

# St Thomas More's Parish

A welcoming Catholic Community growing in faith and united in our mission to share God's love with others.

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 ~21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

This weekend is known as Good Shepherd weekend, and that runs with the World Day of Prayer for vocations. This is an opportunity for all to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. We pray for those discerning their vocation, especially those in our diocese, that they may be open to hear and respond to the Lord's call.

There is a lot of talk of "the call" when you run in evangelisation, so it is not something with which I am unfamiliar. But that doesn't mean it easy to understand. What does that look like for the average Catholic person?

I can not speak to a call to consecrated life but I can speak of what the call has looked like for me in my vocation as wife, mother, and lay parish worker. For me, to discern the vocation of marriage, was a simple one. I had always wanted to be a wife and mother, as a little girl dressing up in whatever I could find to be a veil and pretend to get married, putting rings on my finger to see how it would look, playing with the baby dolls like they were my children. Looking back, I can see clearly that this was something that was always on my heart and I was destined for this purpose. The call to this job may look like it is something that I stumbled into, but I felt called to be here, right place, right time, a life pointing me in this direction, my roots firmly in place here over 30 years. The words came out of my mouth that "I feel called but not equipped" Fr Michael assured me that becoming equipped will come with time, but being called is the important part.

And that is true! Hearing God's call over your life *is* the important part. No one who follows the call feels equipped. Mary was frightened, Joseph was apprehensive, the disciples had no idea what was going on most of the time. I didn't know what to expect from being married. I certainly felt anxious about motherhood and that all worked out and I have gotten more equipped on the way. As we all do. Nothing can prepare us for the future but knowing that you are following God's guidance as He shepherds us, that is solid ground that you can build on!

### **First Reading:**

**Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12:**

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

### **Second Reading:**

**1 John 3:1-2**

*We shall see God as he is.*

### **Gospel:**

**Jn 10:11-18:**

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Pray this week that we can set time to hear  
God's call for our lives.

God bless ~ Jacinta

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who are ill:** Mary Pemberton, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Jim Dickenson, Deb Handley, Damian Wyvill, Kylie Lane, Nev Sarquis, Greg Twidale, Ted Cavanagh, Glenna Kasmer, Janice Lockhart, Thomas Lawton, Terry Tyers, Christine Prescott & her son Donncha Boles, James Babineau, Wini Collins, Pauline Anderson, Maria Krulik, Joan Leonard, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC, Bill Phillips, Peter Erbacher and Betty Saal.

**In loving memory:** Fr Leo O'Donohue [1961]

**Our parish secretary, Jessica Tierney has taken a full time job. Her last day in the office will be Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> May. We will farewell her with drinks after Saturday night Mass 5pm the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Jessica and her family remain parishioners of our parish, so although she is no longer working here we will still see her.**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER:** Applications are invited for the position of Parish Administration Officer at St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas More's. This is a permanent part-time position. As this role is spread over 2 locations you may like to consider applying for any of the following:

1. St Patrick's Cathedral, 123 Neil St, Toowoomba (12hrs)
2. St Thomas More's Parish, 71A Ramsay St, South Toowoomba (12hrs)
3. Combined 1 & 2.

Position Description is available by contacting St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Office on 4637 1500 or admin@stpats.org.au. Applications close 10/05/2024.

**On the count down...VIGIL MASS** has been moved to the earlier time of 5pm during the colder months of May, June, July and August. This was decided after our parish voted and the PPC deliberated. We hope to see you there! First date will be May the 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Catholic Mission** invites you to join World Mission May Rosary Prayers sessions- see the poster in the foyer.

**SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE** "The 39 Steps" Wednesday 8 May 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00 includes wine on arrival, supper at interval, 5 x raffle tickets. Tickets available at SPRED office, Cnr Hume & Jellico St 9am - 3.30pm Mon - Thurs. Ph:4632 8427 / spred@twb.catholic.org.au

**Weekly Diary**

<b>Sunday 21 April</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <i>World day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	<b>8.30am STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	
<b>Monday 22 April</b>	<b>9:00am STM</b> 5:30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
<b>Tuesday 23 April</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass STM</b> 9:00am SPC Mass	
<b>Wednesday 24 April</b>	7am Mass SPC	10am Open Door ~parish meeting room 3.30pm Sacramental Preparation lesson in church
<b>Thursday 25 April</b> <i>Anzac Day</i>	7am Mass SPC	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 26 April</b> <i>St Mark</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> 7am Mass SPC	
<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>6pm Mass STM</b> 7am Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation St Pat's
<b>Sunday 28 April</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>8.30am Mass STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	

**Planned Giving:** Loose \$ 487, Envelopes \$783, Direct Debit \$1030.50, Quest \$100  
Thank you for your generous donations.

**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 Acc:514001500** please reference your name/envelope number.

WEEK 4 ROSTER	SATURDAY 27/4	SUNDAY 28/4
<b>MASS CO-ORDINATORS</b>	J. McGovern	W. Dingle
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	B. O'Keeffe	W. & C. Dingle
<b>ORGANIST/SINGER</b>	M. Dickenson, K Boulus	M. Keating, V. Pfeiffer
<b>READERS</b>	J. Doherty, K. Morris, James McGovern	P. White-Davison, M. Wills, K. Pikramenos, K. Rouse
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	J. Hintz, M. Lobo, C. Bathurst	R. Mauch J. Kennedy, L. Holcombe, H. Whittaker
<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>	P. Pemberton, B. Williams, T. Conway	