

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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To be blessed

The Hebrew concept of a blessing isn't about Divine pats on bowed human heads; it is about **where the presence of God is to be found**. In the Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now.

In Luke's gospel today we hear that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the compassionate, the mournful, the peacemakers and the martyrs; we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God.

Jeremiah and David both use the image of a tree planted by streams of living water to describe someone rooted in God's word. This image suggests that if we immerse ourselves in God's living water, we can face life's challenges without fear. Complications, challenges and suffering may come, but being rooted in God's word provides assurance and comfort. God will be present in both sorrow and joy, offering consolation and support. His presence is our blessing.

Jesus never promised an easy life, but He does promise hope for the future, assuring us that a new day will dawn. God is no foreigner to suffering, feeling alone or rejected. In knowing that Christ has experienced suffering in every way we do offers comfort and connection. He becomes not just an example to follow, but a true companion in our pain.

'Disciples,' the Pope reminds us, 'in the end, are those who let themselves be led by Jesus, who open their heart to Jesus, who listen to him and follow his path.' Such a path involves openness to the joys of the present, wherever we may find them. It also involves a readiness and willingness to become Christ's blessing to others.

I pray that in this time leading up to Lent we can plant our roots to the stream of living water that comes from God and become a blessing to others.

-God Bless -Jacinta

Things to Know About the 2025
Jubilee Year of Hope

The 2025 Jubilee is part of a larger preparation for the 2033 commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A Curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

1 corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith in is vain.

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Happy are the poor, woe to the rich!

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 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, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC

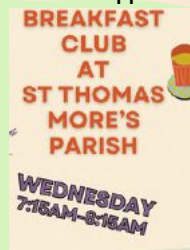
Recently deceased: Cecilia Ryan, Graham Swenson, John Hanna.

Anniversaries of the departed: Mary Therese Clark

We Give Thanks For: Dodi McGrane- 95 this week and John Doherty 90 years young!



We are in need of volunteers! Sign up on the form in the foyer!
If you have time, please consider this fun outreach of breakfast club!
Donations of long-life milk & breakfast items would be appreciated



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.



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.

The Sacramental programme kicks off with an info night 6pm 18th February, please use the form below to enroll by the 21st February



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. “



Monday 17 <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 11am - Funeral - Cecilia Ryan
Tuesday 18	9am Mass SPC <i>Rev Msgr John Bergin</i>	9am Adult Faith-Parish meeting room 6pm - Sacramental Program Info Night -in the Church
Wednesday 19	7am Mass SPC <i>Rev Fr Michael Hayes</i>	715am - Breakfast Club 10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room
Thursday 20 <i>Sts Francisco & Jacinta Marto</i>	7am Mass SPC <i>Rev Fr Michael Cronin</i> <i>Rev Fr Henry MacFarlane</i>	
Friday 21 <i>St Peter Damian</i>	930am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC <i>Rev Fr Brian O'Dwyer</i>	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 5.30pm St Pat's-Altar servers mass, meeting and dinner
Saturday 22 <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's
Sunday 23	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	St Thomas More's Primary School Family Fun Day 2pm-4.30pm

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
- ESV: Trybooking link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CY1E>

Contact the parish office to purchase your ticket - 40 371 500
OR
Scan the QR Code

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	WEEK 4	Saturday	Sunday
MASS CO-ORDINATORS		J. McGovern	W. Dingle
Welcomers		B O'Keefe	W & C Dingle
Organist/Singer		M Dickenson, K. Boulus	P. Dwan, V Pfeiffer
Readers		J. Doherty, K. Morris, J. McGovern	P. White-Davison, M. Wills, K. Pikramenos, K. Rouse
Communion Ministers		J. Hintz, M. Lobo, C. Bathurst	R. Mauch, J. Kennedy, L Holcombe, H. Whittaker
Money counters		P. Pemberton, B. Williams, T. Conway	