

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

21 JUNE 2020

12TH 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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises. Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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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.

Planned Giving envelopes are available to be collected from the parish office. If you are able to collect envelopes for a friend/family member, it will be very much appreciated. Please call 4639 4688 before calling in.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bill Milne (Kathy Sternes Uncle)

Michael James Liddell

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 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)

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

Arthur Belot

Carl Muller

Craig Milne

Peter Sewell

Michael Phelan

Bill Ryan

Bob Caskey

Craig Bosley

Deborah Gordon

Carl Muller

Ray Clark

Eric Copas

Moya Meneely

Robert Powell

Kevin d'Abadie

Betty Hughes

Kay Barnett

Peg Jones

Sheila Strickland

Albert (Roy) Wilkinson

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

On our last Sunday of Ordinary Time, four months ago, we were hearing from the Sermon on the Mount. Leapfrogging four intervening Sundays and five chapters of Matthew, we reconnect with his Gospel today part way through Jesus' missionary instructions to the disciples.

These are a disconcerting mix of directives and warnings, partly relating to Jesus' lifetime, partly to later times of trouble and struggle for the community.

At the heart of it lies the assurance Jesus gives of the Father's providential care. The God who watches over even a single sparrow can be relied on to care immeasurably more for his disciples. A timely truth to treasure in this age of viral anxiety.

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

Today's readings are very apt for our current times, where many of us are experiencing vulnerability, tension, and unpredictability. Yet as followers of Christ, we are being called to trust in God our Father, who knows us intimately and understands our needs.

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

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

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid.'

For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the rooftops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.'

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

Prayers for the community

All: Time and again Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid. Taking his word to heart today, let us pray with confidence as God's trusting children.

For all the baptised in Christ, that the gift of grace they have received will be an unfailing wellspring of joy in their lives.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For church-goers in Australia, that their enforced fasting from the Eucharist will deepen their hunger for table-fellowship with Christ and one another. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

For the state and federal governments of Australia, that the economic recovery they promote will be inclusive, fair and eco-friendly. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

For the homeless and poorly housed, that the coronavirus pandemic and the onset of winter will prompt concerted action to provide adequate social housing. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

For children whose reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist has been delayed, that they will look forward all the more to these occasions of grace. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

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

Final prayer and Blessing

Faithful God, your love frees us from fear and gives us the courage to confront life's challenges with loyalty and openness.

Help us to be free from competition and distrust of one another as we proclaim Christ's presence amongst us. **Amen**

May the Lord be with us and protect us now and for ever. **Amen**

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



PARISH SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

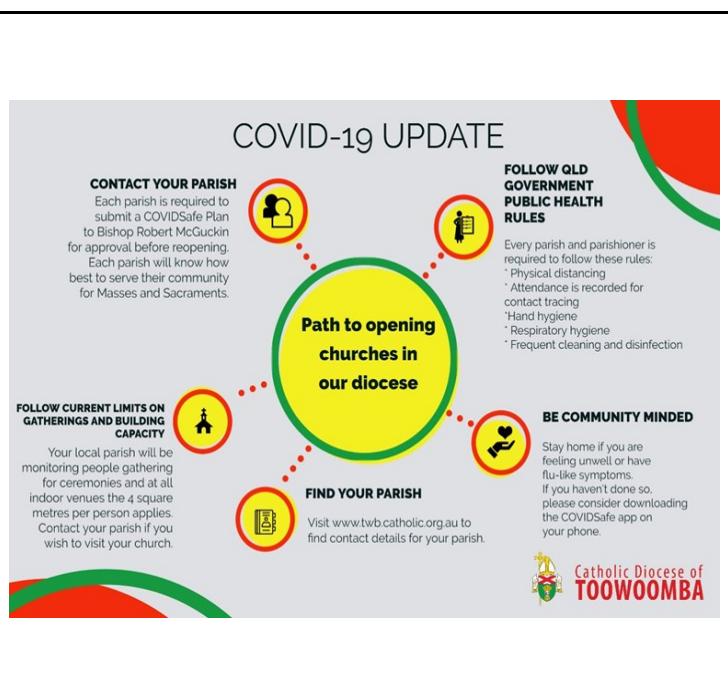
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, we are now allowed to celebrate:

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 100 people attending

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



JOB VACANCY: COLLEGE CHAPLAIN - ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, WARWICK

Assumption College, Warwick, is a welcoming and caring school community where the uniqueness of students is nurtured through holistic education programs.

The role of the College Chaplain is to provide social, emotional, and spiritual support to students and/or staff.

For further details on this role, please visit [SEEK](#) or the [Toowoomba Catholic Schools website](#). Applications close Sunday, 21/6/20.



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.

Living the gospel

From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.



Scriptural context

The Q source

This gospel passage that appears at Mt 10: 26-33 is virtually reproduced in the gospel of Luke (12:2-12) but does not appear in the gospel of Mark. Both the gospels of Matthew and Luke draw extensively on the gospel of Mark as a source for their writing but scholars have also deduced that they shared another unknown source. The content of this lost source can only be deduced by the identification of parallel passages such as this one that appear in Matthew and Luke but not Mark. The undiscovered document is known as the 'Q source' after the German word, Quelle (source).

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Consolation Team:

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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>

Archdiocese of Brisbane - <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 10am Mass daily

Diocese of Rockhampton - www.rok.catholic.net.au or 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.melbourne*catholic.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/> 8am and 10am Mass each Sunday

Diocese of Townsville - www.tsv.catholic.org.au or youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV 10am Mass each Sunday

Diocese of Rockhampton - www.rok.catholic.net.au or 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.melbourne*catholic.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.