

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

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Readings

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Bearing fruit

How do we cultivate a life in Christ and be victorious even when we feel defeated and down?

In the second reading St Paul warns us by going back and looking at Israel going through the desert. Their lives didn't bear fruit, he says they had all the spiritual advantages, yet they failed.

We too, have all these spiritual advantages in our lives with the Eucharist, God's word in the Bible, Reconciliation, and the abundant teachings and writings of the church, but somehow we are left barren - we don't bear fruit in our lives.

In Luke's Gospel we are presented with a parable of a fig tree that bears no fruit, the owner is ready to give up on it, but someone intercedes, suggesting, let's give it another chance, let's nurture it, cultivate it.

This is called Mercy and Grace.

If you are feeling fruitless/barren, don't give up. Continue to go to the Lord and cultivate that life in Christ through prayer, going to Mass, going to confession and turning to the Lord.

We have every advantage given to us in all of the gifts of the church.

We have the real food that is the Eucharist the Body, Blood Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ - we are equipped, don't give up, continue to press on during this Season of Lent.

I would like to encourage you to spend some time examining your life and taking the gift of grace and mercy through the sacrament of Reconciliation. This week 25 candidates will make their first sacrament of reconciliation, just as they have learnt, this first time is not the last time. It is a special gift that we are invited to nurture and take care of year after year. The 2nd of April at 9:30am you are invited to the 2nd rite of reconciliation here and at 5:30pm at St Pat's. What worries or wounds are plaguing you this Season? In what ways are you shirking the invitation to follow Him to the Cross? How are you struggling to rely more on His grace and less on your own power?

There is no doubt that you are strong. You can handle things. A beautiful reality of the Christian life is that you do not have to do so alone.

My prayer this week is that we can let our defenses down. Reflect and make changes to follow Jesus. Release your grip. Relax your shoulders as you pass the weight of your world to Him. Actively surrender.

Things to Know About the 2025
Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Francis emphasizes that families are a source of hope and invites the to rediscover the beauty of their vocation, with grandparents servings as bearers of wisdom and faith.

-God Bless
Jacinta

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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!

St Thomas More's Parish
Toowoomba



Please remember in your Prayers...

People will stay on this list for 1 month for 1 month if advised, please continue to update the parish office of your prayer requests.

Those who are ill: Chris Wilson, 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:

Anniversaries of the departed: Trish Betros, Terry McNamara

We Give Thanks For: Bridie Kajewski's Baptism and reception into the Catholic Church

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.

Winter Shelter 2025

Winter shelter 2025 is fast approaching. This year our Catholic family will be hosting guests every Friday night between St Theresa's and St Thomas More's. This is 13 nights and will require an uplift in volunteers etc. You are invited to a meeting **Wednesday 26th March at St Theresa's at 6pm**

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.



Dodie's Farewell

The McGrane family would like to thank everybody for a wonderful send off for Dodie.

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

Easter Choir

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



We Have a New Email Address

stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org.au
Please add this email address to your contact list to ensure that you continue to receive our emailed bulletins.

Monday 24 Anniversary of the dedication St Patrick's Cathedral (1935)	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Tuesday 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	9am Mass SPC Rev Fr Patrick Brady	9am Adult Faith-Parish meeting room Lenten Prayer Group - 7pm
Wednesday 26	7am SPC	7.15am - Breakfast Club - Last for the term 10am - Open Door - Parish Meeting Room 6.00pm - Sacrament Of 1st Reconciliation
Thursday 27	7am Mass SPC	Lenten Prayer Group - 9am
Friday 28 Meat free Friday	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 5.30pm in church 'Way of the Cross' 6-8pm - Emmaus Youth Group in the Hall
Saturday 29	6pm Mass STM 7am, 6pm Mass SPC	8am-9am Reconciliation at St Pat's
Sunday 30	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	

EMMAUS YOUTH GREEN NIGHT
28.03.25
Friday Night
6-8pm
71 Ramsay St, St Thomas More's Church Hall, Centenary Heights
Contact Lydia for more info: 0468663477
Every Last Friday of the Month (Grade 7-12)
Faith, Friendship, Fun!

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

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	WEEK 5	Saturday	Sunday
MASS CO-ORDINATORS		A. Emery	
Welcomers		L & C McGovern	T & H Donnollann
Organist/Singer		D. Phillips, Instrumental group	M. Dickenson, M. Bermingham
Readers		O. Ward, G. Olive, J. McGovern, A. Boulus	S. Wilson, S. Kruger
Communion Ministers		A. Ward, L. Boulus, J. Olive, K. Boulus	M Bourke, P. Albion, P. White-Davison
Money counters		M. Wills, T. Murphy, P. Pemberton	