



# 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*

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: 19/20 November 2022

Hello my fellow Parishioners,

I wish to thank you for the warm welcome extended to me in the new role of parish co-ordinator.

For those who may not know me, I am the daughter of Kathryn and Anthony Boulus and have grown up in this parish, having attended the primary school and making all my sacraments in this church under Fr Frank Leonard. I was married in this very church almost 12 years ago, to Bart McGovern. We have three beautiful children together, James 10, Lilah 7 and Charles 5, who, as of this year, now all attend St Thomas More's Primary School. My family and I regularly attend Saturday 6pm mass where you may have seen me around the church volunteering in one way or another, singing or reading or serving on the Parish Pastoral Council for the last 2 years. This very group led me to apply for a job within the church to give back to the community that has given so much to me and my family over the last 30 (or so) years of my life. I consider myself to be an empathetic and generous person always willing to follow the footsteps of Jesus and I will do my very best to preserve and grow this parish to be all we can be as a community. I will be in the presbytery office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 3pm.



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 Diary for This Week

Mon...	9am	...	Mass STM
	4pm	...	Liturgy Group
Tues...	9.30am	...	Faith Ed
	5.30pm	...	Mass STM
Wed...	9am	...	Liturgy
	10am	...	Open Door
Fri...	9am	...	Mass STM
	9am	...	Parish Playgroup
Mon	5.30pm		Masses at
Tue	9am	...	St Patrick's
Wed-	7am		Cathedral
Sat			

### Next weekend – 26/27 November 2022

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday 6pm**  
**Sunday 8.30am**

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Romans 13: 11-14  
Matthew 24: 37-44

Thought for the Week  
*"May Mary's example give us the strength to radiate that light and warmth to the Church and help us to be dwelling places of God's joyful presence on earth."*

Pope Francis  
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Feast Day – 21 November 2022



### Parish Safeguarding Contact:

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

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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.

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 including a ham, homemade Christmas cake, fruit tray and 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: Where Faith and Friendship Meet INFORMATION EVENING

DATE: Wednesday, November 30

TIME: 5:30pm – 6.30pm

WHERE: SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street Toowoomba Ph. 4632 8427

SPRED is having a friend to walk beside you in the everyday happenings of life, which is exactly where God is to be found. Could you be a friend to someone in SPRED?

Come along to an information evening to find out more.

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 \$6665, thank you to all who have donated this far.

Markets For Mission

Friday 25th November 5-8pm and Saturday 26th November 7am -12 Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner Street Middle Ridge. Crafts, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Plants, Cakes, Christmas Gifts Including Great Outback BBQ on Saturday with coffee van. Proceeds to Frontier Services and the mission of Middle Ridge Uniting Church.

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

Recognising our Volunteers:

An invitation from the Parish Pastoral Council to join us for wine and cheese after 6pm Mass on Saturday 3 December or morning tea after 8.30am Mass on Sunday 4 December, so we can say thank you to all of you who have volunteered throughout this year.

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

Farewell to Michael Cash:

November 24 8:45 -10:30 am the school will hold a farewell mass and celebration in the school sports centre should any one wish to attend.

Saturday 10 December at 6pm Mass, we as a church community will farewell Michael Cash, as he completes 12 years as Principal at St Thomas More's School. We will commemorate his time with the school and will share in some nibbles and drinks after mass. All are welcome to attend and wish Michael Cash the very best.

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.

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, Greg Twidale, Bill Phillips and Carmel O'Connor.

Anniversaries: Fr Charles Daly [1955], A/Deacon Leo Hayes [1967], Fr Frank Leonard [2006], Fr Peter Murphy [2012]

Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Includes sections for WEEK 4 - 26/27 November, 6.00PM MASS ROSTER, 8.30AM MASS ROSTER, and MONEY COUNTERS.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Section: Giving 12/13 November. Includes Envelopes (679), Loose (168), Pay Point (120), D Debits (1450).