

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

4TH OCTOBER 2020

27TH 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

We have now removed some chairs from the parish centre. You can now sit in any row left but **please leave 3 chairs between households** within a row.

Chairs will be sprayed with Zoono, an anti-bacterial micro-shield product after each mass.

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 is in any row. 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.**

The St Theresa's CovidSafe plan only allows 108 people in the parish centre following the 4m² rule.

SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

In last Sunday's parable where a son said yes but did nothing, Jesus offers a striking indictment of empty lip-service. In our age, one of the Church's most insistent calls has been for people to work for the protection of the vineyard of the earth.

Speaking of climate change, deforestation and chemical pollution, Pope Saint John Paul II declared in 1990 "that the ecological crisis is a moral issue" and called on all people to "recognize their obligation to contribute to the restoration of a healthy environment." In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI insisted that "technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption". In 2015 Pope Francis called on all of humanity "to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming" of the world's climate which we are currently facing.

Successive Popes have therefore called us all to work for the protection of our planet and its people. But it is up to every Christian to ensure that these words are not just empty rhetoric.

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HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

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

Friends and Family

Eileen & Jim Gallagher

(family of Sr Una)

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

Michael O'Davis **Ruth Nash**

Vidio Marchetti **Mary Ryan**

Jean Wilkinson **Jack Herbert**

Patrick Dunne **John Reavey**

Irene Leonardi **Lorraine Hill**

Arthur Shooter **Bruno Borserio**

Clothilde Zardo **Gwen Savage**

Irene Shine **Christine Dent**

Frank Murphy **Fr Ray O'Leary**


Keith Rasmussen

Neal Jackson-Hope

Stephanie Taylor

George Cartwright

Emmett Fitzgerald

MASSES		READINGS	BAPTISMS	
MON	NO MASS	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7 The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel. Responsorial Psalm: 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20 The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel. Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9 Do these things and the God of peace will be with you. Gospel Acclamation: Cf. John 15:15 Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia! Gospel: Matthew: 21: 33-43 He leased his vineyard to other farmers. Next week's readings. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A <i>Isaiah 25: 6-10</i> <i>Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20</i> <i>Matthew 22: 1-14</i>	Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am. Please contact the office for further information.	
TUE	NO MASS			
WED	9AM MASS			Enjoy you well earned break Fr. Brian over the next few weeks. <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>time to</i> RELAX </div> While Fr Brian is on vacation, Fr. Vince Carroll will celebrate weekend masses at St Theresa's and Fr. Kerry Costigan will celebrate weekday masses with us.
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.				

Good Wine requires Hard Work

Our Lord Jesus Christ loved a good wine. In fact, in one of the Gospels his opponents call him 'a drunkard and a glutton'. Of course, it was malicious defamation but our Lord certainly loved gathering around the table with his followers and those who were despised by the elites of his time. He would eat well and drink wine – and enjoy it. Why?

Firstly, Jesus was a shrewd judge of human character. He knew that a good wine makes people happy, loosens them up, helps sociability, encourages companionship. Our Lord wants us to be happy, not sour-faced killjoys.

Secondly, Jesus had a theatrical bent. One of his favourite images of Heaven was of a great wedding banquet, and every banquet or feast needs a good wine. (Think of Cana.) So, the meals he shared with people were like street theatre, little rehearsals of the great wedding feast of Heaven, a foretaste of Heaven where He will be our Divine Companion. To have a good wine, one needs a well-tended vineyard. And that is what last week's Gospel was about.

In the Jewish scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord; we are the tenants. The vineyard is not ours to do with as we will. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit, the fruit that God intends. If we are unfaithful, then, as is said in today's Gospel, God *will* find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to be new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Sahara Africa, Nigeria, and in Asia. Pope Francis recently visited the seven million Catholics in Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. But I am not totally pessimistic about the situation.

The tradition of the Catholic Church is being transmitted generation to generation, but more weakly than previously in our schools, and so depending to a large degree on faithful parents and on our parishes which need to become more missionary in approach to our own lapsed, disaffected and alienated, and to seekers after spiritual truth.

So, the challenge is to become effective workers in our own local vineyard. At every Mass, the priest recites these words: 'Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine *and work of human hands*. It will become our spiritual drink.'

Our Lord Jesus Christ wants to give himself totally to us under the appearance of wine, but that depends not only on the grape but on the work of human hands, i.e. collaboration between the creative power of God and human beings in their various exertions in the service of the Kingdom. In anticipation, He gives us a real foretaste of the great banquet, which is Heaven.

Take up that privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church. Help prepare for the satisfaction, the slaking of the thirst, of all the thirsts, of the whole of humanity.

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](#)

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](#)



On October 17 / 18, 2020 our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia.

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge. Catholic Mission is reaching out to those affected by landmine accidents and by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

You have the opportunity to support Catholic Mission through the following ways, as it continues this essential work.

Text to Give option: Please Text GIVE to 048 885 4436 and follow the prompts (enter your parish name in the notes)

Donate online: catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

Appeal Envelope: Available in the Church

Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/cambodia

DRINKS WITH NICKY GUMBEL

Date: 21/10/20 Wednesday

Time: 7:00pm (AEDT)

Alpha are delighted to host an online evening with Nicky Gumbel, pioneer of Alpha. All are invited to hear him share at what we are sure will be a very special time together. [Click below to register.](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdOCurD4qGdTvpERsFWwy7ifMmm-zd8Fm>



DYING PEACEFULLY - NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY 2020

Date: 11/10/20

Queensland dioceses will once again observe this Sunday to focus on the issue of euthanasia. As Catholics, we believe all life is sacred and the support for better palliative care is grounded in the common good of society. Better end-of-life care begins with better conversations about death and dying, and how we can die well in ways that do not undermine the foundational values of our society.



RESOURCE: AUDIO PRAYER RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

'Time With Jesus' (TWJ) is a collection of short five minute meditations that take children (and adults) on an adventure through 13 popular New Testament bible stories to meet Jesus and speak with Him. Listeners are guided to use their imagination to climb trees, steer a boat, ride a donkey and climb a mountain with Jesus and much more. TWJ is an engaging and exciting way to pray in which the meditations are brought to life by the use of different voices, sound effects and music.

For a free sample meditation, tips on how to use the TWJ resource in families and children's ministries, and to make a purchase visit www.beheldmedia.com or www.parousiamedia.com

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 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,
 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, 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.



Parish Office Closed Tuesday 6 October

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

