

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

7 JUNE 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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.

Painting the Picture of God by Fr Michael Tate

A teacher asked the Grade Threes to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about their task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Johnnie was particularly focused. 'What are you painting?' 'I'm painting God, Miss.' 'Well, that must be difficult because no-one knows what God looks like.' To which Johnnie confidently replied, 'But they will when I'm finished!!'

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because we human beings had the most sublime, most eminent person painting a picture of God for us. It is as though 2,000 years ago, the Jewish people were saying 'We have had glimpses of God revealed to us but we still don't have the big picture.' And then, like Johnnie in the Grade Three classroom, Jesus of Nazareth says: 'But they will when I'm finished!'

In fact, it was when he was crucified that Jesus uttered the words: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

Recall these enigmatic statements: 'The Father and I are one' (John 10:30) 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. ... I am in the Father and the Father is in me.' (John 14:9,10) And then, after his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples, saying 'Receive the Holy Spirit.' (John 20:22) His breath is the very Breath of God, the Holy Gust, the Holy Spirit.

These word-pictures paint a relationship so close, so intimate, that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

We need to get rid of the effect of bad Renaissance paintings of the old man with a beard or the little white bird. These have bedevilled our imagination. But it is inevitable that we will form some picture in our mind, perhaps to do with light.

Certainly God is not a single unflickering white light.

No, God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other: the dynamism of love.

We were baptised into that dynamism of love in the Name, not names, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 'Name' is in the singular, and it is used not in the sense of a label like 'Michael', but 'name' in the sense of 'He has a good name around town.' It refers to the real identity of somebody.

So, we have revealed to us the identikit of God! This also has implications for understanding who we are. How often have you heard 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the picture painted by Jesus Christ, we know what that really means: God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

So, if you and I are images of God, we are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous. That leads to a hellish existence.

When we live wholeheartedly with as much self-giving as is possible, with as much un-self-ish-ness as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

My dear friends, that is why the feast of the Trinity is such a great Feast. We have revealed to us the nature of God, and consequently the nature of human beings.

Other religions have great prophets and gurus, to varying degrees trying to respond to glimpses of the Divine. They, like Johnnie, have tried to paint a picture of 'The Divine', or 'The Absolute', or 'The great Ocean of Being'.

But it was The Divine Artist, Jesus of Nazareth, who unveiled the perfect picture of the threefold dynamism of the Divine – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, relating to each other as Being-In-Love. Our Lord invites us to share in that imaging of the Divine Dynamism. Let us now prayerfully celebrate that invitation as we sign ourselves:

'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

RECENTLY DECEASED

Roland (Rocky) Gralow

Damian Frances Quinn

(Bernadette Whisson's mother)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Francois Frichot **Len Pauli**

Neville Preece **Brian Carter**

Moya Schaefer

Friends and Family

Kim Ireland (Kathy Sternes friend)

Peter Brown (Denis Brown's Brother)

Kate Sturgeon (Rita Sturgeon's Granddaughter)

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)

Robert 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)

Molly Schmidt (Aileen Collins' friend)

ANNIVERSARIES

Nashaat Maksimous

Catherine Hanlon

Catherine (Kay) Connor

Patricia Osborn

Mary Hoysted

Tony Brady

Colin Stafford

Paul Smith

The Most Holy Trinity

One God, three persons united in a constant flow of love and tenderness! On this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we are all invited to be drawn deeper into the rhythm of this eternal dance of love. Our Creator God became fully human and lived as one of us, physically living out the compassion and tenderness revealed to Moses centuries before. At Pentecost, the Spirit of God was poured into the hearts of Jesus's followers. This same Spirit of love and kindness unites us now as we pray, whether we do so alone, in a group, or in a virtual gathering.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Prayers for the community

All: God has been made known to us as a communion of infinite love. Baptised into the mystery of Father, Son and Spirit, let us pray for all to be blessed with God's love.

