



St Thomas More's Parish



**A welcoming people of faith,
living out God's Mission,
embracing love, justice and peace.**

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The beginning of a new year is a time when TV shows, radio shows and magazines look back at the year that has just passed. Mary, too, spent time reflecting upon all the happenings surrounding the birth of her son.

What events of the past year do you think were most significant in the political world? in the sports world? in the entertainment world? in your family life? in your personal life? in your spiritual life?

The first day of the year is also a time for making yearly predictions and resolutions. What do you predict?

Who has been a real blessing to you this past year? Could it have been your mother?

Mothers are important people in our lives, not only do they bring us in to the world, but they also feed us and clothe us, protect us, and teach us. We learn so much from our mothers not least of these is our faith. What an awe-inspiring mother for Jesus to have, such faith and encouragement is documented in the gospels when Jesus is with his mother.

Mary is known as the mother of God. She is the vessel that brought God to earth. She and Joseph raised Jesus from a vulnerable infant to a strong young man. He learnt all the prophecies and laws by heart and knew he was to fulfill them. Mary named her son, Emmanuel -God with us, he is with us because Mary, in her obedience and faith is the Mother of God.

"As for Mary she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart."

I pray that in this New Year we may know what to truly treasure, make it a priority in our lives and keep pondering Jesus in our hearts.

~Jacinta

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New Year Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen

Happy New Year

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH/DIOCESE

Parish Diary for this week Starting 1st January, 2023

Sunday 1 January [SPC – St. Patrick’s] [STM – St. Thomas More’s]	7am & 9am SPC 8:30am STM	
Monday 2 January Saints Basil and Gregory	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 3 January	9am SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	
Wednesday 4 January	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 5 January	7am Mass SPC	NO ADORATION UNTIL 19 JANUARY 2023
Friday 6 January	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 7 January	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC 6pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary at St. Pat’s 8.00am – 9.00am Reconciliation St Pat’s
Sunday 8 January The Epiphany of the Lord	7am, 9am 8:30am STM 9am Live Streaming	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving: Thank you for your kind giving over this Christmas time.		

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL Thank you to everyone who contributed hampers, gifts and funds to support our community this Christmas.

TOOWOOMBA PRIESTS’ RETREAT This year the priests of the Diocese will be travelling to Lismore to spend time in prayerful reflection and fraternal friendship. The retreat will be led by the Bishop of Lismore – Bishop Gregory Homeming, OCD. Please keep the priests in your prayers during this time – the priests will be away **8th January to the 13th January**. During this time **there will be no weekday masses at St Thomas More’s** the usual Masses will be available at St Patrick’s Cathedral due to the generous presence of Fr. Michael Cooney, who will remain here for hospital ministry.

ROSTER WEEK 2: 7TH/ 8TH JANUARY 2023

6.00PM MASS ROSTER	
CO-ORDINATORS	Kev McGrath
WELCOMERS	Sue McNelley
ORGANIST/SINGER	Margaret Dickenson, Jenny Farrell
READERS	S McNelley, F Mitchell, J Olive
COMMUNION MINISTERS	M Lobo, K McGrath, Greg Harvey
8.30AM MASS ROSTER	
CO-ORDINATORS	M & M Bourke
WELCOMERS	R/J Akins, M Gill
ORGANIST/SINGER	Egerton Family, J Kilmister, T Delaney
READERS	S Sarquis, T Carter, M Dodd, S Pfeiffer, L Cargnello
COMMUNION MINISTERS	M Bourke, M Stevens, S Kruger, D Gardiner
MONEY COUNTERS	H & A Gregson W & C Dingle