

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Pilgrims of Hope: A Journey of Renewal

As humans, we know the profound yearning for something more, something better. We know what it means to hope - hope in our future, hope in our health, hope in the people around us.

The Catholic Church has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," inviting us to deepen our faith and embrace Christ's message of hope. This echoes this weekend's Gospel of Luke, where Jesus proclaims good news to the poor and freedom for the oppressed.

In his Papal Bull, *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis reminds us, "Hope does not disappoint. It is not mere optimism; it is an anchor for the soul, a force that sets us on the path to true freedom." This hope is rooted in God's eternal love, making this Jubilee a time for all Christians to renew their trust in God's promises.

Just as Jesus embarked on his ministry, we too are called to be "pilgrims of hope," journeying together towards a world transformed by God's love and mercy. The Eucharist is central to this journey. Pope Francis encourages us to approach the altar with renewed reverence, recognizing Jesus as the source of our hope.

This Jubilee is an invitation to look forward with hope. Pope Francis reminds us that in Christ, hope is eternal. Even in times of difficulty, God's love remains constant. Let us pray that we enter the Year of Jubilee with a spirit of hope and a renewed understanding that **"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into the hearts through the Holy Spirit."** (Romans 5:5)
 I hope we all have a very blessed year, Good luck to all the students and staff returning to school this week.

God Bless - Jacinta

Blessed Carlo Acutis and **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati** will be canonized as Saints during the Jubilee Year.

Acutis, known for his love of the Eucharist and his digital evangelism, will be canonized on April 27, 2025, during the Jubilee for Adolescents (April 25-27) in Rome. I was fortunate enough to visit his tomb in Assisi in veneration on my pilgrimage last year. Frassati, celebrated for his devotion to the poor and joyful faith, will be canonized during the Jubilee of Young People (July 28-August 3).



Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
 They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
 The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

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: Michelle Phillips, Kat Jennings, Marc Slevin, Bob Kilmister, Bernadette Martyka, Damian Wyvill, Kylie Lane, Nev Sarquis, Judith Keleher, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Deb Handley, Greg Twidale, Glenna Kasmer, Joan Leonard, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries of the departed: Alf Garrone

We Give Thanks For: Jacob Lina's Baptism

The Hospitality Roster for the year is in the Foyer please fill this in.

Job Vacancy – Admin Support Officer, St Anthony’s Parish, Toowoomba.

St Anthony’s Parish is looking for an Admin Support Officer to work up to 20 hours per week. Days and hours are negotiable. Please submit resume to
Fr. Jamie Collins
(admin@stanthonysparish.com.au)
by 10th February.

At the request of the Pope
This Month we pray for
For the right to an Education
Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

The Parish Ministry rosters will be renewed for the year. Is there a ministry you could volunteer to help with or are there any changes you need made?



The Sacramental programme kicks off in February, please use the form below to enroll

Monday 27 <i>St Angelica St Timothy & Titus</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday 28 <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9am Mass SPC	
Wednesday 29	7am Mass SPC	10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room <i>School Resumes</i>
Thursday 30	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 31 <i>St John Bosco</i>	930am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC <i>Rev Fr Howard Crowe</i>	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 01 Feb	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's Hospitality wine & cheese after mass
Sunday 02 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	Bring Candles from home to get blessed after Mass Hospitality Cuppa after mass



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	WEEK 1	Saturday	Sunday
MASS CO-ORDINATORS		A. Emery	T & T. Sullivan
Welcomers		B. O'Keefe, A & E Boulus	M. Dodd
Organist/Singer		D. Phillip, D. Turner	M. Dickenson, S. Holcombe
Readers		A. Emery, A. Grimshaw	S. Wilson, J. Foley
Communion Ministers		B O'Keefe, A & K. Boulus, M. Curtin	W. Dingle, T. Carter
Money counters		R & N Mauch, D & A Gatfield	
Hospitality		Care & Concern Ministry	