

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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A striking, often overlooked detail in this Gospel passage is the crowd's intense hunger for God's word. Luke 5:1 describes them "pressing round him listening," demonstrating a deep desire for truth and a yearning for more. This "holy discontent," this constant craving for a deeper connection with God, resonates with our own spiritual journeys. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux so beautifully expressed, "I have no other desire than to love Jesus and to be known by Him." This simple yet profound desire encapsulates the essence of a life lived in pursuit of God.

It's easy to understand why these people readily responded to Jesus' call to follow. That initial "yes" after conversion often flows effortlessly from a heart overflowing with zeal and excitement. However, the true challenge lies in the daily, continuous "yes" – the consistent choice to prioritise God amidst the busyness of life.

Daily life can easily overcrowd our time with God. Work, family, responsibilities, and fatigue can lead to excuses: "I'm too busy to pray," or "I'm too tired for church." These feelings are common, but they underscore the difficulty of maintaining that initial fervor.

How do we cultivate this "holy discontent," this deep hunger for God? How do we recognize that only He can truly satisfy our longing? The key is understanding that Jesus, in His immense love, desires our presence.

The readings this week are inviting you to reflect on your own conversion experience, Jesus calling to you. Did it begin from birth and mature as the years have passed? Was it a more dramatic conversion experience later in life? How has this conversion to Christ shaped your life? Where is it leading you now?

When we work with God, trusting that Jesus shows us the way, then we will find our true calling. I pray that we might even gain the courage to leave our familiar boat behind!

God Bless - Jacinta

*Things to Know About the
2025 Jubilee Year of Hope*

The Jubilee Year marks a new beginning for the Church. It is a time to rekindle devotion, reflect on one's faith journey, and embrace the mission of spreading hope to others.



Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8
Here am I! Send me.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Luke 5:1-11
They left everything and followed him.

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!



Please remember in your Prayers...

People will stay on this list for one 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, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC

Recently deceased: Cecilia Ryan

Anniversaries of the departed: Bernie O'Keeffe

We Give Thanks For:

'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!

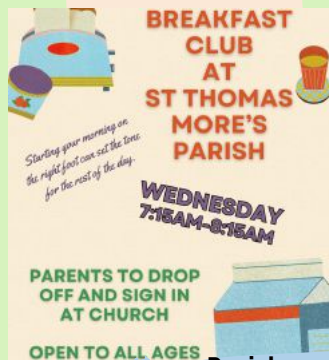
Training starts February 21

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



We welcome Willow & Patrick McCullough into the Church family this weekend.

We are in need of volunteers!
3 people for, 1 1/2 hours a week -7 weeks a term!
If you have time, please consider this fun outreach of breakfast club!
Donations of milk & breakfast items would be appreciated



Parish pastoral council nominations

There are 2 positions available on Parish Council. Is there someone you think has gifts that would serve the Parish well? Nominations for this are welcome.

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 with an info night 18th February, please use the form below to enroll



Monday 10 St Scholastica	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 11 Our Lady of Lourdes	9am Mass SPC Most Rev James Byrne DD	
Wednesday 12	7am Mass SPC	730am - Breakfast Club 10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 13	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 14 Sts Cyril & Methodius	930am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 15 St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's
Sunday 16	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 6.30pm
Cathedral Centre - Neil St

Tickets will include -

- Your meal
- Live Irish Band and plenty of dancing? From 7.30pm
- Irish Sing-A-Long - Local Band
- Cost: \$50/person
- E-SAVE: Trybecking Link - <https://www.trybecking.com/CY11E>

Contact the parish office to purchase your ticket - 46 371 500
or
Scan the QR Code

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	WEEK 3	Saturday	Sunday
MASS CO-ORDINATORS		C. Bathurst	R. Mauch
Welcomers			T & H, Donnollan
Organist/Singer		M Dickenson, K. Ferguson	P. Dwan, T Delany
Readers		K. Boulus, J Hintz	H Whittaker, S Kruger, M Bermingham
Communion Ministers		C. Bathurst, A. Emery, J. Doherty	P. Albion, S. Pfeiffer, M. Dodd
Money counters		J. Doherty, V. O'Reilly	

Please reference your name/envelope number