

St Thomas More's Parish

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

We acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 30 April 2023

As a mother it has always intrigued me that as soon as I heard my first baby cry for the first time, my maternal instinct instantly kicked in. I can tell the difference between a hungry and sad cry, or a cry in pain. I can hear a cry in the dead of sleep in the middle of the night. As my kids have grown, I am attuned to their voices, I can hear their voices above any others, whether at the playground, in a busy shopping centre, even whilst I sit in the parish office, I can pick my child's voice playing in the school grounds at lunchtime. Something inside me stirs when I hear them. I'm always vigilant to their needs. I can never turn off the 'signal'. I will always be there to watch over and guide them, keep them away from harm, feed them and give them rest, when they will allow!

And so, in the Gospel this weekend Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He is asking us to tune in to hear His voice. To drown out the other noises of distraction, or danger, the things keeping us from Him. The loudest voices are not necessarily the wisest ones. The world will tell you to look out for yourself, do what makes you happy, but is that really living life to the full?

Jesus keeps saying the same thing he's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace. The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we must make important decisions, we fail to hear what Jesus is telling us. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly.

If I, as a mother, will hear and fulfill the needs of my children, how much more can Jesus fulfill and guide our needs? How much more can God's voice bring us nourishment?

I pray that this week, you will find time to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd in your life, and we join with the world in praying for vocations, those discerning will clearly hear the voice of God.

~Jacinta

Readings Year A:

Acts 2:14 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ

1 Peter 2:20-25 You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold.

WEEK 1 ROSTER	SATURDAY 6 May	SUNDAY 7 May
MASS CO-ORDINATORS	A Emery	T & T Sullivan
WELCOMERS	B O'Keefe, A & E Boulus	M Dodd
ORGANIST/SINGER	D Phillips, K Byrne, D Turner	M Keating, S Holcombe, T McKeon
READERS	A Emery, M Tranter, A Grimshaw	G Hutchinson, S Wilson, J Foley, D Gardiner
COMMUNION MINISTERS	A & K Boulus, B O'Keefe	W Dingle, T Carter
MONEY COUNTERS		R & N Mauch, D & A Gatfield
HOSPITALITY	Nomads Family group	Nomads Family Group

PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: Glenna Kasmer, Janice Lockhart, Thomas Lawton, George McGowan, Terry Tyers, Christine Prescott & her son Donncha Boles, Rev Fr Brian Sparksman, James Babineau, Peter Webster, Monica Gleeson, Wini Collins, Terry McNamara, Pauline Anderson, Maria Krulik, Joan Leonard, Greg Twidale, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC, Tanya Ketlaars, Bill Phillips, Patrice Webb, Pat Murray, Carmel Bourke, Hanre Botha and Bernadette Martyka.

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Fr John Concannon [1937], Fr Reginald Prior [1962].

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting a **Mother's Day Cent Sale** at The Cathedral Centre, Saturday 6 May, doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Entry \$10 which includes afternoon tea and two sheets of tickets. Extra tickets \$1 for a sheet of 100. All proceeds to The Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818.



The chalice will now be offered during communion as COVID restrictions have eased. Our communion ministry rosters will need to include 4 people each mass. If you would like to consider this ministry please update your information. **ROSTERS** will be updated to include new ministers.

Reception of consecrated wine must only be taken from the chalice. Please do not intinct (dip) the host into the chalice.

Talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Monday 1 May 6:30pm Fr Nathan will be presenting on the Rite of Reconciliation in the Cathedral Centre, after the 5:30pm Mass on Monday 1 May. The talk hopes to explore the celebration of the sacrament as a space to deepen one's experience of God's mercy beyond ritual piety and not held back by 'Catholic Guilt'.


St Vincent's Cancer Care Committee invites parishioners to our morning tea to be held on May 22 from 9am at Urban Grounds Café. Tickets are \$40, available from Lesley Knight 0428 304 784, Jessie Cutler 0431 908 688 and Bernadette Prescott 0419 799 448. Funds raised are for St Vincent's Palliative Care ward.

SPRED are making their annual appeal, for further information pick up a flier from the table in the foyer.


Sunday 30 April [STM – St. Thomas More's] [SPC – St. Patrick's]	8.30am STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	
Monday 1 May	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 6.30pm cathedral centre talk on reconciliation
Tuesday 2 May Saint Athanasius	5.30pm Mass STM 9am Mass SPC	Adult Faith meet in Parish meeting room
Wednesday 3 May Saint Philip & James	7am Mass SPC	9.30am Open Door Group meet in Parish Meeting Room 1.30pm Music Team meeting 6.30pm PPC meeting
Thursday 4 May	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 5 May	9am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 6 May	6pm Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Sacramental Candidates Presentation Ritual 6pm Wine & Cheese night
Sunday 7 May	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	Sacramental Candidates Presentation Ritual 8:30am Cuppa & Morning Tea
<p>Planned Giving: Direct Debit \$2627 Envelopes \$584 Loose \$542 Donation Point \$100 Planned Giving Options: Direct debit or envelopes please contact Jessica at the Parish Office on 4635 9555. You may simply like to do a bank transfer: St Thomas More's, BSB 064-786, Account Number 51400600, please reference your name/envelope number. Thank you for your generous donations.</p>		

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The recently-launched Archdiocesan Centre for Formation in Brisbane has developed four core modules designed to draw Catholics into the **fullness of the faith** and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The upcoming module starting on August 21st **Understanding, Praying and living the Scriptures**, led by Dcn Peter Pelicaan PhD - Executive Director at Evangelisation Brisbane, will engage participants in exploring the scriptures, their inspiration, canonization and unity as well as how to interpret scripture in the Catholic context.



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ST PATRICK'S TOOWOOMBA
is hoping to host a
REGIONAL HUB

at the Parish Centre for this module where we would be able to connect via livestream to participate in the group session remotely.

If you are interested and would like to register for the course, please contact the parish office.

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For more details about the course

scan the QR code

