



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 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 us to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time: 12/13 November 2022

Over the last number of weeks the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council have been reflecting on the way forward for leadership within the life of our parish. When we stood back and looked at the bigger picture of the parish, we realised that there is great strength that exists within our community. That strength is the ability to be open to working together and supporting each other by bridging any gaps or needs that become evident. You are to be congratulated on this generous and ongoing gift that each of you contribute to this community. It is indeed at the core of all we do that brings great energy to St Thomas More's Parish.

It is with this in mind we believe that it is time to move from a Parish Leader to a Parish Coordinator. This, in itself, is an acknowledgment of the teamwork and constant contribution that is being done by many within this community.

Recently when we advertised for a Parish Secretary, we noticed that one of the applicants seemed to possess the skills that would be desirable in the role of Coordinator. Rather than advertising the position it was decided to offer this person the role. I am pleased to announce that Jacinta McGovern has accepted this position. We believe her friendly, professional and positive attitude will enhance our journey together, as a Christ centred community.

Unlike a Parish Leader, the Parish Coordinator's role is one that oversees the ongoing activity of the parish to ensure the continuing participation and valued contribution of all involved in parish life. Jacinta would work closely with the Parish Council and Priest Director. The role requires a more consultative approach, advised by and working with, the members of the Parish Council. Jacinta would be the contact person for any parishioners' concerns, suggestions and requests. She will work closely with Jessica in the parish office. Both Jessica and Jacinta will be part-time employees, working 15 hours each per week.

We hope that you agree that this appointment allows us to move forward as a parish with a more definite leadership structure. There will be an opportunity for the usual review period of six months for a general assessment of Jacinta's progress.

We take this opportunity also to thank Michael Bermingham for his generous assistance during the period of discernment within our parish.

Looking forward to working further with Jacinta and her role within the parish.
Fr. Michael

Parish Co-ordinator:.....Jacinta McGovern
Priest Director:.....Michael O'Brien
Pastoral Council:.....Andrew Ward
Finance Committee:.....Peter Wilson
Secretary:.....Jessica Tierney
School Principal:.....Michael Cash
APRE:.....Kristin Byrne
School Board:.....Nicole Ward



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

Parish Diary for This Week

Mon...	9am	...	Mass STM
	1.30pm	...	Care & Concern
	2.30pm		Consolation Team
Tues...	9.30am	...	Faith Ed
	5.30pm	...	Mass STM
Wed...	9am	...	Liturgy
	10am	...	Open Door
Thur...	10am	...	Emmaus Prayer
Fri...	9am	...	Mass STM
	9am		Parish Playgroup
Mon	5.30pm		Masses at
Tue	9am	...	St Patrick's
Wed-	7am		Cathedral
Sat			

Next weekend – 19/20 November 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8.30am

Readings: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Colossians 1: 12-20
Luke 23: 35-43

Thought for the Week
"As in heaven Your will is punctually performed, so may it be done on earth by all creatures, particularly in me and by me."

St Elizabeth of Hungary
Feast Day – 17 November

12/13 November 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.

Choir:

With Christmas fast approaching, we are again looking for people who would like to join our Choir for the Christmas Masses. The Choir will be singing at the 6pm and 8pm Masses on Christmas Eve and we are also looking for a few people to sing on Christmas morning. If you can attend any or all Masses, please feel welcome to join us. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays the 6th, 13th and 20th of December and starting at 7pm. We usually finish by about 8.30pm at the latest. If you would like further information, please contact Maree Keating by email, maree@positivefutures.com.au or by mobile 0435173882. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Annual Ministry Commitment forms:

Forms are still available in the church. Please complete and return to the office. All ministries are happy to welcome new members. For those looking to assist in the Transportation area Terry and Geraldine Parker are our co-ordinators and would very much appreciate some new blood to assist in getting our parishioners to and from Mass on weekends. If you wish to maintain your current ministry commitment, a message via phone or email to the Parish Office would greatly assist in the preparation of rosters for the year ahead.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Cent Sale:

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their Christmas Cent Sale at The Cathedral Centre on Saturday December 3. Entrance is just \$5 which includes a free sheet of tickets and afternoon tea. Doors open at 1.00 pm with afternoon tea at 1.30 pm and calling of tickets at 2.00 pm. Many wonderful prizes to be won. There are great prizes in the multidraw including a ham, homemade Christmas cake, fruit tray and more. Raffles, including a total of \$1000 in cash prizes are to be won. In addition a \$100 number board prize is on offer. All funds go to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 4632 1818.

SPRED:

You are very warmly invited to attend the annual SPRED community Thanksgiving Mass and to share afternoon tea with us following the service at St Theresa's Parish Sunday 20th November at 1.30pm. Please RSVP to SPRED 4632 8427 or spread@twb.catholic.org.au for catering purposes.

Carpet Fundraiser:

Are you able to help us fund new carpet? The Parish Finance Committee are seeking your support to help raise funds towards upgrading the carpet in the church, including the altar. The carpet in the main body of the church has never been replaced in the 30+ years since the church was built, so it's in desperate need of replacing (the altar carpet has been replaced once before). Each carpet tile will cost about \$25 each (and we need over 1000!), so all donations, no matter how large or small, will be gratefully accepted. Please complete your details on the carpet fundraising flyer and return to the parish office. We are currently sitting at \$2445, thank you to all who have donated this far.

Care and Concern:

The next quarterly meeting of the parish Care and Concern group will be held on Monday 14 November at 1.30 pm in the Parish Office.

Consolation Team:

The quarterly meeting of the parish Consolation Team will be held on Monday 14 November around 2.30 pm following on from the Care and Concern Meeting.

Date Claimer – Anointing Mass:

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas More's on Friday 9 December at 9.30 am. All are welcome to attend.

Abrahamic Faiths Gathering:

The next Abrahamic Faiths Gathering will be held on Wednesday 16 November at St Anthony's Parish Centre at 5.45pm. All are welcome to attend this meeting of people from the Abrahamic Faiths – Christianity, Judaism and Islam – with guest speakers and time for questions and sharing.

PALMS: Make a difference overseas:

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567

PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: June Hannaford, Paul Williams, Thomas Lawton, George McGowan, Alexander Kennedy, 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, 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, Tanya Ketlaars and Greg Twidale.

Anniversaries: Matthew Donnollan, Fr Cornelius Cahalane [1959]

WEEK 3 – 19/20 November

6.00PM MASS ROSTER	
CO-ORDINATORS	C Bathurst
WELCOMERS	
ORGANIST/SINGER	M Dickenson, K Ferguson
READERS	K Bouulus, J Hintz, K Byrne, S Benvenuti
COMMUNION MINISTERS	M Cash, C Bathurst, A Emery, J Doherty
8.30AM MASS ROSTER	
CO-ORDINATORS	Russell Mauch
WELCOMERS	Terry & Helen Donnollan
ORGANIST/SINGER	P Dwan, T Delany, H Lutvey, S Sarquis
READERS	H Whittaker, S Kruger
COMMUNION MINISTERS	P Albion, S Pfeiffer, M Dodd
MONEY COUNTERS	H & A Gregson, W & C Dingle

Giving 5 /6 November

Envelopes	1623
Loose	113
Pay Point	180
D Debits	2311