

# 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.

PHONE: 07 4635 9555

EMAIL: PARISHOFFICE@STTHOMASMORES.ORG.AU

SECRETARY: KIMBERLY GASLEVICH

HOURS: WED & THURS 9AM-3PM

CO-ORDINATOR: JACINTA MCGOVERN

HOURS: TUES-FRI 9AM-3PM

PRIEST DIRECTOR: FR. MICHAEL O'BRIEN

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: SARAH HOLCOMBE

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL:

DUANE WANN, PRINCIPAL

DONNA BARLOW, APMI

## Jesus-light of the world!

In keeping with the theme of the jubilee year, the feast of the presentation of Jesus is wonderfully apt.

Another name for this feast day is **Candlemas**, this is because of the words spoken by St Simeon "**for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.**" (Luke 2:30-32). Jesus is the light of the world, the Hope of the world. As a symbol of the light of Christ going into the world, we bless candles for us to use in our home lives. What a beautiful reminder and connection to the hope and presence of Jesus in our life.

In the Gospel we come to see that the presentation of the Lord is in accordance to the Law of Moses. It has been 40 days since Christmas and time for the Holy Family to fulfill the requirements of the law by presenting their first born son in the temple. The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Simeon and Anna are models of religious faith; they are attentive to God's word, humble, trusting and obedient. The ritual was for the child to be redeemed, where in fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child.

Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people.

My prayer this week is that we take the light of Christ with us into all aspects of our lives, so that we can shine Christ's love and bring Hope to all.

*God Bless - Jacinta*

**Please remember in your Prayers...**

People will stay on this list for 1 month unless 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, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Josephine Whittaker

**We Give Thanks For:** *Derek & Michelle Phillip's 25th and Judy & Allen Smythe's 40th Wedding Anniversary*

**'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with love.'** - *St Mother Teresa*

Did you know that our parish has a care and consolation ministry team that ensures that those members of the community such as the elderly, housebound, ill, bereaved or isolated, are supported through home visits, meals, transport, Preparation of Funerals and reception of the Sacraments?

If you are needing assistance please contact the Parish Office.

**" Want to Be an Altar Server? Join Us This February!**

Hey kids! Do you want to be a part of something special join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba & St. Thomas More Church.

We're starting the second batch of altar server training this February, and you're invited.

It's a fun way to help out at church, learn more about your faith, and be part of an amazing team!

Training starts in February

Come and see and we can't wait to have you join our team. "

**At the request of the Pope  
This Month we pray for**

**For vocations to the  
priesthood and religious life**

**Let us pray that the ecclesial  
community might welcome  
the desires and doubts of  
those young people who feel  
a call to serve Christ's mission  
in the priesthood and  
religious life.**



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



Are you new to the Parish? We'd love to hear from you. Scan the QR code below to fill out our Parish Census Card



<b>Monday 03</b> St Blaise St Ansgar	<b>9am Mass STM</b> 5.30pm Mass SPC	<b>Rosary in Chapel before Mass</b> Parish Pastoral Council meeting 630pm
<b>Tuesday 04</b>	9am Mass SPC	
<b>Wednesday 05</b> St Agatha	7am Mass SPC	<b>10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room</b>
<b>Thursday 06</b> St Paul Miki & Companions	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Friday 07</b>	<b>900am Mass STM</b> 7am Mass SPC	<b>Rosary in Chapel before Mass</b> <i>Mass will be at the school</i>
<b>Saturday 08</b> St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita	<b>6pm Mass STM</b> 7am, 6pm Mass SPC <i>Rev Fr Raymond White</i>	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's
<b>Sunday 09</b>	<b>8.30am Mass STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	

**Planned Giving**

**Direct Debit \$1070.50**

**Envelopes \$912.5**

**Loose \$432.25**

**Donation Point \$160**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

**Planned Giving Account**

**ST Thomas More's, BSB 064-786,**

**Account Number 100014249.**



WEEK 2	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MASS CO-ORDINATORS</b>		M & M Bourke
<b>Welcomers</b>	S. McNelley	R/J Akins, M. Gill
<b>Organist/Singer</b>	M Dickenson, J Farrell	D Phillips, M. Bermingham
<b>Readers</b>	S McNelley, F Mitchell, J Olive	T Carter, M Dodd, S Pfeiffer, L Cargnello
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	M Lobo, B O'Keeffe,	M Bourke, M Stevens, S Kruger, D Gardiner
<b>Money counters</b>	H & A Gregson, W & C Dingle	

Please reference your name/envelope number