

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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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How Hungry are you?

This week, the schools across the diocese have been celebrating Catholic Education Week. Among the myriad of happenings in our church, I was fortunate enough to attend the parents retreat run by Kristin Byrne, the St Thomas More's Primary school APRE. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect with people in the school community in a reflective and prayerful way. Kristin spoke about the Sisters of St Joseph that founded our school following in the example of St Mary Mackillop. From the ideals set by the sisters came the foundation of our school values of Justice, Joy, Faith and Hope. Each term the school focuses on exploring one of the values and the school children can reflect on how their behavior and attitude in the classrooms, in the playground and wherever they are, affects others. Every moment is an opportunity to "find happiness in making others happy" or "never see a need without doing something about it." Both wonderful St Mary Mackillop quotes are engrained in the life and attitudes of the students who attend St Thomas More's primary school. We also broke open the word with Luke's version of "The parable of the Good Samaritan". In reflecting on this parable, I thought about how Jesus doesn't just give an answer to the teacher's question of "how do we receive eternal life?" but rather asks what it is that he understands from the scriptures and then provides an opportunity for an answer to be revealed to him through an example, in this case a parable.

Readings

2 kg 4:42-44
 They will eat and have some leftover.

Ephesians 4:1-6
 There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Jn 6:1-15
 He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

The more I read scriptures the more that different things stand out to me. More often than not- that is just what I need to hear! When I pray, I don't get clear answers but rather as this story showed, Jesus points me to what I understand in the scriptures and provides an opportunity for me to discover the answer myself.

This weekend's gospel -the feeding of the 5000- I am quite taken by the hunger shown by the crowds, yes, the gospel talks of feeding the crowd with bread and fish, but I understand this hunger on a deeper level of them craving time in the presence of Jesus. So much so that they are willing to travel vast distances on foot with no supplies. How hungry are we? Do we even go without anything? For most of us, hunger is just a fleeting feeling. But a spiritual hunger- well does that even exist in our comfortable lives?

Today, it seems we make no apologies for missing church if something better/more important comes along. That is ok, we have a patient God, he is waiting to nourish us at the table with Jesus the host. All are welcome at this table and nothing will be wasted. Just like St Mary Mackillop said, we can find happiness in making others happy!

I pray that in receiving the Eucharist this week we are nourished and filled with a craving to be in the presence of Jesus.

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

Recently deceased: Eileen Hohn

Anniversaries: Fr Robert Flynn [1980], Msgr John Bennett [1999], Fr Thomas Keegan [2020], Rev Fr Brian Sparksman [2023], Peter Webster, Maria Donaldson, Leo Lunney



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.



Winter Shelter

Thank you to all who helped with the Winter Shelter!



ROSIES TOOWOOMBA NEEDS YOUR HELP
Rosies is now recruiting outreach volunteers to commence a new street outreach on Tuesday nights between 5.30pm and 9.30pm. If you have 4 hours to spare monthly or fortnightly and would like to help our friends on the street as an outreach volunteer, please visit <https://rosies.org.au/charity/toowoomba/>. For all queries, please email toowoomba@rosies.org.au or call 0499 111 730. You can also speak with the team who are cooking a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Toowoomba North this Sunday (28 July).

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.

Please Note:

Due to there being currently only two priests at St Patrick's, and with Fr. Hal's retirement from Parish ministry it has been decided to **forgo the 5.30pm Mass on Tuesday at St Thomas More's**. This will begin in August. St Thomas More's will still have 9am Monday and 9.30am Friday. Thank you for your understanding in this change. Mass is offered daily at St Patrick's Cathedral.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

SIGNS of HOPE



PEOPLE of FAITH

A CONCERT-REFLECTION WITH PETER KEARNEY
Songs & stories of people who made a difference

Saturday 27th July
4.00-6.00pm (followed by 6.00pm Mass)
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
4 Goodwood Street
NEWTOWN
Free admission
RSVP to old.parish@bigpond.com

"Through the gift of his songwriting, Peter shares with us a way to pursue the dream of making life a steady and beautiful one." (Tony Vincent)



Monday 29 Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 30	5.30pm Final Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room *SPC Mass time changed due to a funeral.
Wednesday 31 St Ignatius of Loyola	7am Mass SPC	10am Open Door – Presbytery meeting room 7.15am - Breakfast club
Thursday 1 Aug St Alphonsus Ligouri	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 2	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 3 St Dominic	5pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 4	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	

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This movie-documentary starring diocesan local, Bethany Valente, as young Mary MacKillop, Archbishop Mark Coleridge as an interviewee and features 15+ young Toowoomba Catholics



Wednesday 7 August
2024 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

The Strand Cinemas To book tickets head here.
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1257002>

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Planned giving Account

ST Thomas More's, BSB 064-786, Account Number 100014249.

Please reference your name/envelope number



WEEK 1	Saturday	Sunday
MASS CO-ORDINATORS	A. Emery	T. & T. Sullivan
Welcomers	B. O'Keeffe	M. Dodd
Organist/Singer	D. Phillips, D. Turner	M. Keating, S. Holcombe
Readers	A. Emery, A. Grimshaw, F. Mitchell	S. Wilson, J. Foley, D. Gardiner
Communion Ministers	B. O'Keeffe, A & K Boulus	W. Dingle, T. Carter
Money counters	R & N Mauch, D & A Gatfield	
Hospitality	Nomads Family Group	Shalom Family Group