

# St Thomas More's Parish

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

Working in partnership with  
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The Traditional Owners of this land.*

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany is celebrated in many different ways all over the world. It is customary in some cultures to celebrate Christmas every day through to the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, (Epiphany) with a large celebration on this day with the gifts we give to each other mirroring the gifts that the Magi bring to the Christ Child. Some French or Spanish cultures celebrate with a King's cake where a coin or plastic toy is baked in to the middle of this delicious cake and upon finding the prize that person is the 'king'.

There are many different ways to celebrate this ancient and sacred event. **But what does it mean to us?** An Epiphany is a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization. And to Christians the world over it is the manifestation of our God. How is God visible in our lives? Do we, like the Magi search for truth? Are we aware of the signs God puts in front of us? And after encountering Christ do we change the direction we are travelling to avoid the evils before us? Do we keep the Epiphany of the Lord in our hearts and use that to influence how we live?

I pray that this week we all come to have an epiphany and recognise the presence of God in our lives.

God Bless

~Jacinta



### WEEK 3 ROSTER 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### 6.00PM MASS ROSTER

CO-ORDINATORS	C Bathurst
WELCOMERS	
ORGANIST/SINGER	M Dickenson, K Ferguson
READERS	K Boulus, J Hintz, K Byrne
COMMUNION MINISTERS	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	M Davoren, J Doherty, V O'Reilly, M Steger

**HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH/DIOCESE**

Parish Diary for this week Starting 8th January, 2023

<b>Sunday 8 January</b> Epiphany of the Lord	7am, 9am & 5:30pm SPC <b>8:30am STM</b>	<b>*Priests to go on retreat returning 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> SPC = St. Patrick's STM = St. Thomas More's
<b>Monday 9 January</b> The Baptism of the Lord	5.30pm Mass SPC	
<b>Tuesday 10 January</b>	9am SPC	
<b>Wednesday 11 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Thursday 12 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>NO ADORATION UNTIL 19 JANUARY 2023</b>
<b>Friday 13 January</b>	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<b>Saturday 14 January</b>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC <b>6pm Mass STM</b>	
<b>Sunday 15 January</b>	7am, 9am & 5:30pm SPC <b>8:30am STM</b>	4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
<p><b>Planned Giving:</b> Thank you for your generous giving this Christmas period to support the works and mission of St Thomas More's Parish.  <b>25/12/22 Planned Giving:</b> \$2082 <b>Loose:</b> \$1716.45 <b>Pay point:</b> \$230  <b>1/1/23 Planned Giving:</b> \$3645 <b>Loose:</b> 249.90 <b>Pay Point:</b> \$140  <b>Carpet Fundraiser:</b> \$9060 (\$25000)  <i>If you are still contemplating contributing to the Carpet Fundraising please do so, any amount is welcome. Still fliers available in the foyer. Thank you.</i></p>		

**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

*Please let the office know if you would like a name added or removed from our prayer list.*

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Fr William Hall (1995)

PLEASE NOTE: Liturgy with Communion will no longer be continuing as a service on Wednesday at 9am

**SUNDAY 22nd January** there will be **no 8:30 am MASS at St Thomas More's** due to an unavailability of Priests. There will still be 6pm Mass here and Masses to attend at St Patrick's Cathedral 7am, 9am and 5:30pm

**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.

**Sacramental Program 2023** - please email the office to register for the sacramental program of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The candidates should be in year 4 this year.

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