

THE BULLETIN

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23-24 NOVEMBER 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feast day! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Kirsty Mae Hudson

EALING FOR THE SICK

Peter Brown (Denis Brown's Brother)

Parishioners:

Lynne McRae **Len Pauli**
Neville Preece **Moya Schaefer**

Eric & Vi Howe

Rosemary & Brian Carter

Friends and Family

Stella Artuso (Paul & Kathryn Marangelli's Niece)

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 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 Grinke (Friend & neighbour of Kathryn & Paul Marangelli)

Molly Schmidt (Aileen Collins' friend)

ANNIVERSARIES

Noreen Carroll

Craig Page

George Preece

Bruce Luck

James Brady

Anne Sutton

Michael Walsh

Craig Page

Patricia Parsons

Ron Ryan

Matthew Thomson

Noel McMahon

Fr William McCormack

MASSES

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
RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT	

If you require a Gluten Free host, please advise the coordinator

READINGS

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year C
First Reading: *2 Samuel 5: 1-3*
 They anointed David king of Israel.
Responsorial Psalm: *121: 1-5*
 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Second Reading: *Colossians 1: 12-20*
 He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.
Gospel Acclamation: *Mark 11: 9, 10*
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Alleluia!
Gospel: *Luke 23: 35-43*
 Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Next week's readings.
1st Week of Advent Year A
Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 14: 37 - 44

BAPTISM

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into parish
George Douglas Stevenson



Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & Fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am.



Plenary Council 2020

Together now, "Synodal"

One group helping prepare for Plenary Council 2020 is seeking to aid the Council work to make the Church in Australia more "inclusive, participatory and synodal". That last word "synodal" hasn't been part of our vocabulary. What does it mean?

A synod is a gathering of Church leaders, often from a particular geographical region. One synod that helped form the Church we know was the Synod of Whitby in 664. Whitby is coastal town in Northern England. The synod decided that all Christians in Britain and Ireland would follow the Church calendar used in Rome. Until then the Irish had followed a calendar closer to that used by Eastern Christians.

"Church leaders" in a Catholic context has referred to the bishops. The role of the bishop-as-leader is a central part of Christian life for Catholic and Orthodox believers. Even some Churches that developed during and since the Protestant Reformation retained bishops as part of their structure.

A more synodal Catholic Church will be one where the bishops, the earthly leaders of the people of God, would more obviously and formally seek the advice and wisdom of each other and their people (clerical and lay) in promoting the Kingdom of God in their dioceses.

(Interestingly, there is a tradition that a major figure at the Synod of Whitby was the great local Abbess, St Hilda. It seems nobody, not even bishops, messed with Hilda.

Over a thousand years after the Synod, with Hilda's Abbey a ruin, a farmboy from the local area came to Whitby town to learn the sailing trade. James Cook made quite a name for himself.)

Gerard Hore



Plenary Council 2020
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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.



Choir practice will start Sunday 10 & 24 November after 9.30 am Mass. Additional practices will be held in December, dates yet to be finalised.

CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

Christmas Eve Mass at St Theresa's has a special role for children. Any families with children or relatives visiting with children who will be attending St Theresa's Christmas Eve Mass and would like to participate in the Liturgy. A sign up sheet is now in the foyer, or contact Monica at the office PH: 4639 4688, Email: monica@sttheresas.org.au



NOTICES



THANK YOU CARE AND CONCERN

A big thank you to all who supported the Care and Concern multi-draw raffle.

A grand total of \$1591.00 was raised from ticket sales.



BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY:

When: Saturday 7th December.

Cost: \$25.00

Bus departs Neil St. outside St. Patrick's Cathedral at 7:30 am. .

For bookings contact Theresa on 0434 528 904

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY

Date: Thursday 5/12/19

Time: 9:30am

Where: 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba
Sr Elaine Morzone MFIC will be running a day of spiritual enrichment at Sychar. See flyer in foyer for details and day's timetable.



ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING

Date: 11/12/19 Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm

Where: St Anthony's Parish Centre, Memory Street, Toowoomba

The Downs and Toowoomba Churches Together have organised a second gathering to promote understanding and acceptance between the Abrahamic Faiths - Christian, Jewish and Muslim. Further information see flyer in the foyer.

CENT SALE

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their Christmas Cent Sale.

Where: ALL SEASONS FUNCTION HALL, cnr North and Tor Sts Toowoomba.

When: SATURDAY DECEMBER 7.

Doors will open at 12.30pm for a 1.30pm start. Prizes include a Christmas ham, a large homemade Christmas cake and a fruit tray. Entry fee of \$5 includes a Free sheet of tickets, a Lucky Door ticket and a Buffet Afternoon Tea. All proceeds go to Charity. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818



Little Blue Books are available in the foyer for daily Advent reflections. Cost is \$2.00 per book.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS TREE

St Vincent de Paul conference of St Theresa's Christmas tree will be in the foyer from next week.

If you are able to contribute a monetary gift towards others, envelopes have been placed under the tree for you to use. Monetary donations enable St Vincent de Paul to assist more diverse groups within our community

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.



National Prayer Campaign
for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought,
for support services

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.

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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



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOVEMBER -

DECEMBER

- Tuesday **26 November** Parish Office Closed
- Friday **29 November 10.30am** Releasing of Memories liturgy St Theresa's Chapel
- Sat/Sun **30 Nov/ 1Dec** First Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday **3 December 10am** Thanksgiving Liturgy for Care and Concern
- Tuesday **3 December 12.15pm** Mater Dei Advent Liturgy William Morris Centre
- Friday **6 December 9 am** End of School Year Mass & Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony, William Morris Centre
- Tuesday **17 December 7pm** Advent Reconciliation Liturgy
- Tuesday **24 December** Christmas Vigil Mass **6pm**
- Wednesday **25 December** Christmas Day Mass **7am**

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

