

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heave upon you..

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

John 6:24-35

whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst

Food for the Soul.....

"Mum, I'm hungry" I hear for the tenth time today. So much of our life revolves around food and mealtimes. Preparing meal plans, grocery runs, diets, different tastes, nutrition, cooking, plating and cleaning up and then I hear... "What's for dinner tonight?"

Our bodies tell us when its time to eat, and I don't blame the crowds who chased after Jesus to ask for more bread, just like children always looking for a something more to eat.

Last week we looked at being hungry this week let's look at what feeds us. Jesus told the crowds, "I am the bread of life." In other words, God is our life and our meaning. Jesus offers so much more than food to satisfy hunger, but the Eucharist to sustain us and satisfy a spiritual hunger for eternal life. Jesus' bread is believing and having eternal life. Jesus is asking us to "work for food that endures to eternal life" It is our works once we have received the Bread of life, our call to follow Jesus no matter our vocation we are to be the example of Christ to others. Believing means to have a relationship with Jesus.

The "work of God" has 2 aspects first the work that God has done in us, second the work of God through us to impact the lives of others. so, one could say that Gods work (what he wants to accomplish) is both in us and through us. Through our maturing relationship with Jesus, we see a change in us going from "Mum I'm hungry!" to "mum can I get you something?" We aren't so interested in what God can give us but what can we give the lord. We are so blessed in the Catholic Church to have the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our faith. How often do you go to Mass seeking God? How often do you go and spend time with him? What would it be like to pursue Jesus not just to solve our problems or pay our bills, but just for who he is? The only question you would ask is, "how can I serve you today?" or what can I do to accomplish the works of God. Our job is to do to the Fathers will, and by doing this we will accomplish the works of God.

No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our souls? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus?

What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings 'food for the soul' to others?

This week I pray that we will find nourishment for our souls through our relationship with 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, Betty Howell

Anniversaries: Rev Fr Peter Schultz [2019], Most Rev Basil Roper [1964], Rev Fr Mark Cosgrove [1947]
Eileen Schultz, Bill Meara, Mick Ahern

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.



National Vocation Awareness Week is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment in the Church, allowing people to explore their calling, and encourage their next step in following the call of God. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?

At the request of the Pope
This Month we pray for

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Please be aware the Vinnies clothing donation Bin in the carpark is no longer available. If you wish to make donations the shop on the corner of Long & Ruthven is open 7 days.



Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal envelopes are available on the table in the foyer.

Altar Server Training (and refresher)

For current and prospective altar servers. Come along and learn (or deepen) the spirituality and practice of altar serving. Come with a parent/caregiver to an information session with Fr Brian on Saturday 3 August, 2pm – 4pm in the Parish Centre Conference Room and for a tour/practice session on Saturday 11 August at 2pm in the Cathedral



Congratulations Urquhart Family on the Baptism of Eloise Urquhart



AROUND THE DIOCESE

From the award-winning series "Glorious Lives," Shalom World brings you the remarkable story of Australia's first saint. She followed God's path and championed love and forgiveness through every challenge. A saint who knew that love and education could transform lives. 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



For tickets Scan QR code

Monday 5	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 6 <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	7am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room
Wednesday 7	7am Mass SPC	10am Open Door – Presbytery meeting room 7.15am - Breakfast club
Thursday 8 <i>St Mary MacKillop</i> <i>St Dominic</i>	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 9 <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.00am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 0900am - Mass with School Mary MacKillop celebration
Saturday 10 <i>St Lawrence</i>	5pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	
Sunday 11	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	

Save The Date
Mission Ambassador Training 2024

Do you want to know more about Catholic Mission and the impact and presence you can make in your home parish.

Come join us as we invite you to support this life-giving work in Mongolia.

Date: Saturday - 31st Aug 2024
Time: 8.45 AM to 12.00 PM (morning tea provided)

Conference Room
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Centre
123 Nark St, Toowoomba City

RSVP: Wed 21st August 2024
Email: brisbane.eden@catholicmission.org.au



Bereavement Mass

August 21st 2024

0930am Mass

followed by morning tea
St Thomas More's Parish.

This Mass is for those grieving the loss of a loved one. All are welcome to attend

Planned Giving:

Direct Debit \$894.50

Envelopes \$690

Loose \$611.40

Donation Point \$160

Thank you for your generous donations.

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