

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

31 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

## FEAST DAY—MARY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS 1ST SEPTEMBER

### Mary of the Southern Cross: Patron of the Toowoomba Diocese

The title of Mary of the Southern Cross is one that acknowledges that God has ever been watching over this Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit. The Southern Cross, a sign of hope, has hung in our sky since before any person walked this ancient land. Mary was one of the few who stood before the Cross of Christ and is therefore well qualified to be honoured with the title of Mary of the Southern Cross. As a rural diocese the night sky dazzles with a spectacular view of the stars making the use of the Southern Cross even more appropriate. The Southern Cross is also a pointer of direction just as Mary was a pointer to her Son, the Way, at Cana.

### Feast Day

The Feast of Mary of the Southern Cross is relatively new. In 1960 the new church in Inglewood was blessed under the title of Our Lady of the Southern Cross but no feast day was established.

In 1997 the Diocesan Liturgical Commission (DLC) undertook a search to discover whether a Patron had been established for the Diocese. The Ordo (the book that sets out the celebrations for a diocese, region or country) began acknowledging Diocesan Patrons in the 1980's, but nothing was listed for Toowoomba. Searches of the archives of the Diocese, the Apostolic Nunciature and the appropriate congregation in Rome failed to find record of the establishment of a Patron.

The DLC then proposed that we seek the approval of the Holy See for Mary, under the title of the Southern Cross, to be established as our Patron. The DLC sought comment from across the diocese explaining the history of the title and setting forth reasons why it was thought to be an appropriate choice for the diocesan patron.

The choice was overwhelmingly in favour of Mary of the Southern Cross. After seeking approval, on 14th November 1998 the Holy Father issued a Bull formally recognising the title of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.

The first celebration of the Feast of Mary of the Southern Cross, as the Diocese has chosen to refer to it, took place on 1 September 1999. A day of solemnity across the Diocese, the date is significant to our Diocese for many reasons. It is the anniversary of the taking possession of the Cathedral by our first bishop, James Byrne. It is also eight days before the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary and therefore would create an octave, it is the first day of Spring, and no other feast is celebrated in Australia on this day.

The Patronal Feast is a day on which we especially pray for the whole Toowoomba Diocese and recall that it is through the diocese that we are brought into communion with the universal Church. This Feast is especially ours and is an opportunity to renew our bonds as a diocese.

### Mary of the Southern Cross Portrait

A painting was commissioned by competition to find a suitable image of Diocesan Patron, Mary of the Southern Cross and was sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross. Artist **Jan Williamson** won the competition.

*A Word from the Artist:* Jan Williamson's life sized portrait in oils depicts Mary as a rural woman standing with the child Jesus in what might be considered a wheat field. The infant Jesus is dressed in a romper suit, as any child today might be. Mary is wearing a simple brown dress.

Mary's face is serene, yet possessing of a great strength. It could be the face of an Aboriginal woman, or even the face of a European migrant. It is a face that might be described as universal.

Behind the picture of Mary the shadow of the cross can be seen. It is as if her shadow and the shadow of the cross are one. The colours of the painting are reminiscent of the outback olive greens and ochre reds.



### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Vince Austin** (Wendy Shine's Father)

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

**Fr Ray O'Leary**

(Kathy Humphrey's brother)

### Parishioners:

**Glynis Grosskopf** **Bob Triggs**

**Neville Preece** **Len Pauli**

**Leo Ryan**

**Eric Howe**

**Moya Schaefer**

**Rosemary & Brian Carter**

### Friends and Family

**Anna Sellar** (Trish & Terry Sheely's daughter)

**Bernadette Welch**

(friend of Bette Flamsteed)

**Kathleen le Gras** (Sister of Sr Una)

**Nicole Sheridan** (Nick & Carmel Sheridan's daughter in law)

**Shona Kraayvanger**

(Gabrielle Adam's daughter)

**Joe Short** (Powell family group)

**Indiana Harman**

(Ray & Madeline Taylor's Granddaughter)

**Louis Gandini** (Lina Pervan's brother)

**Connie Bamgart** (Lina Pervan's friend)

**Peter & Elaine Dillon**

(Vivienne Price's father & mother)

**Patricia Jenkins** (Thel Jelley's cousin)

**Roslyn Morton** (Patrick's sister)

**Simon Riethmuller** (Shirley's son)

**Max Shearer** (Grandson - Judy Shearer)

**John Mullen** (Helen McNaught's nephew)

**Archie Mullen** (Helen McNaught's brother)

**Rev. Brian Sparksman**

**Fr Peter McGrath** .CP

**John Morgan** (Kathy Sternes Uncle)

**Veronica Griinke** (Friend &

neighbour of Kathryn & Paul Marangelli)

