



Saint Thomas More

Year 5's Class Saint

1478-1535

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Gathering Hymn

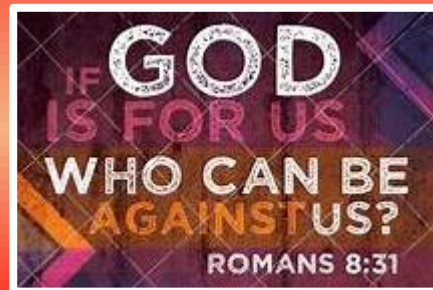
If God is for us, who can be against,
If the Spirit of God has set us free.
If God is for us, who can be against
If the Spirit of God has set us free.

I know that nothing in this world
can ever take us from his love.



If God is for us, who can be against,
If the Spirit of God has set us free.
If God is for us, who can be against
If the Spirit of God has set us free.

Nothing can take us from his love,
poured out in Jesus, the Lord.



Welcome

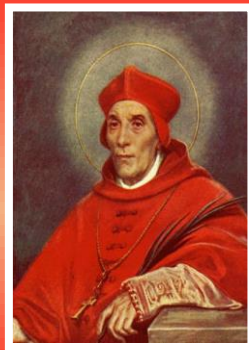
Today is the feast of St Thomas More, our Class Saint and the Patron Saint of our Parish. His faith was very important to him. St Thomas More had many gifts; he was good at speaking and listening, wrote history books and poetry and had a good sense of humour. He held the highest political and legal offices in the land; he served the King loyally and always spoke the truth.





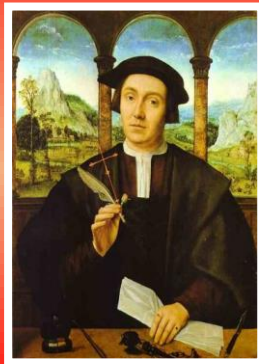
St Thomas More was born in Milk Street London on the 7th February 1445. His father was called John and his mother Agnes. When he was eight years old, he went to St Anthony's School, where he had fun and learnt Latin.

He became an altar server for Cardinal Morton. The boys waited at table and ran errands, but they still had time for their lessons.



While Thomas lived in the palace, he saw many beggars. He often gave away his food to them and throughout his life he would look after them. He became known all over the country as their best friend. Thomas lived Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

Thomas went to Oxford University and became a lawyer. While he was in university, he was often cold and hungry.



Thomas thought about becoming a priest, but married Jane and they had four children, three girls and a boy. Sadly, his wife died. Later, Thomas married again.

When his children were young Thomas and his family lived in the city of London. As he grew richer, and the family larger as he moved to a new home, on the river by Chelsea, All the family read books and wrote letters in Latin.



Thomas was a friend of King Henry. He was knighted and became Sir Thomas More. Henry the VIII would often visit Thomas' home where they would discuss Greek, theology, or astronomy. The King respected Sir Thomas's wisdom and made him Lord Chancellor in 1529.





I die the king's good servant,
but God's first.

ST. THOMAS MORE

Sing and shout for joy, alleluia!
Sing and shout for joy, alleluia!
Sing and shout for joy, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. He sat down and was joined his disciples. He taught them,

“How happy are the poor in Spirit,
theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle;

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right;
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called people of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right;
theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people persecute you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.





Faithful Father, we pray that we will be blessed by the life of St Thomas More with his strong faith and be able to deepen our own faith.

Lord hear us.



Faithful Father, we pray for Mr McNaughton, staff and children of St Thomas More School that they will have a happy feast and continue to be inspired by the life of St Thomas More.

Lord hear us.



Faithful Father, we pray that Father Christopher will be safe in God's hands and help him as he shows us how to follow on God's path. We thank him for celebrating Mass in school and giving us the Body and Blood of Jesus so we can come closer to Jesus.

Lord hear us.



Faithful God, we ask you to guide lawyers in their work, so they act justly and help poorer people sort out their problems.

Lord hear us.



Faithful Father, we pray for the sick and people waiting for surgery that God will wrap his loving arms around them. May they recover quickly and get back to their loved ones.

Lord hear us.



Litany of Saint Thomas More

Lord have mercy,	Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy,	Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy,	Lord have mercy.
St Thomas More, Saint and Martyr,	pray for us.
St Thomas More, Man of Faith,	pray for us.
St Thomas More, Patron of Politicians and Lawyers,	pray for us.
St Thomas More, Patron of Judges and Magistrates,	pray for us.

St Thomas More, Servant of the Word of God,	pray for us.
St Thomas More, Model of Holiness,	pray for us.
St Thomas More, Teacher of Children,	pray for us.
St Thomas More, Defender of the Weak and the Poor,	pray for us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	grant us peace.

Final Prayer

O Lord give us a mind that is humble,
quiet, peaceful, patient and loving,
and give us your Holy Spirit
in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.
O Lord give us a lively faith, a firm hope,
and a love of you.
Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for
the things that we pray for.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



Final Hymn

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.



My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*





I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise,
You will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.



Be like St Thomas More and go and share your faith with others.
You can do this by telling your family about St Thomas More's
strong faith and how good he was to everybody.