

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

11TH OCTOBER 2020

28TH 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.

Reflection 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be

Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have

somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out.

In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.

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HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

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

Friends and Family

Madeline (Sally) Gray

(Kathy Sternes Mother)

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

Damien Flynn	Richard Neal
Julia Hannon	Jack Stacey
Alf Franzmann	Agnes Clarke
Karen Pannach	Dot Bice
Patrick Flynn	Fred Powell
Pauline Coll sgs	
Anthony Risson	
Carmel Mitchell	
Laurie Neeson	
Cliff Schneider	

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MASSES		READINGS	BAPTISMS
MON	NO MASS	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10 The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek. Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20: I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me. Gospel Acclamation: Cf. Ephesians 1:17, 18 Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia! Gospel: Matthew: 22: 1-14 Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding. Next week's readings. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 5 Matthew 22: 15 - 21	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		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		Enjoy you well earned break Fr. Brian over the next few weeks.
SAT	6PM MASS please book		
SUN	9.30AM MASS please book		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.
RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT			
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.			

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.

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



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](#)

ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI

Pope Francis has released the third encyclical letter of his pontificate: *Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All)*. The document focuses on the ideas of friendship and human solidarity and is seen as particularly relevant during the time of COVID-19. [The full encyclical letter can be found here](#) below

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

ADORE—DAILY ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS 2020

Created by the Diocese of Wollongong

Inspired by the shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, **Adore**, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son.

Adore is an 88-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021).

A sample copy is available in the foyer. If you wish to order a booklet, please see Monica or contact the parish office Ph: 4639 4688. Orders will close Monday 26 October 2020

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

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE - PATHWAYS TO PEACE: Ecumenical Formation in a Conflict-Ridden World

Date: 20/10/20 Tuesday **Time:** 7:30pm (AEST)

QLD Churches Together and the Brisbane Roman Catholic Council for Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Relations invite you to the Bishop Putney Memorial Lecture via Zoom. This lecture will be presented by Dr Sara Gehlin, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki. [See flyer 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



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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, 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.

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

