

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

2 AUGUST 2020

18TH 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 3 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 not be recorded at the present time.

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.

Toowoomba 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 or from the office during the week. 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 3 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 MORNING TEA AT COBB & CO WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST AT 9.45AM

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anna Sellar

(Trish & Terry Sheely's daughter)

Fr Tom Keegan

Kathleen Quinn (Ireland— cousin of Sr. Una)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Joan Power **Francois Frichot**

Len Pauli **Brian Carter**

Neville Preece **Moya Schaefer**

Friends and Family

Betty Duncan (Glen & Bernadette Whisson's friend)

Phil Connolly (Glen & Bernadette Whisson's friend)

Cliff Powell (brother of Brian)

Mike Ahern (friend of Ray Taylor)

Kim Ireland (Kathy Sternes friend)

Peter Brown (Denis Brown's Brother)

Kate Sturgeon (Rita Sturgeon's Granddaughter)

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

Lawrence Volmer

Beatrice Duggan

Joyce Kellar

Phillip Crawley

John Hoysted

Peter McDougall

Fr Peter Schultz

Annie Murphy




MASSES	
MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9AM MASS followed by morning tea at Cobb&Co
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9AM NO MASS
SAT	6PM MASS please book
SUN	9.30AM MASS please book
RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT	
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.	


READINGS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-3*
 Hasten and eat.
Responsorial Psalm: *144:8-9, 15-18*
 The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.
Second Reading: *Romans 8:35, 37-39*
 No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.
Gospel Acclamation: *Matthew 4:4*
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 No one lives on bread alone,
 But on every word that comes from the mouth of God
 Alleluia!
Gospel: *Matthew: 14: 13-21*
 They all ate and were satisfied.
Next week's readings.
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14: 2-33

BAPTISMS



Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am. Please contact the office for further information.



REFLECTION

There is an old line that runs, 'If you feel distant from God – guess who has moved?' It picks up the theme in the Romans reading which we have just heard, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God.'

In the midst of persecution and suffering, St Paul writes to the community at Rome to tell them that, even in their fear, desolation and grief, nothing, and no one, can separate them from God's love. This shows us that when we feel separated from God, we may have walked away from him, usually through destructive behaviour that sets up and maintains distance between us and the source of our faith, hope and love.

St Matthew and Isaiah also knew that nothing can separate us from God's love. Isaiah's river of plenty and Matthew's loaves and fish are all about the *plenty* of God's kingdom, the abundance of God's goodness.

Too often we focus on the miracle of transformation that occurs in Matthew's Gospel when all he tells about the actual miracle is that Jesus 'breaks and shares'. Matthew is more interested in the leftovers than he is in the miracle itself. From five loaves and two fish we are told twelve baskets of scraps are left over.

Numbers are rarely random in the Bible. The echo of the seven days of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of this story as Jesus takes seven fruits of the earth to feed the crowd. Similarly, the twelve baskets of scraps, the remnants of the meal at which all were filled and satisfied, echo the sign of God through the twelve tribes of Israel in the Old Testament.

For us today this story also has consoling resonance. Matthew is telling us that Jesus sees our need, does not turn us away, comes to where we are, as we are, and recreates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of His kingdom in the world.

The Church has always believed that the feeding of the crowd prefigured the Eucharist, this weekly time where we receive the fullness of God in his Word, in the life of the community, in the minister and through the transformation of the Bread and Wine.

It's all about abundance. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can abundantly provide for all the world which is given into our care. 'Those to whom much is given, much is required.' The problem is that when we look around, we see that while some of us have so much, others have nothing at all.

If this reality doesn't move us to a change of heart and right action then we have not understood the story of the loaves and the fish, that God's goodness is never intended for a select few.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, 'How could God allow that?' This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but in light of what God has given us and our ability to share from this abundance, when we think like and feel like this, guess who has moved away from whom?

St Theresa's Parish

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on 3rd 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 22nd 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
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 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 Wullumbilla-Surat.

Fr Warren Padilla - from 1/9/20, Fr Warren will be Parish Priest of Charleville and Priest Director 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.

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.](#)

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2020 2-9 AUGUST



National Vocations Awareness Week – This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation -marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service.

MINISTRY ROSTERS

Now that we are having weekend masses, we need volunteers for our various liturgical ministries. We also have some new roles to fill. Each week for mass, we need at least 6 people -

1st person : co-ordinator and/or welcomer to check in attendees as they enter the parish centre either by ticking them off the attendance sheet or writing their names on the contacts sheet.

2nd person: co-ordinator and/or welcomer to introduce and welcome people to mass from the lectern.

3rd, 4th and 5th persons: to read the scriptures (1st and 2nd reading and psalm) and the prayers of the community

6th person: to operate the sound desk and powerpoint

We will also need volunteers to clean touched surfaces—door handles especially after mass.

Please contact Brian Powell (Saturday vigil roster Ph 46366939) and Janet Weier (Sunday roster Ph 4639 4688) if you are able to help so that rosters can be organised. Thank you

Parish Priest:

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

Pastoral Associate

Monica Brennan
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 e-mail: monica@sttheresas.org.au

Parish Secretary:

Janet Weier
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 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

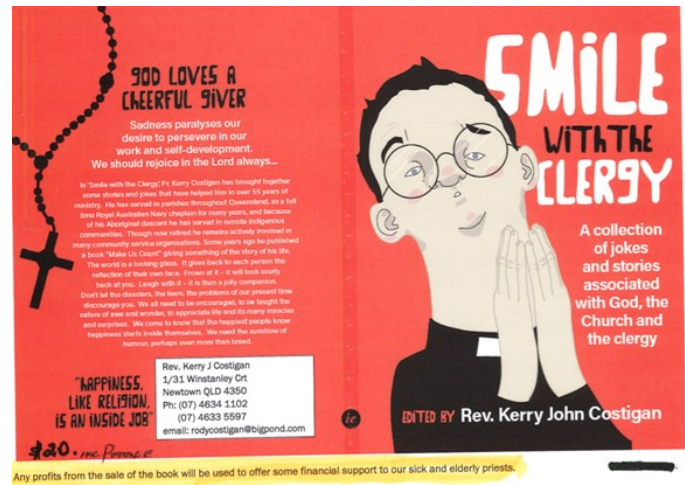
Coordinator: Pamela Merritt

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

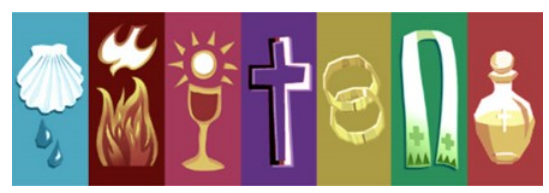
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, as of 10 July, we are now allowed to celebrate:

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.

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