

St Thomas More's Parish

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

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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The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 9 June 2024

Friday was the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and I came upon this reflection from the MSC Mission Office and thought I would share it with you.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a spiritual practice that emphasizes the unending love, compassion, and long-suffering heart of Christ towards humanity. It encourages believers to return love for love at the heart of the Christian life and to adore the boundless love of Jesus. 🙏❤️

This devotion is a reminder of the power of love and mercy, urging followers to open their hearts to divine grace.

Human life is full of variation. When we are young, we go to school and we look forward to the holidays. Afterwards, we start looking for a job, and when we are lucky enough to find one, we have our work to attend to. There is our family life, our contacts with friends, the media, etc. So many things draw our attention that it is quite possible to live outside ourselves, at the surface, without being truly ourselves. Often we have to get into some kind of personal trouble before we start sorting ourselves out. What do I really want? What should I be doing? As long as we have not asked ourselves such questions, we are drifting along, and our life has no heart because we have not yet learned to listen to our own heart. We are still in exile. To live authentically as a person, to become our true selves, we have to draw on those inner resources, which God has given us: self-awareness, some light within, our deepest longings, our conscience, our hope. This is what Holy Scripture calls our 'heart'. In our times, we may speak of the core of the person, our inner self, interior life, spiritual life; but also the word 'heart' is still frequently used in its deep sense.

Heart Symbolism 🤍: The 'heart' in scripture and tradition symbolizes the core of a person, representing deep inner life and spirituality.

Divine Love 🤍: Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus reflects the belief in God's merciful love and the call for a new heart and a renewed society.

Spiritual Renewal 🔄: The spirituality of the heart emphasizes personal and societal transformation through the compassion and love of Jesus' heart.

Papal Teachings 📖: Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI highlighted the importance of the human heart as the centre of personhood and devotion.

Pope Francis is preparing to write a heartfelt reflection on the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He announced his intention to publish the document in September and has asked for prayers as he prepares the reflection. The Pope aims to renew a world that 'has lost its heart' and will incorporate reflections from magisterial texts and sacred Scriptures.

This reflection is part of the 350th anniversary celebrations of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart.

This week, may we come to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
And offer our heart to Him.
God bless
~Jacinta

Readings Year B:

Genesis 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35:

It is the end of Satan.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: Bernadette Martyka, Judith Keleher, Marc Slevin, Wendy Edwards, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Jim Dickenson, Deb Handley, Damian Wyvill, 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, Fr Hal and Fr Nandana.

Anniversaries: Fr Charles Casey[1930], Fr Joseph (Pat) Hall [2019], Fr Thomas Sweeney [1995] and Beryl Lobo[2014].

Breakfast Club- is looking for volunteers for next term from 7:15-8:15am on Wednesday mornings please let Jacinta know if you can help at parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au Our supplies of long-life milk, and instant porridge are also getting low-if you could consider adding just one to your shopping list and add it to the pantry in the foyer, it would be appreciated!

Peter McDonald is leading a tour to Ireland in July 2025, if you are interested contact him on pmcduck@netspace.net.au or phone 0408345022. If you are looking for a place that is under cover to store caravans, Peter has a place in Darling Heights available.

WINTER SHELTER- we will be having a meeting for all volunteers Wednesday 12th June, 5:30pm in the church foyer. You can bring any questions or queries and we can give an overview of what to expect.

UPDATE on Fr. Hal, for those of you who have been asking and keeping him in your prayers, you would be glad to know that he is now home and feeling good albeit a little stiff and scarred but healing well. Nothing can keep him down! Thanks for the prayers, please continue to pray for his recovery.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 22nd June: Celebration of the feast of St Thomas More, special commissioning mass celebrated with Bishop Ken Howell. SOCIAL night after mass, potluck dinner and trivia. Fun family night out!

SVDP- Winter shelter -24 June, 22 July and 19 August Contact Brendan Doherty at bedoherty14@gmail.com

Celebration for Fr Hal's retirement! After 5pm Mass on the 13th July. St Patrick's will farewell Fr Hal with a morning tea on Sunday, 14th July after the 9am Mass.

Sunday 9 June [STM – St. Thomas More's] [SPC – St. Patrick's]	8.30am STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	
Monday 10 June	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 11 June St. Barnabas	5.30pm Mass STM 9am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room
Wednesday 12 June	7am Mass SPC	7:15-8:15 Breakfast Club 10am Open Door – Presbytery meeting room 5:30pm Meeting for Winter Shelter in church foyer
Thursday 13 June St Anthony of Padua	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 14 June	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 15 June	5pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 16 June	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	

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WEEK 3 ROSTER	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MASS CO-ORDINATORS	C. Bathurst	R. Mauch
WELCOMERS		T. & H. Donnollan
ORGANIST/SINGER	M. Dickenson, K. Ferguson	D. Phillips, T. Delany
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