**Lesley Moyes** (Aileen Collins' friend)

**Molly Schmidt** (Aileen Collins' friend)

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Kath Noel**

**Ray Stein**

**Fr Merv Ziesing**

**Ned Spies**

**Leslie Boland**

**Bill Ward**

**Doreen Hoysted**

**Maureen Hudson**

**Tom Lutton**

**Bon Mahoney**

**Patrick O'Shea**

**Margaret Thompson**

**Fr Edward Kelly** DD

**Rev Sydney Kattie**

**MASSES**


**READINGS**

**BAPTISM**

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9.00AM MASS
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9.00AM MASS
SAT	6PM MASS
SUN	9.30 AM MASS
<p><b>RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT</b></p>	
<p><b>If you require a Gluten Free host, please advise the coordinator</b></p>	

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**First Reading:** *Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29*  
 Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 67:4-7, 10-11*  
 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.  
**Second Reading:**  
*Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24*  
 You have to come to Mt Zion and to the city of the living God.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** *Matthew 11: 29*  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
 Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** *Luke 14: 1, 7-14*  
 All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.  
**Next week's readings.**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
*Wisdom 9: 13-18*  
*Philemon 9-10, 12-17*  
*Luke 14: 25 - 33*

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish  
**Preston John Reimers**  
**Emma Louise Gleeson**  
 &  
**Isaac Mark Forsyth**



Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am

**Plenary Council 2020; next phase brings an invitation to meet (again?)**

The Listening and Dialogue phase (finished Ash Wednesday 2019) led to the establishment of an overarching question and six “themes for discernment” as the Church in Australia prepares for the Plenary Council 2020. Here they are. Reports on all six and an overall report on Phase 1: Listening and Dialogue are available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

*How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is*

- *missionary and evangelising?*
- *inclusive, participatory and synodal?*
- *prayerful and eucharistic?*
- *humble, healing and merciful?*
- *a joyful, hope-filled and servant community?*
- *open to conversion, renewal and reform*

The national organising group tells us,

“Now that we are in the Discernment Phase, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. We invite the groups who participated in Listening and Dialogue to now reconvene in communal Discernment on any **one** of the six themes. Each discernment session is expected to result in a submission that can be summarised in 1000 characters and that can be submitted through a form on the Discernment page (to be opened September 1). Our national Writing and Discernment Groups will then meet and discern on these submissions, with prayer and from their own theological knowledge, towards publishing thematic papers and fleshing out the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council in October 2020. This period for group discernment and submissions will be open until the first few months of 2020.”

If you wish to take part in the discernment process, please send (email or hard copy, “attn Gerard Hore”) your name, phone number and which **one of the themes** you would like to focus on to the Parish Office ([office@sttheresas.org.au](mailto:office@sttheresas.org.au)). Please do this by **Wednesday 4 September**. There is no guarantee that every theme will see a group established in our parish but the more interest there is in a theme, the more chance of a group being established. Looking forward to hearing from many of you.

*Gerard Hore*

*Parish Coordinator, Plenary Council Activities*





## NOTICES



## WHAT'S NEWS

### PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

The Annual Appeal for the Priests' Retirement Fund is this weekend. There will be a special collection after Communion during Mass at both Masses.

The funds raised support our 17 Retired Priests and provides a salary for Mrs Julie See the co-ordinator of our Diocesan Clergy Health Services. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### CANDLES FOR CHARITY - CAN YOU HELP

Molly Boyd is making candles for charity as part of a school project. If you have any small drinking glasses or tea cups that you no longer need and would like to donate for the purpose of making candles in them. All shapes would be gratefully appreciated. (small sizes would be great). There will be a box in the foyer where you can leave them. If you have any further questions please contact Matt on 0427 058 655

### DISNEY TRIVIA NIGHT

St Joseph's College will be holding a Disney Trivia Night.

When: **Saturday 14 September** starting at 6pm.

Where: **MacKillop Centre**, St Joseph's college.

The night is open to all ages and is only \$8pp or \$30 for a team of 6.

All profits will go to **CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION**. To register, email the College at [office@sjc.qld.edu.au](mailto:office@sjc.qld.edu.au) or call the school office 4631 5800

### POSITION VACANT - ACCOUNTANT

Applications are invited for the full time position of Accountant with the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba. The purpose of the role is to manage the accounting and payroll functions of the Diocesan Finance Office ensuring efficiency, and at all times complying with regulatory frameworks and professional standards. Applicants should hold a tertiary qualification and have a minimum 5 years experience in an accounting environment.

For a Position Description contact Tom Jolley on [tjolley@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:tjolley@twb.catholic.org.au).

Written applications enclosing resume and details of at least two referees should be received by the Diocesan Financial Administrator, PO Box 1262 Toowoomba Qld 4350, or by email to [tjolley@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:tjolley@twb.catholic.org.au), by 5.00 p.m. Monday 9 September 2019

### AGED CARE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Ozcare are looking for volunteers to support their Diversional Therapy Team in Toowoomba. You can help make a difference in someone's life by assisting clients with a variety of activities. For more information contact Jeremy Hope, Facility Manager on 4591 5900 or [jeramy.hope@ozcare.org.au](mailto:jeramy.hope@ozcare.org.au). There is also a flyer in the foyer.



### STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

August 21, 2019



The Victorian Court of Appeal has today announced that, in a 2-1 decision, Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his convictions for child sexual abuse offences has been dismissed.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia believe all Australians must be equal under the law and accept today's judgement accordingly.

Cardinal Pell's legal team has said it will examine the judgement in order to determine a special leave application to the High Court.

The Bishops realise that this has been and remains a most difficult time for survivors of child sexual abuse and those who support them. We acknowledge the pain that those abused by clergy have experienced through the long process of the trials and appeal of Cardinal Pell. We also acknowledge that this judgement will be distressing to many people.

We remain committed to doing everything we can to bring healing to those who have suffered greatly and to ensuring that Catholic settings are the safest possible places for all people, but especially for children and vulnerable adults.

### NEW GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH RESPONSE TO ABUSE

The ACBC has released a statement about the development of new national guidelines that will inform the way Church authorities, including dioceses, respond to contemporary and historical allegations about the abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

The new guidelines will make the way Church entities respond to such concerns consistent, and will help create a more transparent and accountable culture in the way the Church responds. As the release explains, the new guidelines will be developed with reference to the new National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, which were launched in May. A copy of the full media release is available in the foyer.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2019

The Archdiocese of Perth is hosting the next event from December 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2019 on behalf of the ACBC. *Approximately 9.30am – 8.30pm each day.*

The Toowoomba Diocese are taking a group. Young people from year 9 up to 30 years of age are invited to the event.

NB: Young people under the age of 18 must travel as part of a group (with supervision)

Those interested may contact Fr. Tom Duncan or **visit: [youthfestival.catholic.org.au](http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au)**

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr Brian Noonan, Michael Murtagh, Francis Njoroge, Tim Burgess, Gay Jorgensen, Vanessa Horton, Bernadatte Zimbwa, Gailene Jurgs, Matt Boyd, David Wilson, Monica Brennan.

**Finance Committee**

Fr. Brian Noonan, Pat Morton, Warren Dredge, Ray Taylor, Shane Blakeley, Brian Wilson, Pat Richardson, Alfia Ginardi.

**Liturgy Team**

Fr. Brian Noonan, Jan Mayo, Peter Kenny, Carole Rogan, Libby Rosentreter, Monica Brennan, Suzanne Cavanagh.

**Musicians**

Norma Kenny, Kathy Sternes, Elizabeth Stewart, Libby Rosentreter.

**Baptism Team:**

Cath Kelly, Jenny Ryan, Tracy George, Bernadette Hede, Alison Daniel, Anne Anderson, Jan Watkins, Maureen Burke, Angela Irvine, Mary Otto, Jane Burgess, Catherine Cooper.

**Sacramental Team:**

Monica Brennan, Vanessa Horton, David Wilson, Gay Jorgensen.

**Consolation Team:**

Fr Brian Noonan, Lyn McRae, Peter Kenny, Bette Flamsteed, Pam Merritt, Alf Mason, Moya Schaefer, Josephine Nolan, Liz Phelan., Monica Brennan

**Welcome & Hospitality Team:**

Paul & Kathryn Marangelli, Carole Rogan, Maureen Burke.

**Family Groups:**

Contact Parish Office 4639 4688

**Care & Concern Team**

Coordinator: Pamela Merritt



**NOTICE**

**DATES TO REMEMBER in SEPTEMBER**

- Sunday: **1 Sept** Diocesan Feast Day, Our Lady of the Southern Cross
- Sunday: **1 Sept** Annual Appeal Priests' Retirement Fund. Special Collection
- Sunday: **1 Sept** - Father's Day
- Wednesday: **4 Sept** - PPC Meeting 6pm Guest speaker Ryan Baines
- Friday: **6 Sept** Mater Dei Feast Day Liturgy 10am William Morris Centre
- Tue/Wed **10-11 Sept** Diocesan In-service James Byrne Centre
- Friday **20 Sept** Mater Dei school holidays commence

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUPS**

Are you interested in being part of a St Theresa's Gospel Reflection group either on Friday morning at 10am or a weekday evening. There are forms available in the foyer for you to fill in your details

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MENTORING**

Catholic Women's Mentoring Program is a national initiative aimed at building the skills, confidence and networks of Australian Catholic women and encouraging them in their faith. The program aims to empower women to use their gifts and talents to make meaningful and significant contributions to the Australian Church and increase their positive impact on Australian society. Visit the Catholic Women's Mentoring website to find out more about the program and how to become a mentee or mentor.

**Second & Fourth Tuesdays /month**

St Vincent de Paul St Theresa's Conference, 4pm, Contact 0408 808 437

**First Tuesday/month**

Care and Concern Meeting, 9.30am Parish Office.

**First Wednesday /month**

Parish morning tea at 9.45am, Cobb & Co Museum

**Second Sunday**

Mad Toowoomba Group from 7.00pm at St Anthony's Parish Centre.  
(Grade 7-12 people) PH: 4636 0461

