

# ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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ST THOMAS MORE'S CATHOLIC  
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## Readings

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
The Lord has put you in my power,  
but I will not raise my hand against  
you.

1 corinthians 15:45-49  
Just as we have carried the earthly  
image, we must carry the heavenly  
image

Luke 6:27-38  
Be merciful as your Father is  
merciful.

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to the Parish?  
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hear from you.  
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involved!



St Thomas More's Parish  
Toowoomba

## Love & Compassion

On Thursday the 20th February the church celebrates the memory of Saints Fransico (1908-1919) and Jacinta Marto (1910-1920).

The children who had apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal.

Last year on my pilgrimage in Europe, with my Mum and Nana, we were fortunate enough to visit and stay in Fatima. We saw the homes and the village that Fransico and Jacinta were born and raised and died. We walked the fields where they tended to the sheep and we visited the blessed shrine of their apparitions, drank miraculous water that appeared when the children were thirsty and visited their hallowed tombs. Every night in the grotto is a procession and candlelight vigil of the rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima. This place was one of the most spiritually incredible experiences of my life.

I felt drawn to be there and so special just to share the name of this faithful saint.

This weekend's gospel has Jesus schooling all believers with a counter-cultural challenge to love your enemies. This is a perfect example of what it means for the reign of God to come into our broken human world. We do not just stop the cycle of evil and hatred, we reverse it and transform it into a cycle of goodness. 'Paying it forward' instead of giving 'pay back'.

Jesus presenting this challenge before all believers does not mean that it is easy. We have challenges in our life every day and we are expected to not only rise above it, but also turn it to something good. Loving those we like is easy and delightful, but loving those whom we don't like, that is the real challenge. St Jacinta was persecuted for her faith at 8 years old, when she was put a prison cell she hung her rosary beads up and did nothing but pray.

My prayer this week is that we take the example of St Fransico and Jacinta and lean into praying for those we love and those who cause us suffering. In doing so we will draw closer to Christ and be able to respond out of genuine love and compassion.

*-God Bless -Jacinta*

Things to Know About the 2025  
Jubilee Year of Hope

The Jubilee Year began on December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica. This door symbolises Christ as the gate to salvation and offers pilgrims the chance to receive the graces of the Jubilee.

This is a photo of St  
Jacinta's  
Tomb in Fatima





**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:** Jackie Sunnerdale, Ray Aitken, 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 **Please also remember in your prayers Pope Francis**

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Pat Carey, Margaret Pereira, George McGowan

**We Give Thanks For:**

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.

**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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5th**

**St Pat's Cathedral**

7am  
530pm

**St Thomas More's**

930am  
6pm



<b>Monday 24</b>	<b>9am Mass STM</b> 5.30pm Mass SPC	<b>Rosary in Chapel before Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	9am Mass SPC <i>Rev Fr Michael Sheehan</i>	<b>9am Adult Faith-Parish meeting room</b>
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	7am Mass SPC	715am - Breakfast Club <b>10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room</b>
<b>Thursday 27</b> <i>St Gregory of Narek</i>	7am Mass SPC	
<b>Friday 28</b>	<b>930am Mass STM</b> 7am Mass SPC	<b>Rosary in Chapel before Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 01 March</b>	<b>6pm Mass STM</b> 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's <i>Hospitality after Mass</i>
<b>Sunday 02</b>	<b>8.30am Mass STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	<i>Hospitality after mass</i>

**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  
• Cost: \$50/person  
• EAVE: Trybooking Link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CYH>  
or  
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WEEK 1	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MASS CO-ORDINATORS</b>	A. Emery	T & T. Sullivan
<b>Welcomers</b>	B. O'Keefe, A & E Boulus	M. Dodd
<b>Organist/Singer</b>	D. Phillip, D. Turner	M. Dickenson, S. Holcombe
<b>Readers</b>	A. Emery, A. Grimshaw	S. Wilson, J. Foley
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	B O'Keefe, A & K. Boulus, M. Curtin	W. Dingle, T. Carter
<b>Money counters</b>	R & N Mauch, D & A Gatfield	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Boulus Prayer Group	Shalom Family Group

Please reference your name/envelope number