

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

26-27 OCTOBER 2019

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

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A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness. On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community. There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, *humus*, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

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### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Norm Higgs** (Helen Higgs husband)

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

**Peter Brown** (Denis Brown's Brother)

### Parishioners:

**Lynne McRae**

**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 Flamstead)

**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 Bangart** (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)

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Estelle Stein**

**Bernice Herbert** **Jack Lalor**

**Veronica Power** **Jack Murphy**

**Matthew Dunne** **Dale McGaw**

**Jessie Fullerton** **Peter Boland**

**Ella Conaghan** **George Preece**

**Jesse Fullerton**

**Labiba Haleem**

**Sr Mary Thompson**

**Fr Edmond O'Donnell**

**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</b></p>	

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
**First Reading:** *Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19*  
 The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Psalm 32: 2-3, 17-19, 23*  
 The Lord hears the cry of the poor.  
**Second Reading:**  
*2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18*  
 All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.  
**Gospel Acclamation:** *2 Corinthians 5:19*  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
 Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** *Luke 18 : 9-14*  
 The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.  
**Next week's readings.**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
*Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2*  
*Thessalonians 1: 11 - 2:2*  
*Luke 19: 1-10*

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 Message**

*May the HOPE of heaven give you peace, and the tender TOUCH of the Father bring you comfort.*



**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

Preparing for the Australian Church's Plenary Council 2020 (PC2020) reminds us that the Catholic Church is a vast collection of local Churches. Western Catholics call these local Churches "dioceses"; they are led by bishops. ( Eastern Christians call local Churches "eparchies"; their leaders are eparchs.)

These dioceses and their bishops are independent of each other. Bishops are not "under the authority" of any other bishop ... except one. Throughout the world, all Catholic dioceses acknowledge that the Bishop of Rome has a special role of caring for, leading and keeping in unity his fellow bishops and their people. Thus the Pope helps the Church throughout the world exhibit a real unity while rejoicing in its great diversity.

Most dioceses in the same country, also seek to support each other and display a local unity within the world-wide Church. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) is an example of this mutual support in our country.

PC2020 was instigated by ACBC. (Actually, we are confident it was instigated by the Holy Spirit, through ACBC.) But it is not an "event" just for bishops and other clerics. It is a process in which the laity, who make up more than 99% of the membership of the Church, have been called to be active and to take important roles.

**Let's stay excited about PC2020!**

*Gerard Hore*

**HELP RAISE AWARENESS AND EMPOWER WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD**

You're invited to:

**A PICNIC IN THE PARK**

Come and join women from around the Diocese for a relaxing afternoon in the park.

Sit and chat with friends or meet new ones.

**Date:** Saturday 9th November

**Time:** 2 - 4pm

**Place:** Botanic Gardens, Cnr Lindsay and Campbell Sts, Toowoomba

**Details:** Please bring a plate to share and a picnic rug or chair. Water and cold drinks provided.

A gold coin donation for Women for the World would be appreciated

For more details please contact Catherine on 4638 7977 or 0429 479 681

To learn more about Women for the World visit: [www.womenfortheworld.org.au](http://www.womenfortheworld.org.au)

NOTICES



**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.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUPS**

Gospel Reflection groups will start next week. These will be weekly sessions but everyone is welcome to attend whenever they are able. Each week we will look at the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

The evening group will be 5.30pm on Thursdays and we will have Friday morning at 10am.

We will meet in the parish centre foyer. If you have any further questions, please contact Monica at the office.

Ph; 4639 4688, email: [monica@sttheresas.org.au](mailto:monica@sttheresas.org.au)

**SINGERS AND MUSICIANS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

In our planning for Christmas liturgies we are interested in any musicians and singers who would like to play/sing at Christmas Eve and/or Day mass. If you are interested please let the parish office know or write your name on the list, in the foyer, at the Church with your contact details.



**SPRED INFORMATION EVENING**

**SPRED**...because no one should feel like a stranger in their own house  
**SPRED** aims to support the religious, spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of people with an intellectual disability by offering appropriate spiritual and religious experiences for faith development. Being a part of a **SPRED** group provides a bridge for persons with an intellectual disability that facilitates their full participation in the liturgical life of the Church.



INVITATION TO FIND OUT MORE...

DATE: Wednesday, 6th November 2019

TIME: 6:30pm – 7.15pm

WHERE: SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street Toowoomba P h. 4632 8427

SPRED is having a friend to walk beside you in the everyday happenings of life, which is exactly where God is to be found. Could you be a friend to someone in SPRED? Why not come along to the information evening to find out more.

**NOVEMBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL**

Once again Joann Hodal has generously volunteered to collect and organise the domestic violence packages from St Theresa's. Toiletries, toothpaste and personal hygiene items etc are ideal donations. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to place your donations or they can be left at the parish office.

The office is closed on a Wednesday.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISER**

**Date:** 3/11/19 Sunday

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Where:** St Anthony's Parish Centre, Toowoomba

All are invited to attend the annual Pre Melbourne Cup Fundraiser hosted by the Social Justice Commission. All funds raised are donated to The Dignity Project. See flyer in the foyer. Tickets also available online at [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)



**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 at St Pat's Cathedral or visit: [youthfestival.catholic.org.au](http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au)



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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/NOVEMBER**

Sunday	<b>27 October</b> 2pm St. Thomas More's hall Sing for Rosies Concert
Sunday	<b>3 November</b> 6-9pm St Anthony's Parish Centre. Social Justice Melbourne cup fundraiser
Wednesday	<b>6 November</b> Council of Priests, Stanthorpe.
Saturday	<b>9 November</b> 2 - 4pm Botanic Gardens. Picnic in the park. Caritas Women of the World focus
Sat/Sun	<b>9/10 November</b> Scrolling of Names at both Masses
Thursday	<b>14 November</b> Anointing & Healing Mass 10.30am
Saturday	<b>16 November</b> Diocesan Pastoral Council Roma
Sunday	<b>17 November</b> World Day of the Poor

**RESOURCE: NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT (ACBC)**

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference has launched a National Prayer Campaign for Drought, with a focus on prayer for "the gift of rain", for those affected by the drought and for the provision of practical support services. The campaign will run during the month of November.



**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

