



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

5 JULY 2020

14TH 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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice.

'You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say, "and finally..." people take out their car keys!' The second was, 'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.'

I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace.

Now all this 'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens.

They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.

No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life. She asked the class,

'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

To which there was bemused silence.

So Sister tried again. 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

There was now stony silence. Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer. After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied,

'Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus.

In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace. © Richard Leonard SJ

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Ganzer (Cheryl's husband)

Linda Lobwein (mother of Kelly James)

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 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

Br. Danny Hawe

Ellen Mary Glesson

Des Flynn

Peggy Jones

Vincent Mc Garry

Margaret Gagen

Kev & Win Hogan

Jean Cartwright

Marie Leahy

Margaret Canavan

Daniel Murphy

Bill Kamler

Vera Dillon

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.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly.

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time.

We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

Gospel

Mt 11:25-30

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

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke. Greg Sunter

Prayers for the community

All: With tender love Jesus invites us to find comfort and rest in him. Trusting in his word, let us pray for all our needs. We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and all the clergy, religious and laity May they be faithful to Christ's teaching of truth, justice and peace. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. That all will recognize the Creator Spirit in their culture and the cultures of all newcomers which will allow all Australians to live fully, grow strong and be proud of their heritage.

Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all families, Communities and Nations that are struggling with the Coronavirus and restrictions. That the Holy Spirit will bring comfort and that they may feel the blessing of God's love for them. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for those whose simple faith unveils the mystery of God, that they inspire the proud and powerful to surrender to God's embrace. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

We pray for our First Nations Christians. That they be empowered to take up leadership roles to enable them to share their gifts of faith, spirituality and culture within the Catholic Church in Australia. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

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

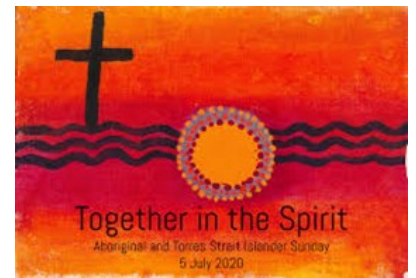
Final prayer and Blessing

Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion. Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility. In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other. Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one. **Amen**

(Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small group of Aboriginal Elders and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014.)

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



PARISH SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

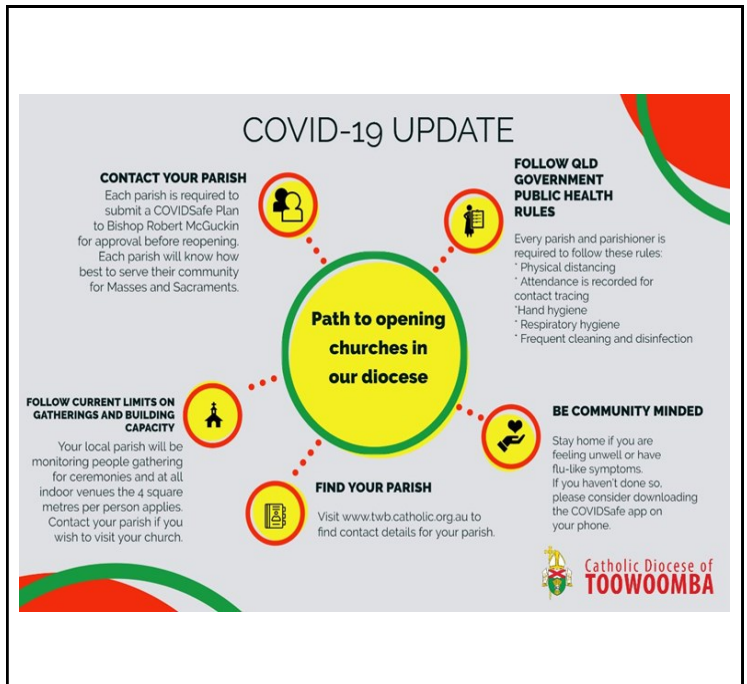
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, as of 10 July, we are now allowed to celebrate:

Baptisms- baptisms with 100 people attending can now be celebrated in the Church

Weddings – can be celebrated with up to 100 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 10 July 2020, the current restrictions and requirements are:

- 100 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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Wilson, Trish Kennedy-Lee, Lauren Newman,
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>
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](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/UCDioceseofCairns) 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/UCDioceseofCairns) 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 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.