

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

9 FEBRAURY 2020

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

MISSION STATEMENT

St Theresa's Catholic Parish is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community committed to living and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Under our baptismal mission and inspired by the Spirit, we are bread for one another and nourished we reach out to make a difference in the world.

Reflection by Richard Leonard

Doctors and dietitians would have some difficulty with the first part of today's Gospel. Jesus does not seem to know that salt is bad for hypertension and cholesterol! Just as health professionals are encouraging us to be careful in using salt, Jesus is telling us to keep it up. Salt in Jesus' day, and for centuries before and after, was the primary preserving agent for food. That day-to-day usage gives us a clue as to the challenge being laid before us.

We are told that if salt has lost its taste it's good for nothing. So the challenge is to keep it fresh so it can keep doing its job. Jesus suggests that, in the same way, we have to be on guard to make sure that our faith remains fresh so it's able to do its job as well.

The fifth and sixth chapters of Matthew's Gospel are devoted to describing the elements of Christian faith. At the start of the fifth chapter we have the Beatitudes that tell us that the presence of God can be discovered in all of life's situations. It reminds us that as Christians we can find God wherever we want to. The rest of these two chapters go on to give us specific directions about the dangers and aides to faith.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, an inability to forgive, being unfaithful in marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word and being enslaved by money are all examples of bad faith. Think for a moment of people you know who are trapped by any of these vicious forces. It's sad to see the energy it takes them to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent and unforgiving.

More positively Jesus tells us in these chapters that prayer, being generous to the poor, being discerning about whom we spend time with and what we see and hear, and going without things we often consider essential are helpful to living a faith-filled life. Think for a moment of people you know who live lives like this. Their detachment, sense of generosity and ease with others stands out in our stress-ridden world.

My professor of liturgy used to say 'Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it.' This is the same message Jesus gives us today about faith in general. It's crazy for us to keep spending time with people and doing things that deaden our faith. We know the impact of these people or activities by the bad taste they leave in our mouths. After an encounter with them or it we usually tell ourselves that we must not go back for more, but the bad spirit seduces us into repeating the entire episode with frightening frequency. St Ignatius Loyola tells us that in these situations we have to deal with the bad spirit quickly and consistently and learn a new pattern of behaviour that will lead us away from darkness into the light.

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and build Christ's reign of justice and love in this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. May this Eucharist enable us to seek out the people and places that will see the saltiness of our faith remain fresh and interesting so that we will have every chance of preserving our faith in the dryer times, and of our faith in Jesus preserving us in the face of the trials and tests that come our way.

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HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Francois Frichot **Neville Preece**
Len Pauli **Moya Schaefer**
Eric & Vi Howe
Rosemary & Brian Carter

Friends and Family

Kate Sturgeon (Rita Sturgeon's Granddaughter)
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)
Robert Gandini (Lina Pervan's brother)
Connie Bamgart (Lina Pervan's friend)
Peter & Elaine Dillon
(Vivienne Price's father & mother)
Patricia Jenkins (Thel Jolley'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

Evelyn Schaefer
Ronald Cumming
Ivy Hurley
Dan Shine
Tony Cartwright
Rev James Byrne
Ethel Martin
Rae Mayo
Stephen Watchman
Len Hutchins
Dan Brady

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9am MASS
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9am MASS
SAT	6pm MASS
SUN	9.30am MASS

RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT

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

READINGS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10
 Your light will shine like the dawn.
Responsorial Psalm: 111: 4-9
 A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
 I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.
Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.
 Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 5: 5-6
 You are the light of the world.
Next week's readings.
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sirach 15: 15-20
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Matthew 5: 17-37

BAPTISM

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



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Little Black Books are available for \$2.00
 The Little Black Books have reflections for each day of Lent.



SYCHAR SPIRITUALITY CENTRE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH



Monday Closed (except for monthly meetings of Sychar Leadership Circle).
Tuesday 9.30 - 2.30
 4.00 - 5.30 Only for those attending **Christian Meditation Group** (led by Hilary Fogerty)
Wednesday 9.30 - 2.30
 Except 12 February 9.30 - 12.30
 19 February Closed
Thursday 9.30 - 2.30
 Except 20 February Closed
 12 March 2.00 - 6.00
Friday 9.30 - 2.30
 Except 27 March (Specific Group Reflection Day)
 10 April (Good Friday)
First Friday 10.00 - 11.30 *Lectio Divina* (led by Elaine Morzone MFIC)
Second and Fourth Fridays: 11.00 - 11.45 Christian Meditation (led by Colleen Free)
Third Friday: 10.00 - 1.30 *Visio Divina* (led by Elaine Morzone MFIC, using the art of Sieger Koder as focus)

INVITATION FROM THE SYCHAR CENTRE

Parishioners from St Theresa's parish are especially invited to Sychar (House of Prayer and Spirituality)
 69 Margaret St on Tuesday 10th March at 9.30am.
 It will be an opportunity to explore what is available, chat with the librarians present and share morning tea together in a relaxed atmosphere.
 If this time does not suit, please contact Sr. Elaine Morzone by phone: 4613 0933 or email emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au to arrange a time.

