

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Don't Turn a Blind Eye

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools'. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness.

He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Mark 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

It is a common phrase to hear 'turn a blind eye' to pretend not to notice. But WE are called to notice.

In the lead up to All Saints Day on the 1st of November, I implore you to look into the Saints that lived their lives following Jesus. May they inspire you, walk with you and encourage you to notice people who need our help and attention, just as Jesus hears Bartimaeus calling out, Jesus will hear our cries too!

In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

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 of the departed: Kevin Murray

We Give Thanks For: The couples that celebrate their significant wedding anniversaries this year

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.

Remembering our dear departed

November will be the time 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 to be placed on the banner during November. If you bring a copy yourself please no larger than 4x 6. and please no originals.
May they rest in peace

FAMILY GROUPS

If you want to know more about what happens in family groups or how to join a parish family group, please ask Jacinta



Volunteers needed

We are asking for help with the flower roster. Rest assured that no flower arranging skills are required as we have artificial arrangements in place to just pop in when needed. Even if you could spare some time to be available when the rostered ladies are away - on an 'on call' basis would be much appreciated. This volunteer work is not restricted to ladies either 😊 Please contact the office if you have an hour to two available once a month or Carmel 0422138472
 The 'Flower Ladies'

Thanks

St Thomas More's Primary school families that attended out family mass



AROUND THE DIOCESE

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@stpats.org.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 28 <i>Sts Simon & Jude</i>	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 29	9am Mass SPC <i>Fr Edmund O'Donnell</i>	9am Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room
Wednesday 30	7am Mass SPC	7.15am - Breakfast Club 10am Open Door – Presbytery meeting Room
Thursday 31	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 01 <i>All Saints</i>	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 02 <i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	Hospitality weekend, wine and nibbles after mass
Sunday 03	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm <i>Fr William McCormack</i>	Hospitality weekend, cuppa and morning tea after mass

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

Planned Giving
Direct Debit \$3087.16
Envelopes \$831.50
Loose \$370.85
Donation Point \$110

next WEEK

Thank you for your generous donations.

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, A & E Boulus	M. Dodd
Organist/Singer	D. Phillips, D. Turner	M. Keating, S. Holcombe
Readers	A. Emery, A. Grimshaw	S. Wilson, J. Foley
Communion Ministers	B. O'Keeffe, A & K Boulus	W. Dingle, T. Carter
Money counters	R & N Mauch & A & D Gatfield	
Hospitality	Nomads	TM Troopers