

# ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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## Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, His faithful servant.

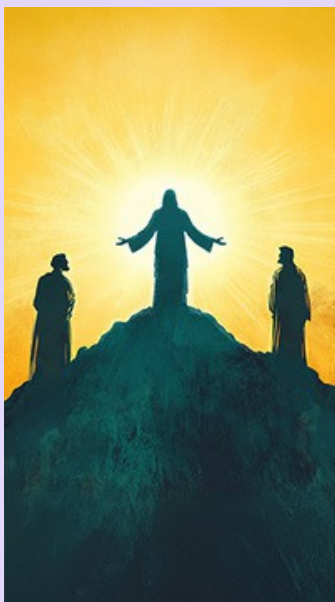
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of His glorious body.

Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

**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!**



## Climbing to the mountain top

The account of the Transfiguration appears in 3 Gospels, Matthew, Mark & Luke. They are all pretty much the exact same account. Not long before this we have heard Jesus ask the disciples "who do you say I am?" With Peter boldly declaring Jesus is the Messiah. However, even though Peter and the disciples are there with Jesus, hearing and seeing the most amazing things, they are sleepy at some rather crucial moments and they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

In the Gospel account of the Transfiguration, there are three things that have stood out to me.

The disciples were *'heavy with sleep'* In this regard, the apostles can help us think about Lent. 'It is a period in which God wants to awaken us from our inner lethargy, from this sleepiness that does not let the Spirit express itself.'

In their sleepiness these apostles make good role models for us. Despite their exhaustion, they remained open to the working of Grace. Perhaps it was the light of Jesus that reawakened them. Like them, we too are in need of God's light, and that light makes us see things in a different way: it attracts us, it reawakens us, it reignites our desire and strength to pray, to look within ourselves, and to dedicate time to others.

We might sometimes feel sleepy, in faith as in work, but we can still be witnesses to the Transfiguration if we are really open to the light of Christ.

Secondly, Jesus has revealed Himself to us in so many different ways and we believe Yes, You are God and I believe in you, but then we turn around and we are exhausted by life and what it actually means to be Catholic and follow Christ.

Each encounter we have with the true presence of Jesus, leads us to the mountain top. The view at the top changes everything. In the Transfiguration Jesus shows himself as he really is and always has been, Jesus is not the one being changed, but the apostles' and our understanding of Jesus is illuminated.

Lastly, the apostles hear the voice of God speak to directly to them, He claims Jesus as His Son and instructs them to **"LISTEN TO HIM"**. It is God's wish that we listen to the words of Jesus, don't get carried away with our thoughts of what should be or the message of the world around us, but just listen to Jesus.

My prayer this week for our Lenten journey is that we continue to climb the mountain of sacrifice and obedience to spend time with Jesus and that we can be illuminated by the presence of Christ in our lives

*-God Bless  
Jacinta*

Things to Know About the 2025  
Jubilee Year of Hope

A special Jubilee Prayer will unite all the faithful in prayer during the Holy Year. There are prayer cards on the table in the Foyer - please take one

**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:** Anne Strathearn, Wendy Edwards, Jackie Sunnerdale, Ray Aitken, Michelle Phillips, Marc Slevin, Bob Kilmister, Damian Wyvill, Nev Sarquis, Judith Keleher, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Greg Twidale, Glenna Kasmer, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC  
**Please also remember in your prayers Pope Francis**

**Recently deceased:** Christopher Tilley

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Val Sharpe

**We Give Thanks For:** Dodie McGrane's joyful participation in our parish and wish her well

**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.**



**We Have a New Email Address**

[stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org.au)

Please add this email address to your contact list to ensure that you continue to receive our emailed bulletins.



**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.

**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**



**Second Rite of Penance**

Wednesday April 2nd 2025

**St Thomas More's - 9.30am**

St Pat's Cathedral - 5.30pm

**Little Black books are in the foyer for you if you would like them for your Lenten reflection - \$5 per book**

**Project Compassion envelopes available in the Foyer - please take one**

**Easter Choir**

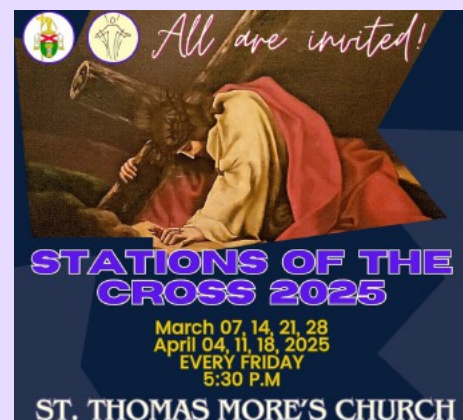
Those interested in joining the Easter choir rehearsal time are as follows  
**Sunday March 16th 9.30-10.30am**  
**Monday 24th March 7-8pm**  
**Sunday 6th April 930-1030am**  
**Monday 14th April 7-8pm**



**Maronite Mass: Fr Fadi Salami**, the Maronite Priest from Brisbane will be Celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on  
**23rd March at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street at 11.00am.**

Father is offering the Mass for all the members of the Lebanese Community who have died since the beginning of last year.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.  
**Please bring a plate of finger food to share over lunch and a chat after Mass.**



<b>Monday 17</b> <i>St Patrick</i>	<b>9am Mass STM</b> 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	9am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith-Parish meeting room <b>Lenten Prayer Group - 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 19</b> <i>St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7am SPC	7.15am - Breakfast Club 10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room <b>3.30pm - Sacramental Program in the Church</b>
<b>Thursday 20</b>	7am Mass SPC	<b>Lenten Prayer Group - 9am</b>
<b>Friday 21</b> <i>Meat free Friday</i>	<b>9.30am Mass STM</b> 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass <b>5.30pm in church 'Way of the Cross'</b>
<b>Saturday 22</b>	<b>6pm Mass STM</b> 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's 11am Baptism of Bridie Kajewski
<b>Sunday 23</b>	<b>8.30am Mass STM</b> 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	

**Planned Giving**

**Direct Debit \$1335.50**

**Envelopes \$376.50**

**Loose \$202**

**Donation Point \$280**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

**Planned Giving Account**

**ST Thomas More's, BSB 064-786,**

**Account Number 100014249.**



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

Please reference your name/envelope number