

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
The confession of faith of the elect.

Romans 10:8-13
The confession of faith of the believers.

Luke 4:1-13
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where He was tempted.

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!



Francis' Focus

Jesus does not converse with the devil', observes Pope Francis. The Pope points out that Jesus never seeks the devil's opinion, nor does he get into a dialogue with the devil. Jesus only gives firm answers, rebuffing the devil with Scripture, even when the devil tries to warp Scripture to his own ends.

Hoping that Lent can be 'a time of the desert' for each one of us, a time when we can find silence and make time for prayer, the Pope also warns us against falling into a 'slumber of the conscience'.

Silence and prayer must never become dialogue with the devil. If we start to think of ourselves as holier than others, excuse ourselves from helping the poor, or judge others whose lives appear different from our own, then perhaps we have started listening to the devil's opinion.

This Lent we might reflect on this temptation to self-justify, to dialogue with evil. 'The devil does this with us', the Pope suggests. Too easily the devil can, as the Pope puts it, 'disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives!'

Therefore, we might begin Lent by praying for the fortitude to answer our own inner temptations with firm resolve.

My prayer for the week is that as we join Jesus in the desert for forty days, we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us, deliver us Lord from temptation and deliver us from Evil.

*-God Bless
Jacinta*

Things to Know About the 2025
Jubilee Year of Hope

The Eucharist is central to the Jubilee. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to approach the altar with renewed reverence, recognising Jesus as the source of hope.

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: 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, Sue McGavin

Anniversaries of the departed:

We Give Thanks For: Those in the Parish who donated toward the Digital Piano & tablet.

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

Easter Rosters

If you are going to be around during Easter and would be willing to help out at Masses please pop your name on the sheet in the foyer, so that we can finalise these rosters

Easter Choir

Those interested in joining the Easter choir

rehearsal time are as follows

Sunday March 16th 930-1030am

Monday 24th March 7-8pm

Sunday 6th April 930-1030am

Monday 14th April 7-8pm



**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.



Project Compassion envelopes available in the Foyer - please take one

Monday 10	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC Rev Fr Joseph Skelly	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 11 St Casimir Shrove Tuesday	9am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith-Parish meeting room Lenten Prayer Group - 7pm
Wednesday 12	7am SPC Rev Fr Kevin Ryan	7.15am - Breakfast Club 10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room 3.30pm - Sacramental Program in the Church
Thursday 13	7am Mass SPC Rev Fr Bernard Kane Rev Fr Derick Furness	Lenten Prayer Group - 9am
Friday 14 Meat free Friday	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 11:30am Funeral of Sue McGavin 5.30pm in church 'Way of the Cross'
Saturday 15	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's ST Patrick's Day Dinner - Cathedral Centre
Sunday 16	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC Rev Fr Ronald Walton	

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
Entry/Bar opens 6.15pm
Meal Served at 7.15pm
Dancing and sing-a-long for 7.30pm
Costs \$10 per person
EWE's Entertainment Club - <http://www.ewesclub.com.au> 0711 411 1111
Contact the parish office to purchase your ticket - 46 311 1111

All are invited!
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2025
March 07, 14, 21, 28
April 04, 11, 18, 2025
EVERY FRIDAY
5:30 P.M.
ST. THOMAS MORE'S CHURCH
71A Ramsay Street, Toowoomba, Queensland

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Direct Debit \$2091.50

Envelopes \$425.50

Loose \$623.55

Donation Point \$145

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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