

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

23 AUGUST 2020

21ST 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.*

## FACE TO FACE MASSES AT ST THERESA'S PARISH

On **Weekday Masses** and **Sunday Morning masses**, sit in rows with a red ribbon

On **Saturday Vigil Masses**, sit in rows without a red ribbon.

Please leave 3 chairs between households.

### Weekend Masses—booking required. Bookings close 5pm on Saturday

St Theresa's regular weekend masses continue (unless otherwise directed) at 6pm Saturday vigil and 9.30am Sunday morning. For **each weekend**, parishioners will need to either purchase a ticket online from the **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 forget to do this, you can still attend mass as we have yet to have reached our number quota.*

If you are unwell or not comfortable to join the weekend masses, St Pat's Cathedral will always be streaming 9am mass each and every Sunday. **Toowoomba 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. Paper copies can be collected at the end of mass as you are leaving or from the office during the week. 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. 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.

### 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.

*The St Theresa's CovidSafe plan only allows 108 people in the parish centre following the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule.*

## 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)

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Michael Green**

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners:

**Pauline Frederick**

**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

*Thomas Murphy*

*Barbara Blakeley*

*Heather Ruming*

*Elizabeth Webb*

*John Ah See*

*Sid Preece*

*Paul Sturgeon*

*Fr Pat Doyle*

*Mary McAuliffe*



*Josephine Erbacher*

*Sr Frances Flint CSB*

*Wonder Mudzudzy*

*Bernard Gralow*



MASSES		READINGS	BAPTISMS
MON	NO MASS	<p><b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>  <b>First Reading:</b> <i>Isaiah 22: 19-23</i>                      I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.  <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>137: 1-3, 6-8</i>                      Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.  <b>Second Reading:</b>  <i>Romans 11: 33-36</i>                      From him, through him and in him are all things.  <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> <i>Matthew 16: 18</i>                      Alleluia, alleluia!                      You are Peter; the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.                      Alleluia!  <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Matthew: 16: 13-20</i>                      You are Peter; to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven  <b>Next week's readings.</b>  <b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>  <i>Jerimiah 20: 7 - 9</i>  <i>Romans 12: 1 - 2</i>  <i>Matthew 16: 21 - 27</i></p>	<p>This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish  <b>Reggie Robert Carroll</b></p>  <p>Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am. Please contact the office for further information.</p> 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	6PM MASS please book		
SUN	9.30AM MASS please book		
<p>RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT</p> <p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			

## Reflection 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

A furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle, residence, studies and relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable.

The entire retreat process was based on the question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?' The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.

# 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 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 this 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.



## 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.



## WEBINAR: KNOWING THE COMMUNITY WHOM WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

**Date:** Tuesday 25/8/20

**Time:** 11:00am AEST

How well do we know the people who come to Mass? How well do we know those beyond the worshipping community? In our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are called to engage with the hopes and struggles of those in our local context. In this time of Covid-19, the need to connect has become even more pronounced. This webinar, led by the National Centre for Pastoral Research, addresses these questions, and ways we can be informed and supported, drawing upon the Parish Social Profiles and in dialogue with community leaders.  
Webinar via Zoom, [click here to register attendance](#).

## IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER FOR EVERYONE.

COVID-19 continues to impact parts of Australia, while around the world, millions of people are dealing with the impacts of the virus. Many of these communities were already facing poor sanitation, overcrowding and limited access to healthcare. How can you combat COVID-19 without access to adequate sanitation and healthcare?

**Caritas Australia** has joined churches and aid agencies for **#EndCOVIDForAll**, a pledge of support that will be taken to government to show our support for vulnerable communities, because **it's not over until it's over for everyone.**

For more information on **#EndCOVIDForAll** or to sign the pledge go to [www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all](http://www.caritas.org.au/end-covid-for-all)



## What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.



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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**

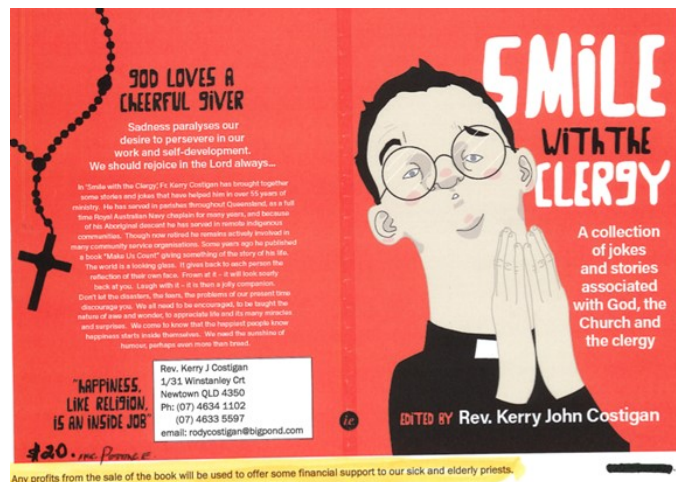
Coordinator: Pamela Merritt

**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**

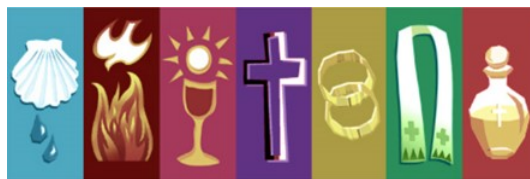
In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, as of 10 July, we are now allowed to celebrate:

**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](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au) to find contact details for your parish.

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