

# ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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## Pilgrim's Journey of Hope.

Taking the time to reflect on the pilgrimage, I can see my faith deepening. In each of our lives we live through seasons. And our spiritual and prayer life is no different. Sometimes we are wandering the desert, our prayer life is dry, we are clearly searching. Or we may be on fire with the love of Jesus, ready to evangelise to others with our prayer life in plentiful supply.

I have been reignited on this journey, by going to these Holy places, seeing the sacred sites, delving into the lives of the Saints and celebrating mass daily, what an absolute blessing I have received! And it was extremely special to share this experience with my Mum and my Nana, Kathryn & Bernice.

I'm sure I will be able to share with you my trip in more detail but for now, let me tell you one of my highlights.

**Portugal-Fatima;** the place of the apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary. Where our Holy Mother appeared to 3 shepherd children St Jacinta Marto, St Fransico Marto and Blessed Lucia de Jesus. To see the place of St Jacinta and her home and learn of the apparitions, and pray at her tomb, was a completely moving experience. I felt so connected and humbled to be there in the presence of greatness. I was struck by the faith that these children had to Honor and obey Mary in their midst. It is amazing that such a faith can be found in a person so young. They instantly believed. I pray that by following the example of these Saints, we can have our faith strengthened! Not to be better than others, other churches or other beliefs but that the way we believe and show our faith brings others to God.

## Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

Hebrews 4:14-16

let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give His life for all.

In the Gospel this weekend; Jesus tells his disciples straight: Lording it over people 'is not to happen among you.'

Considering this, Pope Francis suggests we reflect on our daily lives and aspirations. If all we do in in our daily lives is oriented 'to feed our ambition, to climb the ladder of success, to reach important positions,' then what would Jesus say to us? He might remind us to serve each other within the Chrisitan community itself and to become servants 'to all'. We are called to build up the community of faith through mutual service. And, as individuals and as a community, we are also called to serve the world.

The Pope suggests that we can 'discover God's way of doing things' by contemplating Jesus, who 'lowered himself to wash our feet'. We should, both as a Church and as individual Christians, always seek to humbly 'put ourselves at the service of others'.

Just as the children in Fatima, showed the world such strong faith, may we all embrace our God and show our faith in loving service to others. 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:** Patricia Desbrow, Wendy Edwards, 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

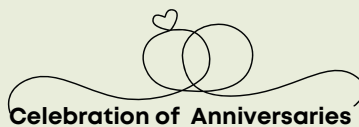
**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Schultz, Vincent Schultz

**We Give Thanks:**



**HOLY SOULS MONTH**, as you are aware is during the month of November and it provides an opportunity for us to remember our loved ones who have passed from this world to the next. We invite you to bring a photo to place on our memory banner. Please feel free to bring any photo into the parish office to make a copy of and which can be placed on the banner during November. *May they rest in peace*



**Celebration of Anniversaries**

If you have celebrated a significant wedding anniversary ending in a 0 or a 5, in the past year. We will be celebrating these next weekend at Mass with a special blessing. Please us know in the office by Friday 25th October.

**At the request of the Pope**  
**This Month we pray for**  
*For a shared mission*

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



**AROUND THE DIOCESE**



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 298  
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**St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Family**  
invite you to the celebration of  
*Advent Anointing Mass*  
*followed by Lunch*  
Thursday 28th November  
11.00 am  
Cathedral Centre  
RSVP by Tuesday 26th November 2024  
to Melissa or Cate on 46 371 500  
or [admin@stnats.org.au](mailto:admin@stnats.org.au)

UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD PRESENTS  
**KNOWN**  
*Lord, you have searched me and you know me, psalm 139*  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
8:45 am-5:30 pm  
SATURDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER  
HOLY NAME PARISH, TOOWOOMBA

<b>Monday 21</b>	<b>9:00am Mass STM</b> 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
<b>Tuesday 22</b> <i>Pope St John Paul II</i>	9am Mass SPC	<b>9am</b> Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room
<b>Wednesday 23</b> <i>St John of Capistrano</i>	7am Mass SPC	<b>7.17am</b> - Breakfast Club <b>10am</b> Open Door – Presbytery meeting Room
<b>Thursday 24</b> <i>St Anthony Claret</i>	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Friday 25</b>	<b>9.30am Mass STM</b> 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
<b>Saturday 26</b>	<b>6pm Mass STM</b> 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	
<b>Sunday 27</b>	<b>8.30am Mass STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm	



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

Please reference your name/envelope number

WEEK 4	Saturday	Sunday
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<b>Organist/Singer</b>	M. Dickenson, K. Boulus	M. Keating, V. Pfeiffer
<b>Readers</b>	J. Doherty, K. Morris, J. McGovern	P. White-Davison, M. Wills, K. Pikramenos, K. Rouse
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<b>Money counters</b>	P. Pemberton, B. Williams, T. Conway	