We pray for the baptised faithful, that they may radiate the joy of the Gospel and reveal the mystery of God to the world. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for the church: for all Christians of every congregation and language, every nation and race, that we may together be a sign of the diversity and the unity of God. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for all people who are alone, isolated, or feel undervalued and unloved in the world: may they come to know the Trinity, the divine community which breaks down all barriers. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray that we recognize that God is in the midst creation and all relationships: may truth continue to emerge in the exchange of stories and solidarity between peoples. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray that our government institutions reflect the equality of the Trinity: may the voices of the weak and vulnerable be given more weight than the powerful and the dominant. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

Pray for your own intentions. **Together we pray the Our Father**

Final prayer and Blessing

O God, Trinity of Persons, you are the foundation and meaning of our lives. Reawaken within us your life so that we take charge of our lives and passionately reflect the same love for all peoples that you show in the Trinity. By Word and Spirit you revealed yourself to us as Abba, Father. Free us to walk always in the light of your love. **Amen**

God bless our eyes, that we may recognise injustice. God bless our ears, that we may hear the cry of the stranger. God bless our mouths, that we may speak words of welcome to newcomers.

May God bless us in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



St Theresa's Parish

PARISH SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

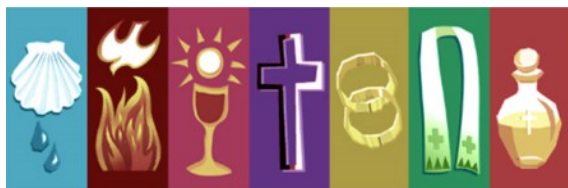
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, we are now allowed to celebrate:

Baptisms - single baptisms with 20 people attending can now be celebrated in the Church

Weddings – can be celebrated with up to 20 people attending

Funerals – can be celebrated with a maximum of 50 people attending

All church services will need to comply with the requirements of the parish CovidSafe Plan



COMMEMORATIVE ROSARY BEADS

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Aid to the Church in Need has commissioned commemorative rosary beads to be designed and produced by the Papal rosary makers in Italy.

Parishes, schools, agencies and groups have the opportunity to order the rosary beads at a discounted price before they are offered to the general public at full retail price. Discount orders close 12/6/20.

Flyer attached separately with bulletin.

If you would like to place an order, please contact the parish office on 4639 4688 or

email: office@sttheresas.org.au on or before Thursday 11 June.



PLenary COUNCIL UPDATE

From Mary Otto, diocesan contact for the Plenary Council

As in so many aspects of our lives, COVID-19 has had an impact on the plans for the Plenary Council. The first assembly has been postponed for 12 months and will now be held in Adelaide in October 2021, followed by the second assembly in Sydney in April 2022.

On Pentecost Sunday 2020 the Discernment Papers prepared by each of the six Discernment and Writing groups, were published on the [Plenary website](#). These papers are the outcome of each of the teams deeply discerning the multitude of responses to the Listening and Discernment process in the light of one of the six themes which emerged from our earlier participation in the Listening and Dialogue phase.

It is interesting to note that the issues raised by the people in the first phase of Listening and Dialogue are addressed in each of the papers, despite the groups working independently of each other. Concerns relating to indigenous peoples and their culture, the role of women and laity, sexuality and marriage, the place of the divorced or separated, young people, victims of abuse, our commission as the baptised, care of creation, liturgy and language and faith formation, arise again and again. I urge you to check the website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

You will find the Discernment papers under the Heading “Discernment”. Each paper begins with a Forward by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe (President of the 5th Plenary Council for the Church in Australia) and an Executive Summary. Each of the papers then reflects on relevant elements, outlines the pastoral reality, shares a theological vision, notes the challenges to be overcome, asks pertinent questions and makes proposals for change.



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



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ST THERESA'S MASSES ON YOUTUBE—new time slot

Wednesday mass each week is available on our YouTube channel at 9.30 am.

