

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

19 JULY 2020

16TH 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.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: Face to Face Masses at St Theresa's Parish

The St Theresa's CovidSafe plan only allows 108 people in the parish centre following the 4m² rule.

On **Weekday Masses** and **Sunday Morning masses**, parishioners are to be seated in rows with a red ribbon

On **Saturday Vigil Masses**, parishioners are asked to sit in rows without a red ribbon.

Please leave 2 chairs between households.

Weekday Masses

St Theresa's will be having mass on **Wednesdays and Fridays at 9am**.

Wednesday's mass will still be recorded and uploaded on our YouTube channel by 10am.

Parishioners will need to sign a contact's list which we are required to record and keep contact details for 56 days from the day collected.

Hand sanitiser will be provided and as per health directives, please stay home if you are unwell.

Weekend Masses

St Theresa's regular weekend masses continue (unless otherwise directed) at 6pm Saturday vigil and 9.30am Sunday morning. Unfortunately, no gathering can occur after mass and parishioners are encouraged to go straight home.

For each weekend, parishioners will need to either purchase a ticket online from Trybooking website, by right clicking on the link or double-clicking on the link provided <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=640220&> and choose open link command OR contact the parish by phone 46394688 to register for your preferred mass.

If you are unwell or not comfortable to join the weekend masses at this time, St Pat's Cathedral will always be streaming 9am mass each and every Sunday. *Too-woomba Diocese* – www.twb.catholic.org.au

Bulletins, Seating and Reception of Communion directives

Bulletins will continue to be emailed to parishioners now. Those parishioners who have had paper copies delivered and anyone else who does not receive an emailed copy can collect their bulletins at the end of mass as they are leaving. Any bulletins left in the church must be binned. If you do not receive an emailed copy of the bulletin and wish to have a bulletin emailed to you each week, please contact the office with your email address or see Monica or Fr. Brian after mass.

Seating will be in alternate rows for each mass. Rows are marked with red ribbon or no ribbon. Households can sit together with 2 chairs between households.

Communion will only be received via the centre aisle and only under one species. The priest will generally be the sole minister of communion.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert Gandini

(Lina Pervan's brother)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Joan Power **Francois Frichton**

Len Pauli **Brian Carter**

Neville Preece **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)

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

Eric Jensen

Lance Sinclair

Reg Clark

Bill Brock

Carl Muller

Michael Dillon

Pat Flood

Br. Tom Hickey (fms)

Tom Flynn

Clem Armagacq

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. I'm very grateful for this pattern in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. It indicates to us that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was on about.

As much as I respect the faith of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters, it is at this point, on the way we interpret the Scriptures, that we cannot agree. The catholic community has always taken the process outlined in Matthew's gospel very seriously. We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations.

Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. To read the Bible was often seen as a 'very protestant thing to do'. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the disciples are all recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the Word of God.

That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement they also reminded us, however, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole Church has the task to discern where the Word of God is leading us.

To help this discernment, it's scholars who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual and cultural issues in and around the Bible have always aided the catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the Scriptures have helped or hindered the Church over the centuries. We place great weight on the 'here and now' of the faith community who listens to the Word of God and lives it out.

Our approach is a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves.

We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that 'cannot err in leading us to the truth about God'. The Word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and a distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him.

When there are inconsistencies or differences in any two scriptural texts, rather than unsettle us, we see these differences as examples of the varying rich approaches to the truth of our salvation in and through Christ. This is nicely summed up in the verse, *The Bible in 50 words*.

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.



At this Eucharist let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.

St Theresa's Parish

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish in September. Children who are baptised Catholic, in Year 3 or older are welcome to participate in the program in preparation for the sacrament. An information night for parents/ carers will be held on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

With Covid19 restrictions being observed, only parent/parents are asked to attend the information night.

Information letters and enrolment forms are available through the parish office.

If you have any queries, please contact Monica Brennan at the parish office or ph 4639 4688 or email: monica@sttheresas.org.au



CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES

Bishop Robert McGuckin will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for St Theresa's parish candidates on Wednesday 26th August at 5pm and 7pm and on Thursday 27th August at 5pm and 7pm. As we have 47 candidates, owing to Covid19 restrictions, the group has been split four ways to enable family members to celebrate with the candidate.

General parishioners will not be able to attend these celebrations, but we ask that you keep the candidates and their families in your prayer.



CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Robert McGuckin has announced the following clergy appointments for the Toowoomba Diocese.

Fr Hermi Rafada - from 1/7/20, Fr Hermi is Parish Priest of Goondiwindi.

Fr Gerardo Tubis - from 1/8/20, Fr Gerardo will be Parish Priest of Roma and Priest Director of Mitchell and Wallowilla-Surat.

Fr Warren Padilla - from 1/9/20, Fr Warren will be Parish Priest of Charleville and Priest Direct of Cunnamulla, Quilpie and Augathella.

Fr Peter Doohan - from 1/9/20, Fr Peter will be Parish Priest of Helidon and Administrator of Crows Nest.

