

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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Blessed Virgin Mary of the Southern Cross - Patron of the Toowoomba Diocese

When the Toowoomba Diocese was established in 1929, 95 years ago, there was no Patron Saint decided or officially recognised. It wasn't until 14th November, 1998 Pope John Paul II issued a Papal Bull confirming Mary's place to watch over our Diocese. 25 years ago the first Mass, 1st September, 1999 celebrated the introduction of Mary of the Southern Cross. This feast exists nowhere else in the world. This first day of Spring is significant because it commemorates the date in 1929 when Bishop Byrne took official possession of the Diocese as Toowoomba's first Bishop. This date also creates an Octave with the feast of the Nativity of Mary.

This beautiful painting was the result of a competition to find a suitable image to portray our Patron. Painted by Jan Williamson it adorns our Cathedral and many of the churches throughout our Diocese. The artist has taken into consideration the amazing way women have helped forged our nation from the times of the early pioneers to the modern day. Mary is depicted as a rural woman standing in a field of wheat or similar produce. The infant is dressed in a romper suit melding it into a modern scene. Mary is dressed simply in a red ochre coloured dress, belying the colour that is seen so often in rural Australia. Her simplicity and strength is shown in her serene look and her strong arms that hint at the physical rigours of life. Her face brings together the images of our migrant and indigenous past whilst looking to the future and whatever it may hold in the shadow of the cross that brings the hope of resurrection and new life, through the ups and downs of a life lived in faith.

The title of Mary of the Southern Cross is one that acknowledges that God has ever been watching over this Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit. The Southern Cross, a sign of hope, has hung in our sky since before any person walked this ancient land. Mary was one of the few who stood before the Cross of Christ and is therefore well qualified to be honoured with the title of Mary of the Southern Cross. As a rural diocese the night sky dazzles with a spectacular view of the stars making the use of the Southern Cross even more appropriate. The Southern Cross is also a pointer of direction just as Mary was a pointer to her Son, the Way, at Cana.

May we look to Mary of the Southern Cross to lead us all to the heart of Jesus.
God bless~ Jacinta McGovern

Readings

Sirach 51:13-18, 20-22

For I resolved to live according to wisdom, and I was zealous for the good and I shall never be put to shame

Romans 8:31-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ

John 19:25-27

Behold your Mother

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: Wendy Edwards, Terry Carter, Bob Kilmister, Bernadette Martyka, Damian Wyvill, Kylie Lane, Nev Sarquis, Judith Keleher, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Deb Handley, Greg Twidale, Glenna Kasmer, Janice Lockhart, Joan Leonard, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC,

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Stan Distant, John McAuliffe

We Give Thanks:



Gardeners of the Parish

We are in need of greenery for the parish display at the Cathedral during the Carnival of flowers. If you are able to help out please drop 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.

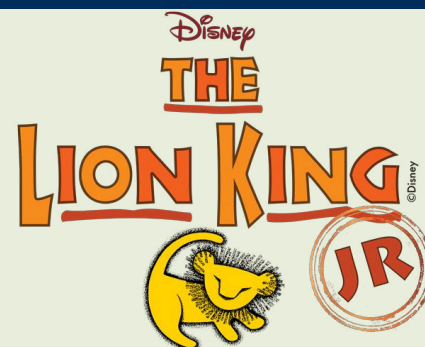
At the request of the Pope
This Month we pray for
For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

St Thomas More's Primary School
invites you to attend our 2024 production of



Music and Lyrics by **Elton John** and **Tim Rice**
Additional Music and Lyrics by **Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin** and **Hand Zimmer**
Book by **Roger Allers** and **Irene Mecchi**
Based on the Broadway production directed by **Julie Taymar**
Music adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and 'Lau Hawaiian Treat' written by **Will Van Dyke**
'It's a Small World' written by **Richard M. Sherman** and **Robert B. Sherman**

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

September 10, 11 and 12 from 6:00pm



Tickets \$15 each - available via Trybooking (use the QR code provided) or directly from the School Office on 4591 3999



St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba
presents
The Annual Carnival of Flowers Presentation
Friday 13th September - Monday 16th September
9am - 5pm Daily
Come along and experience the beautiful displays from our local Catholic Schools / Community Organisations and Businesses
"One Earth One Community"

Priests Retirement Fund Appeal

The Priests retirement Fund appeal is on again next weekend, if you wish to come prepared, there will be envelopes in the foyer or alternatively do a bank transfer to:

BSB: 084961

Account Number: 653097284

Please use Reference - PRF Appeal + their name (eg. PRF Appeal Smith J).

Or scan QR code to pay now.



BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY
Date: Saturday 7 September
Depart: 7.30am Neil St
Cost: \$50.
RSVP: Theresa 0434 528 904



Saturday Mass as of next week will be back to 6PM

Monday 02	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC Most Rev Edward Kelly DD	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 03 Pope St Gregory the Great	7am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith - Presbytery meeting room
Wednesday 04	7am Mass SPC Rev Fr Sydney Kattie	7.15am - Breakfast club 10am Open Door - Presbytery meeting room
Thursday 05	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 06	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 07	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 08	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm	

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Direct Debit \$1005.50
Envelopes \$748.50
Loose \$447.10
Donation Point \$110
Thank you for your generous donations.

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

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WEEK 2	Saturday	Sunday
MASS CO-ORDINATORS	G. Harvey	M & M. Bourke
Welcomers	S. McNelley	R/J. Akins, M. Gill
Organist/Singer	M. Dickenson, J. Farrell	D. Phillips, J Killmister, T. Delany
Readers	S. McNelley, F. Mitchell, J. Olive	T. Carter, M. Dodd, S. Pfeiffer, L. Cargnello
Communion Ministers	M. Lobo, G. Harvey, B. O'Keefe	M. Bourke, M. Stevens, S. Kruger, D. Gardiner
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