The four-year journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will reach the second – and final – assembly in July 2022. *"As we strive to discern, and then to embrace, all that God is asking of us now and as we move into the future, we will be challenged to recognise both the strengths and weaknesses of 'who we are' and the hope which lies in 'who God is calling us to become'."*

The Toowoomba Diocesan community is warmly invited to attend a Plenary Prayer celebration to pray for guidance and wisdom from the Holy Spirit for the 2nd Plenary Council Assembly. **Thurs 30th June, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 5.30pm.**

Emmaus Prayer Group:

Emmaus Prayer Group meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month the Parish Meeting Room and commence with a cuppa. Currently we are watching and discussing a series of videos called the " THE WILD GOOSE " which is presented very tastefully, followed by discussion on how The Holy Spirit touches our lives. As Pope Paul said "THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE TRUE HOPE OF THE WORLD". All are welcome to join us.

Appointment of Principal at STM School:

It has been announced that Mr Duane Wann has been appointed the new Principal at St Thomas More's Primary School commencing in January 2023. He is currently Principal of St Brigid's Primary School, Rosewood and lives in Toowoomba with his wife Janelle and three children.

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, Georgie Rose Allen, Brian Swords, Terry McNamara, Pauline Anderson, Margaret Reis, Gwen Jonkers, Ashley Toombs, Tim Erbacher, Donncha Boles (son of Christine Prescott), Maria Krulik, Joan Leonard, Benjamin Shelley, Andrew McGregor, Helen Gainey, Irene Earsman, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC, Helen Finlay, Janet Showman, Noel Lyons, Frank Kenneally,

We remember all who are ill with the Corona Virus.

Anniversaries: Carmel Phillips, Bill Darmody

WEEK 4 – 25/26 June

6.00PM MASS ROSTER

CO-ORDINATORS	Karen Morris
WELCOMERS	B O'Keefe
ORGANIST/SINGER	M Dickenson, K Boulus, J McGovern, K Byrne
READERS	J Doherty, K Morris
COMMUNION MINISTERS	J Hintz, M Lobo, C Bathurst

8.30AM MASS ROSTER

CO-ORDINATORS	W Dingle
WELCOMERS	W & C Dingle
ORGANIST/SINGER	P Dwan, V Pfeiffer, M Keating
READERS	P White Davison, M Wills, K Pikramenos, K Rouse,
COMMUNION MINISTERS	R Mauch, John Kennedy, L Holcombe, Heather Whittaker
MONEY COUNTERS	Group 5: M Wills, T Murphy, A & P Rowan

Giving

Envelopes	1161.50
Loose	177.50
Pay Point	180.00
D Debits	921.00