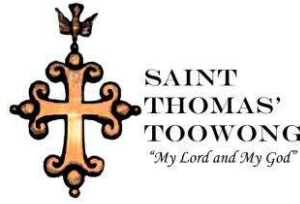


Anglican Parish of Toowong

Sunday 23rd February 2025

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



At Toowong we are building an inclusive, Christ centred faith community that seeks truth, works for peace and justice, is generous and non-judgemental.

8.30am Sung Eucharist

Entrance Hymn:	457	The Church's one foundation
Gradual Hymn:	443	Come dearest Lord, descend and dwell
Offertory Hymn:	693	Come as you are
Communion Hymn:	506	Author of life divine
Final Hymn:	569	Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer

Sentence of Scripture

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. (Luke 6:35)

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies.

In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Prayer for Parish Growth

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our parish grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 45.3-11; 45.15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 37.1-11; 37.40-41 Commit your life to the Lord and put your trust in him

Do not vie with the wicked: or envy those that do wrong;
For they will soon wither like the grass: and fade away like the green leaf.
Trust in the Lord and do good: and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.
Let the Lord be your delight: and he will grant you your heart's desire.
Commit your way to the Lord: trust him, and he will act.
He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light: and your innocence as the noonday.
Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: do not be vexed when someone prospers,
when they put their evil purposes to work.
Let go of anger and abandon wrath: let not envy move you to do evil.
For the wicked shall be cut down: but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.
In a little while the ungodly shall be no more: you will look for them in their place,
but they will not be found.
But the meek shall possess the land: and enjoy the abundance of peace.
Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord: he is their strength in time of trouble.
The Lord will help them and deliver them: he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them,
because they come to him for refuge.

1 Corinthians 15: 35-50

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool!
What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the
body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a
body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is
one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There
are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that
of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and
another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of
the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is
raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised
a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The
first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not
the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the
earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who
are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have
borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I
am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor
does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless
those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the
other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to
everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them
again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what
credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do
good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from
whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as
much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward
will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the
wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged;
do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it

will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we ask for your guidance as we minister in the name of your Son. Be with us as we strive to be a faithful community that is loving, compassionate, generous and inclusive. May we always be faithful in our witness to the resurrection of Jesus, and like Thomas proclaim Him to be our Lord and God. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Hope25 Collect

God of Hope you call on us to be witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

This Week

Sunday 23 February	8.30am Sung Eucharist – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10.00am Annual General Meeting of the Parish. All welcome.
Thursday 27 February	10.00am – 2.30pm Parish Book Shop 7.15pm Choir Practice
Friday 28 February	12.00pm Eucharist
Saturday 1 March	11.30am Men's BBQ at ANZAC Park, Toowong
Sunday 2 March	8.30am – Sung Eucharist with Parish Choir – Transfiguration 9.30am Morning Tea

*Locum Priest: Archdeacon Michael Faragher **0424 344 273***

Rector's long service Leave: 26 January to 29 June 2025

Coming Events:

Tuesday 4 March	6pm onwards. Shrove Tuesday Pancakes cooked by Fr Michael!
Wednesday 5 March	ASH WEDNESDAY
Sunday 13 April	PALM SUNDAY (<i>Tour de Brisbane is also on this day</i>)
Thursday 17 April	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Friday 18 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday 20 April	EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday 27 April	8.30am ANZAC Commemoration
Sunday 18 May	3pm Mozart Requiem, Parish Choir, ProMusica and Amadeus Orchestra
Sunday 8 June	Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 15 June	Trinity Sunday
Friday 4 July	Parish Council & Clergy/Ministers Dinner
Sunday 6 July	8.30am Patronal Festival and Rector's farewell service
Wednesday 9 July	10.00am Rector's final service at Toowong; 11.00am Morning Tea
Saturday 4 October	Book Fest starts

Sunday 5 October 8.30am Dedication Festival
Sunday 9 November Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 23 November Christ the King
Saturday 29 November 6.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols service
Thursday 25 December Christmas Day
Wednesday 31 December 6.00pm New Year's Eve Service

Parish Contacts

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Offerings can be made by direct debit to:

Account Name - Toowong Anglican Parish Account Number - 00004710
BSB - 704 901 Reference - Offering



Our Scheme ID number allows the Parish to be paid directly into our account whenever you redeem drink containers (no white milk containers) at a refund point. Or place clean bottles and cans (with tops removed) in the bins provided in the Function Room or near the lift in the car park.

Or you can take your bottles and cans directly to a Containers for Change depot and give them the Scheme ID Number and the money will be transferred to the parish account.

The Parish Scheme ID number is: **C10281626**

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Sunday Worship: 8.30am *Sung Eucharist*

Men's Dinner: 6.30pm on the first Tuesday each month except January.

St John's Home: *Eucharist* on the first Thursday each month at 10.30am.

Parish Book Shop: 10.00am to 2.30pm each Thursday.

Choir Practice: 7.15pm Thursday

Weekday Service: *Eucharist* at 12.00pm every Friday except Public Holidays.

Open Door Sandwich Club: 12.00pm on the first Friday each month except January.

Men's BBQ: 11.30am – 2.00pm on the first Saturday each month at ANZAC Park, 100 Dean Street, Toowong.

The office email may be checked Thursday to Sunday.