HAPPENINGS AT THE SYCHAR CENTRE

The following group sessions are going to be available over the next few months. Flyers are on the notice board.
Facilitated Group Reflection - "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr.
 There will be 8 sessions 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm (approx.) between Thursday 27 February and 30 April (includes a two week break)
 Register Interest by Thursday 13 February 2020 to the Sychar Centre
Phone: 07 4613 0933 or 0458 020 906
Email: sychar@twb.catholic.org.au
Journal Workshop with Sr Pat Quinn: Saturday 14 March 9.30am- 3pm.
 This will be a day session. Please register by 7 March 2020 either by trybooking or to the Sychar Centre. **Phone:** 4613 0933 or 0458 020 906 **Email:** sychar@twb.catholic.org.au

NOTICES

WHAT'S NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish in June.

All children in year 4 or above including secondary students are invited to be part of the program.



Program Information Night

Tuesday, February 12th at 6pm. Monica there from 5.30
Invitation letters and flyers are in the foyer, please take one if you are interested. If you have any enquiries please contact Monica Brennan on 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au



SVDP LEARN TO SEW PROGRAMME

St Vincent de Paul & DHSS will be holding sewing programmes which are open to all but particularly for migrant's and refugees as being a way for us to meet with them & vice-versa. There are flyers in the foyer with details. For further information please contact Gita 4699 5200.

BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY RELICS TOUR

St Therese of Lisieux and her parents.

When: Saturday 15 February.

Cost: \$25.00 pp

Bus departs Neil St outside St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.00am.

For bookings contact Theresa on 0434 528 904

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: LOCAL LISTENING & DISCERNMENT

Date: 15/2/20 Saturday

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Where: The event will be held in the Chapel House) (formally the Bishop's Office)68 Lindsay St, Twmba.
A gathering for people interested in participating in the Listening and Discernment Phase for the Plenary Council.

Outline for the day:

9.30am to 10am: Gather- Morning tea available on arrival

10am: Welcome and introduction

10.05am: Begin the Listening and Discernment process

12noon: Lunch break

12.45pm: Resume Listening and Discernment

1.45pm to 2pm: Closing Prayer and Conclusion

What to bring:

BYO lunch (tea, coffee and juice will be provided)

Pen and note pad



THE CARE AND CONCERN TEAM INVITES YOU TO CONSIDER JOINING THEM.

Our Care and Concern Team is currently seeking new members. If you are not working full time or are retired, or feel you can help in some way, you may wish to join the team in their pastoral work. Throughout the year, team members visit those who may be house bound or who reside in an Aged Care facility, provide refreshments following funerals of parishioners if requested by the family of the deceased and do the catering following the parish Healing Masses and other special ceremonies during the year. Each year the team organises 2 parish raffles in conjunction with the healing Masses. Members help where and when they can. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Janet Weier in the Parish Office on 4639 4688 and she will pass your details on to Pam Merritt or Mary Otto.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOME STAY FAMILY

St Mary's College is seeking any St Theresa's Parishioner who is interested in hosting students who live outside of the Darling Downs during term time. The students are not interested in attending a boarding school in the region.



Home-stay families would receive financial support and would be responsible for care, meals and transport.

To further discuss, please speak to Principal Michael Newman at Mass or contact Michael's PA on 07 4637 7333

JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton:

When: 8 March at 2pm

Where: St Theresa's Parish Centre
Cnr Curzon & Campbell Sts, Toowoomba.

For enquiries or bookings contact Sr Mary Cleary 4634 9786, marycleary5@bigpond.com

UPDATE - AUSTRALIA DAY BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Special collections at Masses across the country on the Australia Day weekend have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support people and communities affected by the devastating bushfires. This is one part of a multi-dimensional response of the Catholic community across the nation to the drama of the situation we face.

Catholic Emergency Relief Australia (CERA) is a new collaboration of national Catholic organisations that will help coordinate the Church's ongoing response to the bushfire crisis and future domestic natural disasters. Find out more at www.cera.catholic.org.au

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

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson



NOTICE

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR FEBRUARY

Wednesday: **February 12.** 6pm Confirmation & First Eucharist, Parent Information night.
Saturday: **February 15. 10am** Plenary Council Local Listening & Discernment, Chapel House.
Wednesday: **February 19** Council of Priests Roma.
Sunday: **February 23.** 9am Mass St Patrick's Cathedral Launch Project Compassion
Wednesday: **February 26** Ash Wednesday 9am Mass Mater Dei Year 4-6
11.15am Liturgy Mater Dei Prep -Year 3

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR 2020

Thank you to everyone who has given some indication on their preferred Lenten program.

Below is the timetable for the Lenten Programs:

Monday 4.30pm Parish Office meeting room – Wollongong program “Grace” commencing **Monday 24 February.**

Tuesday 5.15pm Parish Office meeting room – Brisbane program “Be Opened” commencing **Tuesday 25 February.**

Friday 9.30am Parish Centre Foyer – Wollongong program “Grace” commencing **Friday 28 February.**

Please add your name to the groups list in the foyer.

Cost of booklets is \$8.00

If you are unavailable to attend a group but still would like a book for yourself, please contact Monica at the parish office ph:4639 4688 or email:

monica@sttheresas.org.au

**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.

