

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

28 JUNE 2020

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all the great things the Church of yesteryear achieved, it also did some terrible things. One of the worst demands it made was that a Catholic who married a person who was not a Catholic did so at a side altar, oratory or in the sacristy of the Church. How humiliating this directive was. For how long were we going to punish the Protestant Reformers and young Catholic woman or man who fell in love with someone from these denominations? In these ecumenical days, it's hard for us to understand these actions.

Today, especially at weddings, I hear older Catholics talk about this experience more than anything else. It's often given as the reason why the person or their family stopped practising their Catholic faith. Recently an older wedding guest told me that her wedding day at the side altar was the last day she came to the Church of her own free will. She never had her children baptised and her painful experience was still palpable forty years on as she compared and contrasted her wedding day with the Catholic marriage ceremony of a couple in a similar religious circumstance to her own which we had just celebrated. All I can do in such circumstances is apologise for the hurt our shortsightedness caused and be full of admiration for those who were subjected to similar treatment but have remained constant to our Catholic community.

These days inter-denominational marriages are rarely the reasons over which a family will divide. But we know that other religious issues can still break up a family. It's always a tragedy when this happens. For example, maybe you've had a son, daughter or a grandchild join a religious sect or cult. It's heartbreaking stuff for parents who wonder what their child sees in the sect and where it will all end.

The Church has sometimes let families down in this regard. Appearing to prefer dogma to the complexities of people's lives, formal liturgy to creating communities of hospitality, care and justice, the church can appear to be out of touch, especially with our young. I know that every person in authority in the Church today knows that the Catholic Church needs to listen to our young people, hear about the issues that concern them and present our faith in a way they find accessible and engaging. Very often it's not what we say about our rich faith, it's how we say it. Many people don't leave the mainstream churches because they are attracted by another group's doctrine, though some do want the world to be very black and white. Many leave for smaller groups offering a tightly knit community.

From today's Gospel we know that the same family heartbreak occurred in the early church. At this time, however, Christianity was the small sect drawing believers away from Judaism, to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah. It ripped families apart. The early church became the new family of many followers who were disowned. They lost their life and found a new one in Christ.

There can be moments when a family's lifestyle, beliefs, behaviour or values are such that one member feels that, in conscience, or by conviction, he or she does not belong anymore.

When this happens we can listen carefully to reasons the family member gives. Maybe we have lost something essential in our life together that needs challenging and change. And maybe it's the family member who is in the wrong.

Keeping the lines of communication open, speaking the truth with calmness and love and remaining as compassionate as possible are the best Christian responses.

I can't pretend that any of this is easy, but, when I have seen families do it, the prophetic, truthful and charitable rewards Jesus offers in today's Gospel are powerfully in evidence.

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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.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Francois Fricot **Len Pauli**
Neville Preece **Brian Carter**

Moya Schaefer

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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 Jelley'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

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Aileen Stacey

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Carolyn Wilson

Sesstelia Ruffini

Robert McNaught

Joseph Seeber

Kathleen Luck

Dorrie Kretchmann

Bob Brunner

Roger Ahern

Rose Ahern

Terry Ahern

Daniel McGarry

Mary Jane Flynn

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing, and exorcism. At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish Messiah, as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

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

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others, we will be filled with blessings unimaginable. Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayers for the community

All: Whether at home or in church, we remain honoured guests of God. As members of God's household, let us pray with the confidence of children.

For Pope Francis and the whole college of bishops, that like the apostles Peter and Paul they will never cease to proclaim the gospel boldly. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

May we, as a nation, increasingly value the social, spiritual and cultural contributions of all people who have come to this land and of the first inhabitants of this land. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

For the church in Australia, that the lengthened preparations for the Plenary Council will add momentum for the outbreak of a new missionary spirit. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

May the Australian community not tolerate within it any form of abuse, injustice, prejudice or discrimination but be openhearted to all. Let us pray to the Lord.

For artists and performers, for workers in hospitality and tourism, and for all in unsupported industries, that fresh initiatives in the new financial year may ease their hardship. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

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

Final prayer and Blessing: God of kindness and care, help us to be to those around us, his helping hand, his smile of welcome, his voice of encouragement and pardon, and the face of his love. May God bless us in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



PARISH SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

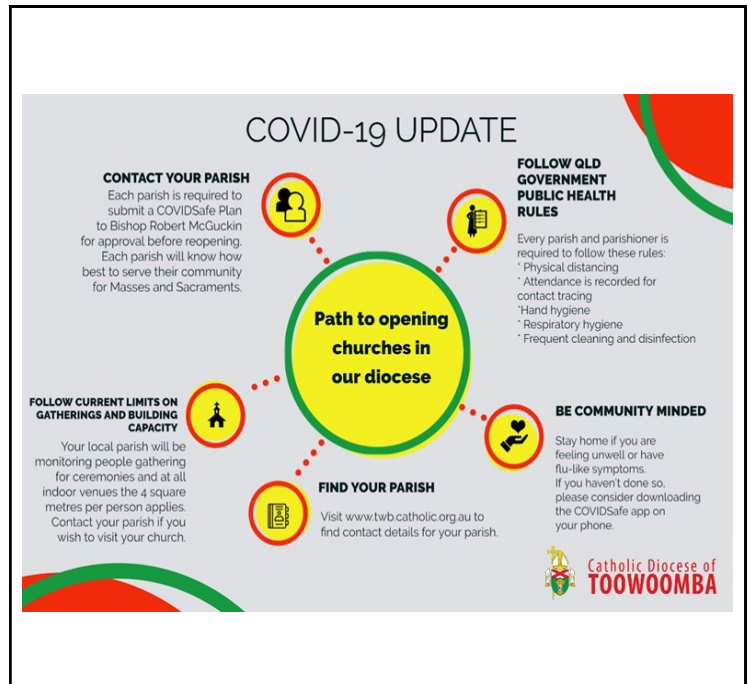
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, we are now allowed to celebrate:

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



IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: When do we move to 100 in our Churches?

The Queensland Government has approved an Industry COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship in Queensland. This has also been signed off by the Queensland Bishops. It now allows for up to 100 individuals to gather subject to additional compliance measures and increased responsibility that must be strictly adhered to. As most parishes will be unable to meet the additional requirements of the above plan and it is less than 3 weeks, when on 10 July 2020, Stage 3 of the Queensland Government Roadmap lessens restrictions, in this Diocese we will wait until 10 July 2020, to increase gatherings to 100 individuals (subject to the 4 square metre rule).

As from 16 June 2020, the current restrictions and requirements are:

- 20 for religious ceremonies (Mass, baptisms, weddings), subject to the 4 square metre rule
- Up to 100 for funerals, subject to the 4 square metre rule
- The parish is now required to record and keep contact details for 56 days from the day collected.
- Members of choirs are required to abide by 1 person per 7 square metre rule.

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from October 3-10, 2021, and in Sydney from July 4-9, 2022. The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.



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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Finance Committee

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Liturgy Team

Fr. Brian Noonan, Jan Mayo, Peter Kenny, Libby
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Norma Kenny, Kathy Sternes, Elizabeth Stewart,
Libby Rosentreter.

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Sacramental Team:

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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 Chan-
nel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) 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 Chan-
nel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) 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.