Fr Jamie Collins - from 1/9/20, Fr Jamie will be Parish Priest of St Anthony's Toowoomba.

JOB VACANCY: Administration Officer, St Mary's Parish Warwick

Applications Close: Friday 31/7/20

A vacancy for Administration Office exists for St Mary's Parish Warwick. The Administration Officer is a member of the Parish Team and works collaboratively with the Priest and Pastoral Associate. The position includes secretarial duties and support along with the management of financial records. A full job description is available by contacting the Parish Office on 07 46611033 or warwick@ctwb.org.au.

CATHOLIC MEN'S ONLINE GATHERING: Brothers, what must we do?

Date: 15/8/20 Saturday (Registrations close 29/7/20)

Cost: Free

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the aim of the ACBC National Men's Gathering is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. [Visit the event website to find out more about the gathering timetable and to register.](#)

WELCOME TO THE SEMINIARIANS

This weekend we welcome 3 seminarians from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Peter Doherty, Anthony Gawlu and Matt Popovic are all journeying towards priesthood. They will be working with Fr. Brian in the parishes of St Theresa's and Mary of the Southern Cross, Highfields as well as visiting Mater Dei School, Mary MacKillop Catholic College and Good Samaritan College over the coming week. We wish you many blessings



ST THERESA'S MASSES ON YOUTUBE—New time slot

Wednesday mass each week is available on our YouTube channel by 10.00 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>

Parish Priest:

Fr Brian Noonan ph:4696 7094
 e-mail: brian.noonan@sttheresas.org.au
brianjnoonan@bigpond.com

Pastoral Associate

Monica Brennan
 Ph.: 4639 4688 Fax 4639 6538
 e-mail: monica@sttheresas.org.au

Parish Secretary:

Janet Weier
 Ph.: 4639 4688 Fax: 4639 6538
 e-mail: office@sttheresas.org.au

Church: Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

Office: 55 Curzon Street, Toowoomba

Parish Website www.sttheresas.org.au

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Michael Murtagh, Tim Burgess,
 Bernadette Zimbwa, Gailene Jurgs, Matt Boyd, David
 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

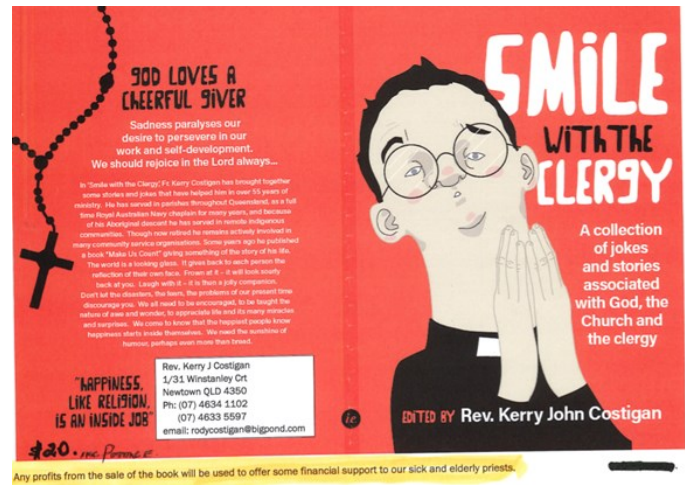
Coordinator: Pamela Merritt

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES
 If you have not received/collected you Planned Giving envelopes, they are available for collection in the foyer.



Fr. Kerry's book is available at the Parish office.
 \$20 for a signed copy. Proceeds of book sales used to offer financial support to sick and elderly priests.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

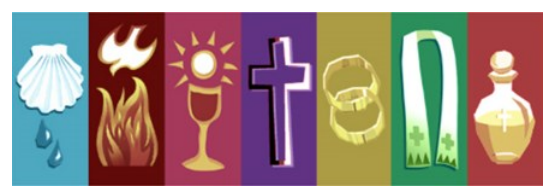
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, as of 10 July, we are now allowed to celebrate:

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.



COVID-19 UPDATE

CONTACT YOUR PARISH
 Each parish is required to submit a COVIDSafe Plan to Bishop Robert McGuckin for approval before reopening. Each parish will know how best to serve their community for Masses and Sacraments.

FOLLOW CURRENT LIMITS ON GATHERINGS AND BUILDING CAPACITY
 Your local parish will be monitoring people gathering for ceremonies and at all indoor venues the 4 square metres per person applies. Contact your parish if you wish to visit your church.

FOLLOW QLD GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH RULES
 Every parish and parishioner is required to follow these rules:
 * Physical distancing
 * Attendance is recorded for contact tracing
 * Hand hygiene
 * Respiratory hygiene
 * Frequent cleaning and disinfection

BE COMMUNITY MINDED
 Stay home if you are feeling unwell or have flu-like symptoms. If you haven't done so, please consider downloading the COVIDSafe app on your phone.

Path to opening churches in our diocese

FIND YOUR PARISH
 Visit www.twb.catholic.org.au to find contact details for your parish.

Catholic Diocese of TOOWOOMBA