



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 Jarroair 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 3/4 September 2022

Father's Day Appeal 2022

The Toowoomba Diocese's Priests' Retirement Foundations was established in April 1998 – twenty-three years ago. Since then an appeal seeking support for the purposes of the Foundation has been made annually across the Diocese usually on Father's Day, the first weekend of September.

The Foundation's overall purpose is to provide, sensitively, personal and practical support to retired and/or sick priests of our Toowoomba Diocese. This involves:

- A. Maintaining regular contact with priests who are retired or ill by our Bishop, fellow priests and people of our Diocese. Friendships developed over many years remain important – sometimes even more important in later years. We are usually pretty good at maintaining and sometimes re-establishing contact with aging or sick family members and old friends. This is a reminder that retired and sick Priests look for that same experience.
- B. Providing the salary and related expenses for Mrs. Julie See who has been employed since February 2015 as coordinator of our Diocesan Clergy Health Service. Julie monitors the health and wellbeing of the priests of the Diocese and coordinates and facilitates access to health and support services as required.
- C. Responsibility for the management of income and expenditure involved with the provision of the necessary care and support for our retired and/or sick priests which is not covered by their own means, aged pension or health insurance.

During the financial year July 2021 to June 2022 \$77,592 was provided by the Foundation in assistances to retirees and \$66,300 in salary and administration expenses.

Incomes to cover these expenses comes from occasional donations, annual contributions from priests of our Diocese, parish and diocesan contributions, this annual appeal and occasional very welcome bequests.

Last year's appeal realized \$28,028 – a healthy return. Nevertheless, the deficit for the last financial year was \$84,644. This deficit has been covered by transferring funds from the Foundation's accrued capital account, but our own experiences surely tell us that capital funds should be preserved for capital needs rather than used to cover running expenses.

It is our responsibility to look after the financial needs of our retired and sick priests, so I ask you today to make a contribution to the 2022 appeal for the Priests' Retirement Foundation. You might also give some thought to including a bequest to the Foundation in your will.

On behalf of Retired and Sick Priests of our Diocese – THANK YOU!

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
	6.30pm	...	PPC Meeting
Tues...	9.30am	...	Faith Ed
	5.30pm	...	Mass STM
Wed...	9am	...	Liturgy of Word
	10am	...	Open Door
	1pm	...	Music Prep
Fri...	9am	...	Mass STM
Mon	5.30pm		Masses at
Tue	9am	...	St Patrick's
Wed-	7am		Cathedral
Sat			

Next weekend – 10/11 September 2022

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Safeguarding Sunday

Saturday 6pm

Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Thought for the Week

"When he prays, a pastor bears the marks of the sorrows and joys of his people, which he presents in silence to the Lord, to be anointed by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Such is the hope of every shepherd who trustingly and tirelessly works so that the Lord may bless his people." Pope Francis



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

3/4 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.

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.

Meetings re Use of the Computer in the Church:

The Parish Pastoral Council are requesting Mass Coordinators, Computer Operators, Musicians (singers and organists) and Liturgy Team Members to meet after either of the Masses this weekend regarding the use of the computer in the church. The meeting will be held after both Masses so that you can participate following the Mass you would normally attend.

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

An Afternoon with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

We all need to refresh and be inspired at times. You may be familiar with The Catholic Guy who has daily talks broadcast online or on TV. This week you are invited to attend his first LIVE Brisbane Event post-Covid. Bruce and the team are excited to be setting up a new recording space in Brisbane and are holding the first Event there on 10th September. Details of the event are as follows:

An Afternoon with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes
12.30pm – 4.30pm

Saturday 10th September 2022

The Catholic Guy Offices (NEW Recording Space!!!)
6 Overend Street, East Brisbane

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.

Date Claimer:

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

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. All tickets have now been sold.

Safeguarding Sunday

(Formerly Child Protection Sunday):

Next weekend, 10 and 11 September, we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday. The Parish of St Thomas More's and the Diocese of Toowoomba 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, Safe and Supported, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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, Loretta Erbacher.
We remember all who are ill with the Corona Virus.

Recently Deceased: Terrence Fitzgibbon