

# 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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## PENTECOST SUNDAY ~19<sup>th</sup> May 2024



This week I was privileged to attend my husband, Bart's police graduation ceremony. It poured rain upon the 137 graduating recruits but as they gathered in this ceremony and took the oath to solemnly uphold the law with integrity, it occurred to me that the same spirit of anticipation within these new police officers could be parallel to the apostles at Pentecost.

Pentecost is not only about what we receive, but what we do in response.

*'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'*

The spirit had kindled the flames of mission and guided the apostles to go out and make a difference.

WE receive the same Holy Spirit to guide us in our servitude as Christians. The same Holy Spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgement and courage. The spirit of knowledge and reverence, wonder and awe in God's presence. All Catholics that have made the sacrament of Confirmation have this anointing of Spirit. What are we doing with it?

We are preparing sacramental candidates this week to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, we pray that this spirit will fill their hearts.

Action, therefore, is crucial for Christian living. Our prayer should direct us to sharing the love of Christ with others, especially those in need.

'In union with Jesus, we seek what he seeks and love what he loves.' So, at Pentecost we recall that having received the Spirit we are not meant to retreat from the world, but rather become Spirit-bearers to and in it.

May we become like the newly commissioned police officers, or the apostles at Pentecost, or even the candidates at Confirmation and be excited to take our learning and serve Christ through others.

### First Reading:

[Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#)

**The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.**

### Second Reading:

[1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

**Be guided by the Spirit**

### Gospel:

[John 20:19-23](#)

**The Spirit will guide the Apostles to all truth.**

I pray that this Holy Spirit that has been gifted to every one of us will be rekindled and the gifts of the spirit be present in your life.

Congratulations to my husband,  
God bless ~Jacinta

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who are ill:** Judith Keleher, Marc Slevin, Wendy Edwards, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Jim Dickenson, Deb Handley, Damian Wywill, Kylie Lane, Nev Sarquis, Greg Twidale, 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.

**Recently deceased:** Trish Ward

**In loving memory:** Fay Wills, Michael Wills, Maria Buschmaas, John Heeney

**Presbyteral Gathering:** All the priest in the Toowoomba Diocese (pictured, in order of age) gathered this week for a meeting with Bishop Ken. The meeting was facilitated by Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj (18th from the left), following the synodal discussion-based process modelled at the recent Fifth Plenary Council (2020-2022). Discussion settled on concerns for the pastoral care of Toowoomba, ‘the West’, pastoral planning, and administration of parishes; there was a consensus to extend this conversation to a larger gathering, opening the conversation with more of the faithful.



At the conclusion of the Meeting, Bishop Ken announced that **Nathan will be receiving a temporary relief appointment as administrator of the parish of Stanthorpe, effective 1 June 2024** for a term of 6-12 months. Nathan will conclude his time at the Cathedral and St Thomas More’s Parishes (for the time being). Next weekend (25-26 May), he will be at each of the weekend Masses at St Pat’s to bid not *adieu* but *au revoir*.

Last year the St Thomas More's community came together to help those in need through the Winter Shelter project. This allows homeless people in our community have a roof over their heads, enjoy a meal and participate in some fellowship with STM parishioners. This year have committed to hosting 3 nights - **24 June, 22 July and 19 August**. We are hoping that we will enjoy the same level of parish commitment this year, enabling those less fortunate than ourselves to be welcomed into our community. Volunteers are needed for preparing the church and set up, cooking of meals or snacks, spending time with the guests, staying the night to supervise, breakfast and pack up. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please contact Brendan Doherty at [bedoherty14@gmail.com](mailto:bedoherty14@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Breakfast Club-** is looking for volunteers if you are able to help out from 7:15-8:15 on Wednesday mornings please let Jacinta know [parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au](mailto:parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au)

**Weekly Diary**

<b>Sunday 19 May</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>8.30am STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	
<b>Monday 20 May</b>	<b>9:00am STM</b> 5:30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass STM</b> 9:00am SPC Mass	9am Adult faith ~ parish meeting room <b>1pm Funeral of Trish Ward</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	7am Mass SPC	7:15-8:15 Breakfast Club 10am Open Door ~parish meeting room <b>6pm SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION</b>
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Friday 24 May</b> <b>Our Lady, Help of Christians</b>	<b>9.30am Healing Mass</b> 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 9.30am Anointing of the sick Mass and morning tea to follow
<b>Saturday 25 May</b>	<b>5pm Mass STM</b> 7am Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation St Pat’s
<b>Sunday 26 May</b> <b>Most Holy Trinity</b>	<b>8.30am Mass STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	

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WEEK 4 ROSTER	SATURDAY 25 May	SUNDAY 26 May
<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	

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