

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

26TH 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.

As we are getting close to meeting our maximum number quota, bookings are becoming more important.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

Jesus uses rich ecological imagery in today's parable, revealing humanity's ongoing role in God's great act of creation. We are all charged to tend what God has planted and built. In the end it is for His purpose, not ours.

But this story also presages a dark turn, where selfishness brings about disaster. It is hard to read this without thinking of our rapidly warming climate, our polluted seas, and our poisoned rivers. Moreover, while this story concerns a bunch of tenants who violently resist fulfilling their obligations, it is also a very pointed tale when read in the context in which it was told, because Jesus specifically told this one to the leaders of the people.

As we hear this Gospel passage during the Season of Creation, we might wonder whether our leaders are doing the will of God regarding the vineyard of the earth. Is respect for creation high on their agenda, or is their priority the harvest? Are the vineyard's resources distributed fairly, or selfishly hoarded and consumed by a few? And do they listen to the will of the Creator, or silence His messengers with hateful words and actions?

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Ignazio Ginardi

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)

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

Barry Arnold Ruby Doyle
Max Osmond Ruth Nash
Heather Lowein Glen Frith
Winifred Walsh Reg Leirsch
Mary V Catterall Helen Ansell

Barry Arnold
Rose Anne Mullen
Simon Gilliland
Margaret Bowden
Maureen Ryan
Jackson Ryan
Kath Mulligan
Ray McLure
Robert McNaught

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*
 The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.
Responsorial Psalm: *24: 4-9*
 Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Second Reading: *Philippians 2: 1-11*
 In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
Gospel Acclamation: *John 10: 27*
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.
 Alleluia!
Gospel: *Matthew: 21: 28- 32*
 He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.
Next week's readings.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Isaiah 5: 1-7
Philippians 4: 6-9
Matthew 21: 33-43

BAPTISMS

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

Hudson Arlo Finch



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



HOMILY by Richard Leonard

A young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a 'red light district' within its boundaries. On his first day in the parish a nun, who had worked in the area for many years, took him on a tour of her beat, the area where all the women-in-prostitution were plying their trade. As they went along Sister introduced the priest to her friends Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane. 'Sister it's fantastic that you know these women so well', he said. 'Don't worry', replied Sister, 'you'll know them in no time as well, and they'll know you by name too.'

Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of the bishop, the parish priest or, worse still, his mother coming to visit and walking with him down the street as Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all wave and call out across the road, 'Hello Father'. Who would ever believe he only knew them pastorally?

'Truly I tell you that prostitutes and tax collectors are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God.'

The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written. It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here.

And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.



ENGAGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: SHORT COURSES

Date: 14/9-31/10/20

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion.

All topics are presented by lecturers of [Catholic Theological College](#) (Melbourne). Sessions delivered online via Zoom. [See flyer for further details.](#) [Registration form.](#)

SYCHAR: AN ASTONISHING SECRET - THE LOVE STORY OF CREATION AND THE WONDER OF YOU:

Starting Thursday 8/10/20 and then every Thursday until 10 December.

Time: 10.00am -11.30am

A dynamic ten episode video course by the late Irish-born priest Daniel O’Leary based on his book *An Astonishing Secret: The Love Story of Creation and the Wonder of You*. Each session will consist will last about 90minutes. Available at SYCHAR or via ZOOM. [See flyer on noticeboard for details](#)

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](#)

WEBINAR WITH DR SARAH MARES

Date: 29/9/20 Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm

The End Child Detention Coalition is made up of 26 member organisations from across Australia, including the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council and Catholic Mission. Collectively, these organisations possess a wealth of experience in policy and advocacy, advocating together for the release of children from immigration detention - it’s no place for a child.

Affirming their commitment to achieving legislative change so that no child is held in locked immigration detention in Australia, current research from Psychiatrist Dr Sarah Mares concludes that: Children in detention have markedly worse social-emotional well-being at all ages than their community-based counterparts.

Please join this webinar to hear from Sarah and moderator Hayat Akbari, current Chair of the Youth working group at the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network. See flyer on notice board and [click on link provided to register.](#)

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P6dk4NKfTvG0OQnAfzt64w

UPCOMING ONLINE ALPHA EVENTS CONFERENCE: REGROWTH

Date: 1/10/20 Thursday

Time: 7:15pm - 9:00pm

Regrowth is a conference for anyone in the Catholic Church who would like to see new growth in the church after such challenging times. The conference will explore Alpha in a Catholic Context as a tool to facilitate new life in our parishes. Topics will focus on how we can use Alpha in a Catholic Context to connect people who have lost connection in our parishes, as well as to rebuild and transform the face of our parishes by becoming more invitational and welcoming. Daniel Ang, Director, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation - Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, will be the keynote speaker. [Click on link provided to register.](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMud-yhrTwjGt35LsYmgXjx4e4EWwzeUJOd>

PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND

Envelopes are still 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.



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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, 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

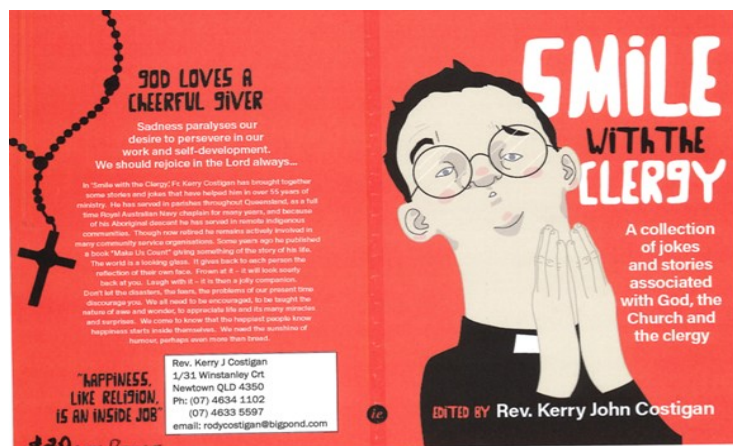
Coordinator: David Wilson



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

