

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Travel Light...

NOTHING
BUT A
WALKING
STICK



Readings

Amos 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Before the world was made, He chose us in Christ.

Mark 6:7-13

He called the twelve, and began to send them out

I am going on a pilgrimage of Mary that will see me travel to some spectacular Marion centres including Fatima and Lourdes. Now I don't leave until the end of September, but I am already preparing what to pack. Even going away for a weekend, or getting my kids ready for a sleepover, I make sure to pack anything that could possibly be needed. Little creature comforts to remind us of home, like cuddly toys and blankets of the young or as we get older our own sleep essentials that we can no longer live without, from C-PAP machines, to sleep masks, and melatonin. Whatever your sleep routine, it certainly is rare to pack lightly these days.

It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and to trust completely the hospitality that they will encounter. Jesus made it clear to the disciples that they were to travel without being burdened by the extras of life. In fact, they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. The gospel passage challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

We hear from Mark that the disciples carry with them a staff and travel in pairs. The staff has more uses than just a walking stick, it offers stability when the ground is uneasy, it offers protection against bandits and predators and it can point the way for others to follow. No wonder it is a symbol in our church for Saints and Bishops.

No one is sent out on mission alone. Everyone had a partner. Why do you think that is so? In contemplating this, I can see that there is safety in numbers and when 2 or more are gathered in God's name, He is present, a coal burning alone will go out but next to another coal it will keep glowing warm. Jesus wanted the disciples to have "back up", even though they are travelling light, they are not alone.

We are called to the very same in our daily mission, just as the disciples were sent out. We too are called to rely on God to provide for us, become less burdened by the comforts of the world, and find people that we can partner with to share our faith with others.

I don't suggest giving up your C-PAP machine – thank God that we have it – but perhaps we don't need another pair of shoes.

I pray that we can find good partnerships to build up our mission of faith!

God bless ~ Jacinta

Please remember in your Prayers...

People will stay on this list for 1 month unless otherwise advised, please continue to update the parish office of your prayer requests.

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, Wini Collins, Pauline Anderson, Joan Leonard, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC, Peter Erbacher

Recently deceased: Sr Elaine Wainwright

Anniversaries: Fr Patrick Campbell [1997], Fr Neville Grundy [1979], Fr Joseph Portley [1971]

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We would like to thank Fr Hal for his selfless service to the vocation of Priesthood and this parish in particular. We pray that your retirement is blessed, and the years to come are full of much more love and laughter.

There is a card on the foyer table please sign this. If you'd like to make an offering to Fr Hal there is a box also in the foyer for this.



At the request of the Pope

This Month we pray for

The pastoral care of the sick

Let us pray that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of hope and compassion.



Gardeners of the parish

We will be in need of greenery for the parish display at the Cathedral during the Carnival of flowers. It would need to be dropped to the parish office the weekend of the **7/8th September**. If you would like more info give us a call in the parish office.



Breakfast club

Breakfast club starts up again this week if anyone would like to volunteer an hour of their time to help please contact the parish office.



SVDP- Winter shelter

22 July and 19 August Contact Brendan Doherty at bedoherty14@gmail.com. There is a sign up sheet for Monday the 22nd in the foyer please fill any gaps.

Monday 15 St Bonaventure	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 16 Our lady of Mount Carmel	5.30pm Mass STM 9am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room
Wednesday 17	7am Mass SPC	10am Open Door – Presbytery meeting room 7.15am - Breakfast club
Thursday 18 St Camillus de Lellis	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 19	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 20 St Apollinaris St Margaret of Antioch	5pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 21	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	

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Please note changes to the planned giving Account Number this will need to be updated **ST Thomas More's, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014249.**

Please reference your name/envelope number

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
Readers	K Boulus, J Hintz, K Byrne	H Whittaker, S Kruger, M Bermingham
Communion Ministers	C Bathurst, A Emery, J Doherty	P Albion, S Pfeiffer, M Dodd
Money counters	J Doherty, V O'Reilly	