

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

28-29 SEPTEMBER 2019

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Dogs even came and licked his sores...” There can hardly be a sadder picture painted than the one painted by Luke in today’s Gospel Reading. Jesus, in response to the Pharisees who are described as loving money, tells the parable we hear today. First there is the rich man who used to “feast magnificently every day”. And we know that the man in this parable truly is rich. For purple and fine linen could only be afforded by the very, very wealthy. And then there is Lazarus. The poor man, covered with sores, who could have feasted on the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table.

Finally, the poor man died and was taken to the “bosom of Abraham” – the symbolic name for the Paradise longed for by all good Jewish people. After his life of poverty and suffering, Lazarus goes to his eternal reward. And the rich man ends up in torment in Hades.

The rich man’s sin was not so much that he was wealthy. His sin was not really even that he failed to use his resources wisely – although instead of spending all of his money on fine food and rich clothes, he could have spent some on Lazarus starving at his gate. His sin was that even though he had the teaching of Moses and the prophets to guide him, he failed to take these to heart. He had become complacent, and his riches had blinded him to hearing and living the Word of God.

The same situation is being addressed in today’s First Reading. The prophet Amos is castigating the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The sin of the Israelites was not that they were wealthy, but that their wealth hindered them from hearing and living the Word of God.

And just like the people of Israel to whom the prophet Amos was speaking in the first reading, we can lie on our beds and eat and drink, and not care about our exile. Too easily, we can believe that our judgement will only happen at the end of time, and that what we do here and now is of little consequence. But, if we are judged at the end of time, surely we are also judged by our actions while we are still here. Today’s readings tell us just that.

In the Gospel, the rich man, after a life of plenty, died and ended in torment. And, after seeing Lazarus in heaven with Abraham, the rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus back to warn his brothers. Abraham refused – telling the rich man that his brothers have the two great pillars of Jewish faith – Moses and the prophets – as warning enough of what could befall them. The rich man bargained with Abraham: “But if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent. No,” says Abraham, “if Moses and the prophets made no impression, neither will someone rising from the dead.” And just as this was the message that Jesus gave the Pharisee, this is also what Jesus is telling us. We have the one who has risen from the dead – Jesus Christ himself.

And, too often, we fail to hear his message. We become too complacent, we become too comfortable. And this is the great sin. Because by the time we get to the judgement seat of God, it will be too late – the gulf is too wide and there is no crossing over.

The challenge for us, as Christians in today’s world, is not only to hear the Word of God, but to act on it, before it is too late. The words which St Paul addresses to the young bishop Timothy which we heard in the second reading could well be addressed to us. It is not enough to simply hear the Word of God. We must be people not only filled with faith and love, we must act on that faith and love. And when we act as faith-filled and love-filled people, the Lazaruses of our world sitting at our gates are fed and there is no danger that we will be eating and drinking and forgetting about exile. (cont)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Karen Pannach (Merv Otto’s niece)
Peter Brown (Denis Brown’s brother)
Fr Ray O’Leary
(Kathy Humphrey’s brother)

Parishioners:

Glynis Grosskopf **Len Pauli**
Neville Preece **Eric Howe**
Moya Schaefer **Leo Ryan**
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)

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

Max Osmond	Glen Frith
Winifred Walsh	Ruth Nash
Mary V Catterall	Ruby Doyle
Rose Anne Mullen	Peg Liersch
Simon Gilliland	Ray McLure
Heather Lowein	Helen Ansell
Jackson Ryan	Kath Milligan
Maureen Ryan	Patrick Dunne
Robert McNaught	
Michael O’Davis	
Vidio Marchetti	
Jean Wilkinson	
Fr Clarence Leahy	
Fr Neil O’Donohue	

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>RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT</p>	
<p>If you require a Gluten Free host, please advise the coordinator</p>	

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
First Reading: 6: 1, 4-7
 You will give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 145: 6-10
 Praise the Lord, my soul!
Second Reading:
1 Timothy 6: 11-16
 Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 8:9
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
 Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31
 During you life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.
Next week's readings.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish
Sophie Catherine Pascoe
Ted Percy Connors
Lola Kate Purcell
 &
Hunter Patrick Callaghan



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



And this is what the Kingdom of God is all about. One of THE great themes of Luke's Gospel is the in-break of the Kingdom into this world. And in the Kingdom, the rich are sent away empty while the poor are fed. The mighty are cast from their thrones, while the lowly are raised up. Lazarus is in the bosom of Abraham, the rich man in torment in Hades.

