

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

5-6 OCTOBER 2019

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The apostles, Luke tells us, said to the Lord, "Increase our faith". Now to know what they were asking for, we need a bit of context. Faith is one of the most important words in the Bible, and one of the most studied, discussed and disputed. It boils down to being a matter of life and death – eternal life and eternal death. So even though we have some understanding of what it is and what it is meant to do, it's always worth trying to get a better grasp of it, of its meaning and purpose.

Jesus has just suggested to his followers that they humbly correct an erring brother or sister, and grant forgiveness for offences without setting any limit to the number of times we forgive. This seems to them to be more than is humanly possible. The apostles realise they need God's help, God's grace, if they are to have any chance of complying with Jesus' teaching. It is by having greater faith than they have now that they look to receiving that help from God.

Now faith in this context is obviously not reducible to just giving assent to, just agreeing with statements or propositions concerning God which demand that assent. 'I believe in one God, the Father Almighty... I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord... I believe in the resurrection of the dead.' It's not only an intellectual matter. It's a matter of trusting God when he reveals himself through his chosen and authorised witnesses, and especially through his Son, Jesus; of trusting him when he assures us of his love, and tells us of his plan to rescue us from our sinful self-centredness so as to live with him in a life and a joy that can have no end.

Faith is a gift from God that we freely receive or freely refuse. Paul urges his disciple Timothy to "fan into a flame" the gift that God gave him when Paul laid hands on him. This most likely refers to the laying on of hands that occurs when a person is baptised and confirmed, when a person receives the sacraments that mark us as followers of Jesus, imbued not "with a spirit of timidity, but with the Spirit of power, and love and self-control." The faith that Jesus and Paul speak of already has a strong dose of trust, or hope, which is the middle one of the three theological – the God-inspired and God-directed – virtues, and it has at least the beginnings of love, the third and greatest of those virtues. Without love, faith is as if dead, and does not achieve what it is meant to do – unite us to God in a life-giving way. Jesus speaks hyperbolically about the power of faith when he says, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed" (a very small seed, indeed) "you could say to this mulberry tree" (Matthew speaks of a mountain in a similar passage) "Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you." What he's saying is that faith can enable us to do and to endure what is humanly impossible in our efforts to be his followers.

"To be a believer is not a matter for self-congratulation, however: to answer God's call is simply one's duty" (Glenstal Bible Missal, 1349). "When you have done all that you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty.'"

The prophet Habbakuk uttered a statement about faith, and faithfulness that is taken up and repeated in the preaching of Paul, and was one of St Augustine's most frequently-repeated quotes from scripture: "the righteous live by their faith." That was the kind of faith that empowered people like St Francis, whose feast falls on Tuesday, like Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, in their dedicated prayerful and apostolic lives. They took seriously the understanding expressed in the last sentence of our reading from Paul to Timothy: "You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us." (cont)

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Lilian McBean** (Doug Meiklejohn's sister)

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

**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

**Alf Franzmann**

**Julia Hannon**

**Jack Herbert**

**Mary Ryan**

**Irene Leonardi**

**Frank Murphy**

**Clothilde Zardo**

**Lorraine Hill**

**Keith Rasmussen**

**Arthur Shooter**

**Christine Dent**

**Bruno Borserio**

**Stephanie Taylor**

**Irene Shine**

**Emmett Fitzgerald**

**Gwen Savage**

**George Cartwright**

**Damien Flynn**

**Jack Stacey**

**John Reavey**

**Richard Neal**

**Jack Stacey**

**Neal Jackson- Hope**

**MASSES**

**READINGS**

**BAPTISM**

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

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

**First Reading:** *Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4*  
The just will live by faithfulness.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Psalm 94: 1-2;, 6-9*  
If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

**Second Reading:**  
*2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14*  
Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 1: 25**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good news. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 17: 5-9**  
If you had faith.

**Next week's readings.**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
*2 Kings 5: 14-17*  
*2 Timothy 2: 8-13*  
*Luke 17: 11-19*

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



**Consolation Quote**

Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache, but those who care for you, share your grief and wish you comfort and peace of mind.

Yes, we must guard it; we must keep it, but no just keep it to ourselves. It's to be shared generously with everyone we meet, first and foremost by our way of living and behaving, but also when there is occasion by our speaking.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts", we heard in our Psalm this morning. Brothers and sisters, I find those words a sobering reminder that we can "harden our hearts" by not being thoughtful about how we live, and how we relate to people, especially those closest to us by blood relationship or through marriage. I don't think we can avoid having this hardening of heart happen to us if we don't have a regular practice of humble prayer in our daily lives – not just saying prayers, but really opening our minds and hearts to the All-knowing God. Let us open our hearts to him now as we thank him for his gift to us of himself, in his Son and in his Spirit.

*By Fr. David Barry OSB*

**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](mailto: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 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)



**CARE & CONCERN HEALING MASS**

Invitations to the Care & Concern Healing Mass on the Thursday 14 November are available to be collected from the foyer. If you have been accidentally overlooked, please contact the office on 4639 4688 to arrange your invitation.

**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.

**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.”



**ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA 1959 CLASS REUNION**

**Date:** 17/10/19 Thursday

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Where:** Urban Grounds Cafe at 210 Herries Street Toowoomba

Past students of Sr M Austen's Junior class of 1959 are gathering for lunch. Ring or text Patricia McCaul Arnold 0401903269 or Leslie Andersen Watson 0438394408 to confirm attendance.

**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.

**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 FOR OCTOBER**

Monday	<b>7 October</b> Queens Birthday Public Holiday. Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	<b>8 October</b> Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	<b>8 October</b> School resumes
Wednesday	<b>9 October</b> Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6pm
Saturday	<b>12 October</b> 11am Parish Centre, Rosary prayer for Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day
Saturday	<b>12 October</b> 2pm - 4pm Rosary in the Park. Queens Park, cnr Margaret & Lindsay Sts.
Tuesday	<b>15 October</b> St Teresa of Avila Feast Day
Mon-Wed	<b>21 - 23 October</b> 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

