

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

9 AUGUST 2020

19TH 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.

**HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO PETER AND NORMA KENNY
CONGRATULATIONS**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cliff Powell (brother of Brian)

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)

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

Margaret Van de Heuvel

Kevin Murphy

Katie Aramayo

Thomas & Nora Black

Jack Schaumberg

May Atzeni

Les Bagley

Jack Seeber

Iris Gralow

Ramon Schaefer

Aleyamma Joseph

Rona Koltermann

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9AM MASS
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9AM 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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: *1 Kings 19:9, 11-13*
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm: *84: 9-14*
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: *Romans 9: 1-5*
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Psalm 129:5*
Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew: 14: 22-33*
Command me to come to you over the water.

Next week's readings.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-28

BAPTISMS

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish

Theodore Raine Luck



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



Keep Rowing!

I vividly remember as a young boy swimming on a coastal beach and being dumped in the surf. I was tossed around topsy turvy and was very aware of the power of the waves. I survived, but since then have always been afraid of turbulent water.

This Gospel resonates with that experience, and it resonates with lots of experiences in our lives.

Have you ever felt swamped by an event — a traumatic accident, the death of someone we love, betrayal by a friend, the loss of a job, failure in an exam — which seems to leave us floundering? A sudden tempest storms into our life and we can't find our feet, can be quite literally gasping for air, we can feel we are drowning.

That is when we can cry out in our individual distress 'Lord, save me' and Our Lord will extend his hand, pull us from the turbulent water, get into the boat of life with us and calm the storm.

But, and this is very important, Our Lord will not take us back as if by magic to the previous situation. The storm might be behind us, but we have to press on.

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to "the other side", the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

It takes courage for us to move to a new situation, but with Our Lord's presence we need not be as afraid as we would otherwise be.

But this Gospel is not so much about individuals as it is about the Church. It is about the disciples of Jesus around the figure of Peter. We are the disciples of Jesus gathered in the boat with the successor of St Peter, Pope Francis.

When the Church is buffeted by storms, it is often because the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory. We can all list some of the storms of the past fifty years.

There is a new attitude to authority. Rule by dictate or decree with unreflecting obedience is not possible except in a few remaining authoritarian or totalitarian regimes. Rome-based clerics and bishops have to get used to this new situation, and Our Lord says to them 'keep rowing' to the unfamiliar shore.

There is a new attitude to gender roles. The feminist movement has challenged many of the stereotypes by which women had been subjugated over the centuries. Males have got to get used to this new situation and Our Lord says to us 'keep rowing' to the unfamiliar shore.

Pope Francis is rowing in the right direction on that score. As he has said: 'The challenge today is this, to think about the specific place of women also in those places where the authority of the Church is exercised for various areas of the Church.' [*A Big Heart Open to God, America: National Catholic Review 30/9/13*]

There is a new attitude to priests and bishops. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Transparency and responsibility are demanded. Clergy have got to get used to this new situation. Our Lord says 'keep rowing' to an unfamiliar shore.

Of course, throwing tradition overboard willy nilly is not a solution either. There is Tradition with a capital 'T' which is the Spirit-led experience of Catholic Christianity over two millennia. That is not to be jettisoned. But the grace of discernment is needed.

In particular, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore.

Perhaps we are called to help build a new structure of the Church on that other shore. We know the preferred model put forward by the current successor of St Peter: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. ... Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up.'

We can row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter to whom our Risen Lord constantly extends a saving hand. 'Do not be afraid.' © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

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 Wallumbilla-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.

SYCHAR SPIRITUALITY LIBRARY

To facilitate the process of sanitization of the library area, Tuesday mornings between 9.00 am and midday will be set aside for returning library books previously borrowed or for borrowing new books. Those unable to visit during these times may arrange in advance to access the library at another more suitable time by phoning Elaine Morzone on 0458 020 906.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2020 2-9 AUGUST

National Vocations Awareness Week - This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop. Our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.

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

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Pastoral Associate

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Parish Secretary:

Janet Weier
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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

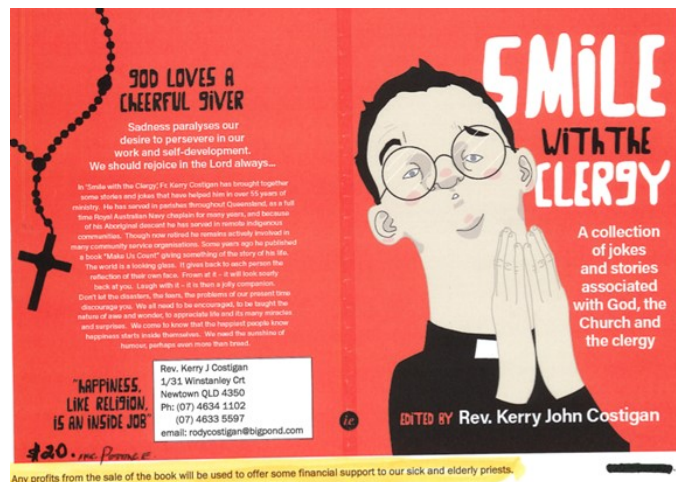
Coordinator: Pamela Merritt

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

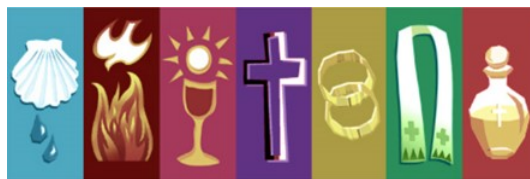
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, as of 10 July, we are now allowed to celebrate:

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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