



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 Giabal and Jarrowair 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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 10/11 September 2022



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

As the community of St Thomas More's Parish in the Toowoomba Diocese we are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, *Every child in every community needs a fair go*, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

On Safeguarding Sunday, we are called to reflect how best we can place ourselves to ensure children in our church community can grow into confident and trusting adults, free from abuse of every kind. We, as a parish community, reinforce our commitment to the protection of children through embracing and implementing processes, practices and protocols that align to the Diocese of Toowoomba's Code of Ethical Behaviour and the legislatives of the state. This commitment to Safeguarding sees us say "Never Again" to abuse.

You can find out more about the Toowoomba Diocese work in Safeguarding at the link below or please do not hesitate to contact me: <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-policy-resources/>

Parish Safeguarding Contact: Sarah Holcombe 0408 193 636

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

Next weekend – 17/18 September 2022

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8.30am

Readings: Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

Thought for the Week

"Find comfort in the Cross of the Lord Jesus, who continues His work of redemption in the life of every person."

Pope Francis
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
14 September



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Safeguarding children & vulnerable adults is a responsibility for all of us.

10/11 September 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.

Retirement of our Parish Secretary:

Our Parish Secretary, Donna, is retiring from the position at the end of September after 8 years of dedicated service to our faith community. We acknowledge Donna's significant contribution during that time and wish her every blessing in retirement. On Friday, 23 September, Fr Michael will celebrate the 9 am Mass. This will be followed by a Morning Tea to honour and thank Donna. All are welcome.

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.

St Vincent's Annual Spring Luncheon for Cancer:

The annual luncheon will be held on 12 September at Urban Grounds Café, 210 Herries Street commencing at 9.30am. Tickets are \$60 and there will be raffles and a cent sale. To purchase a ticket please contact Jessie Cutler 0431 908 688, Bernadette Prescott 4635 8686, or Lesley Knight on 0428 304 784

World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

Every year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees is honoured on the last Sunday of September; in 2022 it will be celebrated on 25 September. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees". Further information closer to the date.

St Thomas More's Primary School Musical:

We are pleased to advise that there has been a great response to the St Thomas More's Primary School production of Matilda Jnr on Wednesday, 14 September and Thursday, 15 September. All tickets have now been sold.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) Invitation:

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is very pleased to host an upcoming public lecture on the future of the Catholic Sacrament of Marriage.

On October 10, 2022 10am-11.30am AEDT, Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio will present the final ACU public lecture for the year. Prof Rubio is an expert in marriage theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA, and is sure to address this topic most engagingly. Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation.

You are invited to register for this highly relevant public lecture. More information about this lecture, including a flyer which can be downloaded, can be found on the ACU News, Resources and Events page [here](#). Registration can be done at www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfl. This is an online event and there is a small cost involved.

Sychar House Of Prayer & Spirituality:

This wonderful diocesan resource centre for prayer and spirituality is located at 69 Margaret Street Toowoomba. You are always most welcome to visit Sychar - however, to ensure that someone can be there to greet you, please contact Sr. Elaine, ahead of time if possible, at 0458 020 906. More information, including information about forthcoming programs can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/>

Jubilee Celebrations of Priestly Ordination:

Jubilee Celebrations of Ordinations of the following Priests will be celebrated on Monday 12 September at St Patrick's Cathedral at a celebration mass at 11.00am which will be live streamed:

[:https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/](https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/)

- 60 Years:** Fr Michael McClure
50 Years: Fr Peter Dorfield, Fr Ray Johnson, Fr John Peard, Fr Michael Cooney, Fr Ray Crowley, Fr Rod MacGinley, Fr Sean Lynskey CSSp
25 Years: Fr Shane Carr, MSC

Season Of Creation:

Each year, Christians around the world pray, act and advocate for our common home, Earth, by celebrating the ecumenical Season of Creation. The Season of Creation began on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation," and the urgency of doing so is symbolised by the Burning Bush.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: Paul Williams, Thomas Lawton, George McGowan, 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, Janet Showman, Frank Kenneally, Mick Wilson, Tanya Ketlaars.

We remember all who are ill with the Corona Virus.

Anniversaries: Most Reverend William Brennan DD, Fr Myles Patrick Smith, Fr Francis Burke.

Recently Deceased: Alan Travers, Melva Davis