Our YouTube channel is available on this link. Just click on the link printed here to access directly. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKTEMLMUB7sC4kfQ4V9oQ7Q>

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there,

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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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, Libby
Rosentreter, Monica Brennan, Gay Jorgensen.
Suzanne Cavanagh, Elizabeth Stewart.

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, Angela Martlew, David Wilson,
Gay Jorgensen.

Consolation Team:

Fr Brian Noonan, Lyn McRae, Peter Kenny,
Bette Flamsted, Pam Merritt, Alf Mason, Moya Schaefer,
Josephine Nolan, Liz Phelan, Monica Brennan

Welcome & Hospitality Team:

Paul & Kathryn Marangelli,
Maureen Burke.

Family Groups:

Contact Parish Office 4639 4688

Care & Concern Team

Coordinator: Pamela Merritt

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson



NOTICE

DAILY MASSES ON LINE

St Theresa's East Toowoomba—Mass Wednesday
Available at 9.30am through our youtube channel—St Theresa's
East Toowoomba. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCKTEmLMUB7sC4kfQ4V9oQ7Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKTEmLMUB7sC4kfQ4V9oQ7Q)

Archdiocese of Brisbane - [https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/
multimedia/web-cast-schedule/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast-schedule/) **8 am Mass daily**

Diocese of Townsville – www.tsv.catholic.org.au or
[youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV](https://www.youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV) **10am Mass daily**

Diocese of Rockhampton – www.rok.catholic.net.au or

[Youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton](https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton) **12noon Mass daily**

Diocese of Cairns - www.cairns.catholic.org.au OR YouTube
Channel Diocese of Cairns **5.30pm Mass daily**

Archdiocese of Sydney – www.stmarycathedral.org.au

9am Mass daily – at the Cathedral.

See website for other parish masses

Archdiocese of Melbourne – www.melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

1pm Daily Mass Monday-Friday – any changes of times can be
viewed on website.

8am Daily Mass Saturday

SUNDAY MASSES ON LINE

Toowoomba Diocese – www.twb.catholic.org.au

9am Mass each Sunday available through direct link via home
page on web site OR search youtube – Catholic Diocese of
Toowoomba OR Facebook- Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

Archdiocese of Brisbane - [https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/
multimedia/web-cast-schedule/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast-schedule/) **8am and 10am Mass each Sunday**

Diocese of Townsville – www.tsv.catholic.org.au or

[youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV](https://www.youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV) **10am Mass each Sunday**

Diocese of Rockhampton – www.rok.catholic.net.au or

[Youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton](https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton) **9.30am Mass each Sunday**

Diocese of Cairns - www.cairns.catholic.org.au OR YouTube

Channel Diocese of Cairns **10am and 5.30pm each Sunday**

Archdiocese of Sydney – www.stmarycathedral.org.au

10.30 am Mass each Sunday –at the Cathedral. See website for

parish masses.

5pm Liturgy of the Hours – Vespers and Benediction

Archdiocese of Melbourne – www.melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

11am Mass each Sunday

PLANNED GIVING ST THERESA'S

We have had a number of enquiries from parishioners
asking how they can pay their Planned Giving contributions.

One way is to make a Direct Deposit if you wish.

The bank details are listed below.

CBA: Arch Diocese of Brisbane

BSB:064 786 Account Number: 100014392

Please reference your envelope number if you have one.

If you have transferred funds to the
account listed last week, can you

please contact Janet at the office

PH: 4639 4688

**OTHER RESOURCE SITES WHICH CAN BE
ACCESSED DURING THIS TIME OF ISOLATION****MyParishApp**

Visit myparishapp.com to download our parish app.

1. Download myParish App
2. Select St Theresa's Toowoomba after opening the App
and you will receive the bulletin, messages and other useful
resources.

LiturgyHelp

LiturgyHelp have created free access to individual and
family prayer resources for Catholics in social isolation.

1. Go to liturgyhelp.com/aus/pray. Once you are have
gone to this site, follow the directions to create a login.
2. Liturgyhelp also have a facebook page which you can
access if you are a facebook user.