We cannot wait until the final judgement. By then it will be too late – because the gulf is too wide, and there is not crossing over. We must put into practice now the faith which we profess today.

By Fr. Anthony Doran (Archdiocese of Melbourne, PP of Ringwood.)

President of the Australian Academy of Liturgy

ST MARY'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA CELEBRATES 120 YEARS SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019

Old Boys are invited to celebrate this major milestone with us. Tickets are \$50, which includes a 3-course meal, and an interview conducted by James O'Shea (1999) with winning Premiership (NRL) and World Cup Challenge, Queensland and South Sydney Rabbitohs player, Ethan Lowe (2008). A major auction of sports memorabilia will be held together with the opportunity to buy our new history book, celebrating 120 years. Drinks will be sold at the venue. We encourage Old Boys to contact their former classmates and get together at proceedings their old stomping ground for this fantastic event. Guests are invited to arrive at St Mary's College from 5pm, with the event commencing at 7.00pm.



PLENARY COUNCIL News

A small group of parishioners met on Monday evening. They engaged in a Discernment Process to arrive at a response to the Plenary Council theme (one of six) *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a joyful, hope-filled and servant community?*

We hope to share that response with you in the near future.

Please continue to pray for the success of the Plenary Council 2020. Its first session will be beginning in Adelaide a year from now.

Gerard Hore (Parish Co-ordinator)



NOTICES

WHAT'S NEWS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Saint Vincent De Paul is offering up to 10 subsidised driving lessons to migrants and refugees. The cost of each lesson for eligible learner drivers is \$20 per lesson. Migrants and refugees interested in this program must be over 25 years old, have a learner's licence and understand English well. Preference will be given to applicants who have had some driving experience and who have a licenced driver to help them practice between lessons. Please contact Saint Vincent De Paul on 1800 846 643 or email charity.tba@svdpqld.org.au

CONVERSATIONS WITH NICK WAGNER:

Catechumenate Workshops

Nick Wagner has been a leader and trainer in catechumenate ministry for more than twenty-five years. He has given presentations across the US and around the world. Nick has written key texts for the RCIA such as The Way of Faith.



For further information regarding the Workshops please see the flyer in the foyer.

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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2019

The Archdiocese of Perth is hosting the next event from December 8th-10th 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



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

The Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2019 - 2020 is Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world. If you wish to read or purchase the statement please go to the web address below.



<https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

A statement from David Tutty, Executive Officer, Social Justice Commission for the Diocese is available.

Copies are available in the foyer.

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.

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. Groups will commence in October.

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY - MEMORIAL SERVICE

Date: 15/10/19 Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Goodwood St Toowoomba

Our Lady of Lourdes Ecumenism Group extends a welcome to all parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the loss of a baby, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago, to a special Memorial Service followed by time for sharing and a cuppa.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

"Rosary for Rain. Let's come together to pray for rain. Sunday afternoon at 2pm at Holy Name Church. Please join us for a cuppa afterwards. Everyone is welcome."

CONTACTS

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Michael Murtagh, Tim Burgess, Gay Jorgensen, Vanessa Horton, Bernadette 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 /OCTOBER

Sunday	29 Sept Social Justice Sunday
Tuesday	1 October St Thérèse of Lisieux Feast Day
Thursday	3 October Diocesan Parish Secretaries Gathering. Parish Office open 1pm - 4pm
Monday	7 October Queens Birthday Public Holiday. Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	8 October Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	8 October School resumes
Wednesday	9 October Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6pm
Saturday	12 October 11am Parish Centre, Rosary prayer for Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day
Tuesday	15 October St Teresa of Avila Feast Day
Mon-Wed	21 - 23 October Women's Retreat

BECOMING SOUL FULL: A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Date: 21-23/10/19

Where: James Byrne Centre, Highfields

Cost: Refer to flyer in foyer. Copies available

An invitation to Catholic women who struggle, question, survive, dream, advocate, care. Come, take time to listen to the Spirit and share your story of faith with other women. This retreat is a time to name our reality, concerns and dreams for the church in a safe and supportive environment. Let us name our hopes for Catholic women of the Diocese of Toowoomba. Retreat will be facilitated by Andrea Dean, Director of the Office for the Participation of Women and Office for Lay Pastoral Ministry within the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Registration Closes 14/10/19

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

