

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

26 JULY 2020

17TH 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 4m<sup>2</sup> 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—no booking required

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—booking required

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](http://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.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 28TH JULY**

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners:

**Joan Power**      **Francois Frichot**  
**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 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)  
**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

*Mick Flynn*

*John Howe (Snr)*

*John Howe (Jnr)*

*Fletcher Slater*

*Noreen Ryan*

*Giovanni Ruffini*

*Ray Inglis*

*Sybil McCallister*



*Thomas Black*

*Fred Mackie*

*Margie Garrahy*

*Jim Pigott*

*Dennis Long*

MASSES		READINGS	BAPTISMS
MON	NO MASS	<b>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b> <b>First Reading:</b> <i>1 Kings 3:5, 7-12</i> You have asked for wisdom. <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>118:57, 72,76-77, 127-130</i> Lord, I love your commands. <b>Second Reading:</b> <i>8: 28-30</i> He predestined us to become true images of his son. <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> <i>Cf. Matthew 11:25</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia! <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Matthew: 13: 44-52</i> He sells everything he owns and buys the field. <b>Next week's readings.</b> <b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b> <i>Isaiah 551-3</i> <i>Romans 8:35, 37-39</i> <i>Matthew 14: 13-21</i>	This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish <b>Arwen Pamela George</b>  Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am. 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	6PM MASS please book		
SUN	9.30 AM MASS please book		
<b>RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT</b>			
<b>If you require a Gluten Free host, please advise the coordinator.</b>			

God's reign is like ...'

There is a story of an Indian monk who found the world's largest diamond. In a nearby village a man had a dream that if he went to a certain monastery, he could gain enormous wealth beyond all his hopes. The villager arrived at the monastery and told the monk his dream. The monk explained, 'The dream probably refers to this,' and handed over the diamond to him. The villager returned home with great joy, but that night tossed and turned. The next week he returned to the monastery, utterly exhausted and begged, 'Give me the wealth that enables you to give away this diamond so easily.'

The two parables today remind me of this Indian tale. Jesus says that the reign of God is so great a treasure that it is worth giving up all you have. People who have had profound experiences often struggle to find the words to describe this for others. They find themselves resorting to images – 'It was like ...; it was as if ...'. In the parables Jesus tries to find ways of explaining why the reign of God has so captivated his own imagination. Of course, Jesus speaks of a treasure and a pearl he has already found, while the disciples and later Christians only glimpse God's reign in moments of insight. And yet even these brief and veiled glimpses have been enough to sustain disciples for two thousand years and even today there are many prepared to give all they have in following Christ. These men and women have found the wealth that enabled the monk to give away the diamond.

Paul, whose letter we are currently reading, is an example of one who lived out this parable with utter recklessness. Paul's encounter with the Risen Jesus led him to know the overwhelming love of God is not determined by following the Law but is an utterly gracious gift of God to us. He reflects today, could anything get in the way of this love God has for us; and Paul concludes, there is nothing that can separate us from God's love. This is the treasure that Paul found, enabling him to put aside all the lawful requirements of Judaism he previously thought were the only way to salvation. Paul had once been a Pharisee, one completely dedicated and given over to his Jewish traditions and teaching. Yet, when he comes to know Jesus, he is able to let all this go, to 'hand over the diamond' of his previous life and take up a new calling to spread the Gospel he has now discovered. In the reading from Romans today, it is as if we are listening in to Paul's astonishment at the depths of God's love, a love of us that enabled God to give us Jesus. In a sense, Jesus is God's diamond, given over to us in love. Recognising this enables Paul to give over the diamond of his own life.

The third parable in the collection that Matthew offers picks up the theme of last week's parable about the weeds and the wheat growing together. Today's parable shifts the image from gardening to fishing where the net hauls in a wide catch of both good fish and worthless things. Once again, there will come a time when sorting will happen but not in the middle of the fishing process. Only when the fishing work is over, will the catch be sorted.

When I think of this week's fishing parable and last week's about the wheat and the weeds, I wonder what must have been happening in Matthew's community for him to give his community these two parables, as they are not recorded in Mark and Luke. Were divisions starting to happen? Were people beginning to make judgments about others, perhaps wanting to sort out the community? Could Matthew be trying to teach his local church to leave the sorting out to God? The fact that these are only in Matthew certainly suggests that these had some particular purpose, even if today we can only guess what that might be.

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# 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 was held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020. If you were unable to attend or were unaware of the meeting, please contact Monica Brennan at the parish office or ph 4639 4688 or email: [monica@sttheresas.org.au](mailto:monica@sttheresas.org.au)  
Information letters and enrolment forms are available through the parish office



## **CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES**

Bishop Robert McGuckin will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for St Theresa's parish candidates on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm and 7pm and on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.](#)

## **THANK YOU TO THE SEMINIARIANS**

Over the past weekend, the 3 seminarians from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo, Peter Doherty, Anthony Gawlu and Matt Popovic have worked with Fr. Brian in the parishes of St Theresa's and Mary of the Southern Cross, Highfields as well as visited Mater Dei School, Mary MacKillop Catholic College and Good Samaritan College. They have found it a very worthwhile week filled with a variety of experiences We thank you for being a part of our parish family this week and wish you many blessings Peter, Anthony and Matt as you continue on your journey. You will always be welcome here.



## **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>



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**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**

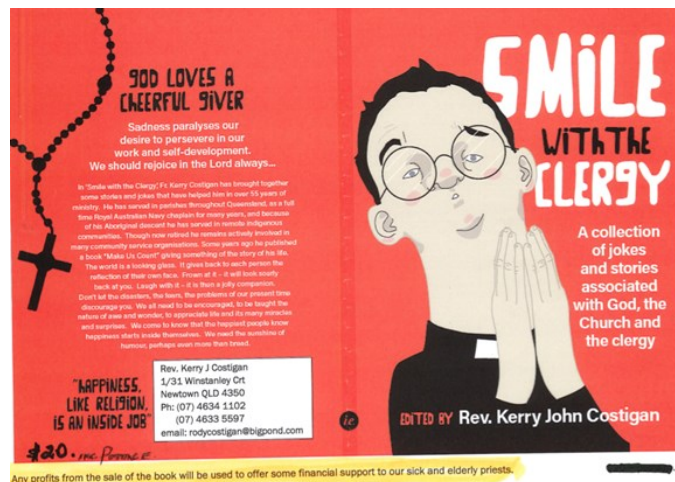
Coordinator: David Wilson



**NOTICE**

**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**

