**6TH SEPTEMBER 2020** 

## 23RD 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 doubleclicking on the link provided <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?">https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?</a> 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

#### **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 4m² rule.

## FIRST EUCHARIST



This weekend, through the Sacrament of First Eucharist, we welcome to the table of the Lord; Poppy Von Pein, Ruby Bertolotti, Georgia Cumming, Sophie Hick, Harper Clarke, Madden Wann, Charlie Gladwin, Lucinda Mills, Charlotte James, Elizabeth Thompson, Louis Fitzpatrick, Mason Winter, Noah Primus.

Congratulations and God's blessings to you all.

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL



#### HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners: **Pauline Frederick** 

Joan Power Francois Frichot Len Pauli **Brian Carter** Mova Schaefer Neville Preece

Friends and Family

Stella Artuso (Paul & Kathryn

Marangelli's Niece)

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 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**

Ray Stein Pat O'Shea Frank Noel Ted Long Hannon Olsh John Pitt Mick Madden Nancy Long Molly McRae Les Boland Kevin Rowland Edna Fitzgerald Margaret Thompson Sr. Mary Veronica Hannon olsh

#### **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

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

If you have not warned the wicked, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm: 94: 1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 13: 8-10* Love is the fulfilment of the law.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matthew: 18: 15-20* 

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Next week's readings.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sirach 27: 30 - 28:7 Romans 14: 7-9 Matthew 18: 21-35

#### **BAPTISMS**

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



Congratulations to the 29 Candidates who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the week.



# Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

## © Greg Sunter

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.



# PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

The Annual Appeal for the Priests' Retirement Fund is this weekend. Envelopes are available in the foyer for your donations. The funds raised support our 17 Retired Priests and provides a salary for Mrs Julie See the co-ordinator of our Diocesan Clergy Health Services. Your support would be greatly appreciated.





#### SCHEDULE - 8 SEPTEMBER to 11 DECEMBER 2020



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
General Opening Hours	Closed	9.30am to 12.30pm 3.30 pm for 4.00pm <i>Christian Meditation</i> (Hilary Fogarty)	9.30am to 12.30pm	9.30am to 12.30pm  Ten consecutive Thursdays 10.00 - 11.30 beginning 8 October ending 10 December)  "An Astonishing Secret" by Daniel O'Leary	Closed	
Exceptions	Open  > 28 Sept  > 5 October  > 12 October  > 19 October  > 26 October  For  First Spiritual  Exercise Retreat  programme by Faber  Institute  11.00 -12.30  5.00 - 6.30		Open:  7 October  14 October  21 October  28 October  4 November  11November  18 November  50 November  For facilitated group process  3.30 – 5.30 (Special Group)		> 18 September, 8.30 – 4.00 (Special Group Reflection Day) > 25 September 9.00 – 2.30 (Special Group Retreat) > 13 November 9.00 – 2.30 (Open Retreat Day – limited to 10 participants)	Dream Workshop (facilitated by Pat Quinn MSS) Saturday 10 Octobe and Saturday 24 Ocotber 9.00 for 9.30 start - 3.30 10 October 24 October (repeat)  Journal Workshop (facilitated by Pat Quinn MSS) 9.00 for 9.30 start - 3.30 7 November

Faber Institute Retreat: Inner Peace in Divine Love

Date: 5 Consecutive Mondays starting 28/9/20

**Time:** 11:00am or 5:00pm

The retreat was composed by Michael Hansen SJ and is based on the Spiritual Exercises by St Ignatius of Loyola. This retreat is a way of encountering the Creator as Love in your everyday life through a program of personal prayer and attending a weekly gathering of guided spiritual conversation. See flyer on notice board.

Contact Sr Elaine Morzone at emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au or 0458 020 906 before 21/9/20 to register attendance.

# SYCHAR: JOURNAL WRITING WORKSHOP WITH SR PAT QUINN

Date: Saturday 7/11/20
Time: 9:00am (9:30am start) to 3:30pm
RSVP: 31/10/20 Book via TryBooking or 07 46130933
Journal writing can help to discover your own inner wisdom. The day will include small group sharing and time for quiet in a peaceful setting. This is the same popular workshop Sr Pat ran earlier this year.

See flyer on notice board



#### CANCELLATION: CATHEDRAL CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS DISPLAY

Due to the tighter COVID restrictions put into place by the Queensland Government recently, the decision has been made to cancel the floral display in the Cathedral for this year.



**CONTACTS** NOTICE

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#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr Brian Noonan, Michael Murtagh, Tim Burgess, Bernadatte 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 Flamsteed, Pam Merritt, Alf Mason, Moya Schaefer, Josephine Nolan, Liz Phelan, Monica Brennan

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#### **Welcome & Hospitality Team:**

Paul & Kathryn Marangelli, Maureen Burke.

#### **Family Groups:**

Contact Parish Office 4639 4688

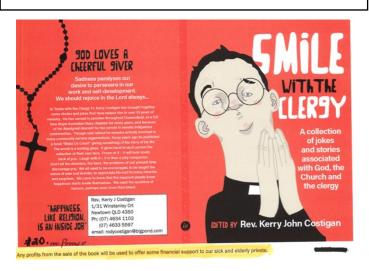
#### Care & Concern Team

Coordinator: Pamela Merritt

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.



