

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Readings

Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

1 corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

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



Spill the Tea

If you follow any pop culture references "*spill the tea*" is a phrase used to mean share the news, or tell us the gossip. I think it symbolises gossip very well and I will tell you why.

Firstly, tea is a hot drink, when it is served, you are told to be careful-it's hot. If you don't want to be burned or scolded for what you say, you will be careful of what you say.

Secondly, tea stains. if you spill the tea, you must be careful of where you spill it, if you spill it on the nice white tablecloth, it will leave a mark. Words can have the same the effect. The people you share news with could leave a mark that you cannot erase.

St Philip Neri knew it all too well: most times we cannot know the consequences of what we say and we can never unsay it.

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a **call to witness** to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. Secondly, we must be **self-appraising** before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a **reflection of our intentions**; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

Ultimately, through the parable that Jesus tells, we are being asked to remember that our words always affect another person. Jesus draws our attention to the importance of choosing our words carefully, lest they become 'bad fruit'. Don't become a hypocrite that points out flaws, but rather set the example of following Christ and let your words and actions encourage and help others. Let us all try to bear good fruit for those around us and enjoy a cup of tea with those we love instead of joining the culture of spilling the tea.

My prayer this week is that by receiving this Holy Eucharist, we can contemplate how to make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say. May we take the example of Christ as we prepare our self to walk this Lenten journey.

-God Bless -Jacinta

Things to Know About the 2025
Jubilee Year of Hope

Pilgrimage is at the heart of the Jubilee. Catholics from around the world are invited to journey to Rome and other holy sites. Pilgrims who enter through the Holy Doors will receive graces from the Jubilee.



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: Fr Joe McDermott, Jean McDermott, Wendy Edwards, Jackie Sunnerdale, Ray Aitken, Michelle Phillips, Kat Jennings, Marc Slevin, Bob Kilmister, Damian Wyvill, Kylie Lane, Nev Sarquis, Judith Keleher, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Deb Handley, Greg Twidale, Glenna Kasmer, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC

Please also remember in your prayers Pope Francis

Recently deceased: Bernadette Martyka

Anniversaries of the departed: Arthur Lobo, Kevin Weise, Roger Stroud, Daniel Gainey, Sylvia Pederson

We Give Thanks For: The sacramental candidates of our parish and the CONFIRMED

Lenten Prayer Groups

“Lent is an Invitation to “Metanoia” to confront all that creates Distance between God and us, & to embrace mercy & hope. It is by God’s grace, that we turn towards God & are transformed.”

Join us in the Church this Lent

Metanoia is the Lenten reflection by Woollongong Diocese.

The Cost is \$10 per book

Tuesday night - 7pm

Thursday Morning - 9am



Little Black books are in the foyer for you if you would like them for your Lenten reflection - \$5 per book
There are 12 purple books available for children.

Project Compassion envelopes available in the Foyer - please take one

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5th

St Pat's Cathedral
7am
5.30pm

St Thomas More's
9.30am
6pm

At the request of the Pope
This Month we pray for

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Monday 03	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC Rev Fr Dominic Burke	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 04 St Casimir Shrove Tuesday	9am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith-Parish meeting room Lenten Prayer Group - 6pm
Wednesday 05 ASH WEDNESDAY Fast & Abstinence	7am SPC 530pm SPC 930am STM 6pm STM	7.15am - Breakfast Club 10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room 3.30pm - Sacramental Program in the Church
Thursday 06	7am Mass SPC Rev Fr Hector Thomas Sheeran	Lenten Prayer Group - 9am
Friday 07 St Perpetua & Felicity Meat free Friday	930am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 5.30pm in church 'Way of the Cross'
Saturday 08	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's
Sunday 09	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	

St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Come and enjoy a great night out to celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick!

Saturday 15th March
Cathedral Centre - Neil St
Doors/Bar opens 6.30pm
Meal Served at 7.15pm
Dancing and sing-a-long for 7.30pm

Costs: \$50/person
EFT: Trybooking Link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CY11E>
OR
Contact the parish office to purchase your ticket: 40 371 500
OR
Scan the QR Code

EMMAUS YOUTH NIGHT

28.02.25
Friday Night
6-8pm

71 Ramsay St, St Thomas More's Church Hall, Centenary Heights
Contact Lydia for more info: 0408665677

Every Last Friday of the Month (Grade 7-12)

Faith, Friendship, Fun!

Bring your Friends

FAITH BARRIOTOS GAMES

Please note: parents/carers at first time drop off will be required to complete an initial parental consent/medical form.

Planned Giving

Direct Debit \$2052.16

Envelopes \$637

Loose \$517.65

Donation Point \$260

Thank you for your generous donations.

Planned Giving Account

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Account Number 100014249.

Please reference your name/envelope number



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