

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

24TH 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

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;
Erin Irvine, Lily Cameron, Maya Cameron, Indianna Bennett, James Statton, Harrison Haddin, Daisy Egan, Rosemary Wilson, Annabelle Jones, Grace Lattimore, William Holzheimer, Cooper Selby, Lou McDonagh, Sienna Ryan.
Congratulations and God's blessings to you all.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

The Annual Appeal for the Priests' Retirement Fund commenced last 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.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Pauline Frederick **Brian Carter**
Francois Frichot **Len Pauli**
Neville Preece **Moya Schaefer**



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

Terry Doyle **Bill Blackie**
Ann Brock **Roslyn Atzeni**
Dawn Cartwright
Edward Meiklejohn
Margaret Sewell
Terry Johnstone
Elizabeth Moore
Gladys Schneider
Patricia Preece
Kathleen Hoysted
Agnes Thompson

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	BAPTISMS	
MON	NO MASS	<p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A First Reading: <i>Sirach 27: 30 - 28:7</i> Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. Responsorial Psalm: <i>102: 1-4, 9-12</i> The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, rich in compassion. Second Reading: <i>Romans 14: 7-9</i> Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. Gospel Acclamation: <i>John 13:34</i> Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Matthew: 18: 21-35</i> I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven. Next week's readings. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A <i>Isaiah 55:6-9</i> <i>Philippians 1: 20-24</i> <i>Matthew 20: 1-16</i></p>	<p>This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Louis <i>Usca Durack Marchant</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am. Please contact the office for further information.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
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.				

Forgiveness: The Jews were fascinated by the number seven. It reminded them of the seven days of creation and suggested perfection. So, when Peter queried whether he would be a great hero if he forgave someone seven times, he was speaking in a very Jewish way. Seven times would be perfect. No, says Jesus. You have to be prepared to forgive seventy times seven, an 'over the top', totally extravagant proposition which was meant to jolt Peter to see that there are no limits to the need to forgive. But Jesus still keeps the sevens resonating in his answer because he wants to say that to forgive is like a new act of creation: it creates life where there was the deadly desire for revenge, and light where there was darkness. So, let's look at this sort of forgiveness more closely, at the macro and the micro levels. I once had the great privilege of shaking hands with Nelson Mandela at a Parliament House reception. Why was the crowd pressing up to this man, hoping to touch him? Partly because of his great victory over apartheid in South Africa. (Doesn't that word sound so apt in English: apart-hate.) Mostly, I think, because when he came to power he did not set out 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime', to exact revenge on those who had killed and tortured the blacks and coloureds of his beloved country. Rather, he offered forgiveness to the offenders. Through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, confession and admission of complicity in apartheid would lead to the closing of the books and a new beginning. It is that sort of forgiveness – the closing of the books and a new beginning – which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others. When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a disproportionately minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in divine life. After all, don't we pray daily: '... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us ...' Let us keep going at the micro level. I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. It is impossible to forget some terrible hurts or injustices done to one. In fact, it could be dangerous to forget because one could put oneself in a vulnerable situation again. Remembering can be an important part of healing. So, forgiving is not forgetting. It is about giving up the desire 'to get even'. It is to give up the all-consuming passion to make sure the wrongdoer 'pays the full price' for the wrongdoing. And it is good for us. As the Chinese proverb says: 'If you desire revenge, dig two graves. One for the wrongdoer, one for yourself.' It is easy to talk 'big picture' such as Mandela in South Africa. I know it is much harder within the family and within our circle of acquaintances. Here we can carry resentfulness for weeks or months or years. Forgiveness is to give up the cold shoulder and the wounding silences when you know the other person is desperate for one gesture, one word. In my experience, when deeply wounded by someone, it may take years to forgive them. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it. After all, a lot is at stake:

'Our Father who art in Heaven
 ... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'



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 ➤ 11 November ➤ 18 November ➤ 25 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 October and Saturday 24 October 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](#)



LIVE STREAM MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Mass will continue to be live streamed from the Cathedral each Sunday at 9:00am. Chrism Mass & Jubilee Celebration of Ordinations will be streamed 15/9/20 at 5:30pm.



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.



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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

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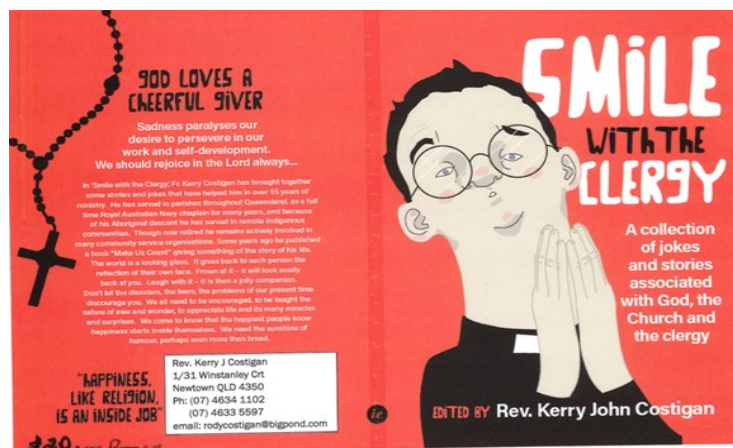
Coordinator: David Wilson



NOTICE

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

If you have not received/collected your Planned Giving envelopes, please contact Janet at the office PH:4639 4688.



Any profits from the sale of the book will be used to offer some financial support to our sick and elderly priests.

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

