



# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

18TH OCTOBER 2020

29TH 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.*

## Gospel Synopsis

For readers of Matthew's gospel, this passage is one of a series of confrontations between Jesus and the religious authorities. His wisdom is tested by the 'so-called' wise, and those who come before him so boldly leave in a state of amazement. The gospel text is one of a series of passages in which Jesus is confronted by those who seek to tarnish his reputation. In each of the troubled meetings, it is the itinerant preacher from Galilee who masters the religious and political elites, whether Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees or Herodians. The intention to trap Jesus leaves them cornered. As it is becoming clear, these chapters late in Matthew are a prelude to the capture and death of Jesus at the hands of the authorities, an episode where again God thwarts their plans.

## Reflection

For Jesus, the money-question was about the power it has over people, how it can be not just a possession but possess us, how it can be tied up with our sense of worth, how it takes over our desires and imagination to such an extent that we do not easily imagine ourselves into the lives of other people and feel empathy for them. The promise of lower taxes pleases many people. There is much public sentiment against paying taxes - especially, when paid to a foreign occupying power as in Jesus' time. Jesus' view is broader. He would not endorse situations or support systems where people just looked after themselves and allowed others to suffer deprivation.

Last week in his latest Encyclical, ***Fratelli tutti***, Pope Francis writes, *'If every human being possesses an inalienable dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone, then it matters little whether my neighbour was born in my country or elsewhere. My own country also shares responsibility for his or her development, although it can fulfil that responsibility in a variety of ways. It can offer a generous welcome to those in urgent need, or work to improve living conditions in their native lands by refusing to exploit those countries or to drain them of natural resources, backing corrupt systems that hinder the dignified development of their peoples.... At times, the inability to recognize equal human dignity leads the more developed regions in some countries to think that they can jettison the "dead weight" of poorer regions and so increase their level of consumption'* (Pope Francis, ***Fratelli tutti***, #125).

We argue about the borders or limits of compassion expressed in caring for the sick, supporting the aged, providing a liveable wage to people who are unemployed or underemployed, accepting and including people who are different, etc. Geography does not matter when it comes to need for housing or coming from a place where there is no security. Today, we begin Anti-Poverty Week. People failed by their own countries overseas and our country continue to be failed. For some we offer barbed wires and for others no place to safely lay one's head. By putting borders or limitations on our compassion means we may be cutting ourselves off from those who are held close to God's heart and ultimately from God.

Claude Mostowik msc  
Director, Missionaries of the Sacred Justice and Peace Centre

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Ignazio Ginardi**

## 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 Flamstead)

**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

**Catherine Dowling**

**Mervyn Erbacher**

**Nora Hannon**

**Pat Otago**


**Margaret Keenan**

**Jane Risson**

**Sr Marletta Black pbvm**

**Norm Higgs**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	BAPTISMS
MON	NO MASS	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b> <b>First Reading:</b> <i>Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6</i> I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Psalms 95:1, 3-5, 7-10</i> Give the Lord glory and honour. <b>Second Reading:</b> <i>1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5</i> We are mindful of our faith, hope, and love. <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Philippians 2: 15 - 16 Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia! <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Matthew: 22: 15 - 21</i> Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's. <b>Next week's readings.</b> <b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b> <i>Exodus 22 20-26</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10</i> <i>Matthew 22: 34 - 40</i>	<p>This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish <i>Archer Gerard Towler</i> &amp; <i>Adeline Mary Shellshear</i></p> 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	6PM MASS please book		
SUN	9.30AM MASS please book		<p><i>For the next month we will remember and pray for the family of</i> <b>Ignazio Ginardi</b> <i>If we cherish their memory, they become present to us.</i></p>
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](http://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 4m<sup>2</sup> rule.*

## ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

This Saturday (17 October) marks 10 years of sainthood for St Mary MacKillop.

Josephite Sister Monica Cavanagh was in Rome on that day. She reflects that 'The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonization is a chance for us to reflect on Mary's legacy and the valuable lessons her life experiences have taught us.'...Ten years on from the day Pope Benedict XVI declared her a saint, people everywhere are invited to take this moment to remember Mary's faith, tenacity and dedication to others, and her inspiration to *Take Fresh Courage.*'

(excerpt from *The Catholic Leader* October 18, 2020)



**QUIET DAY OF REFLECTION: Listening to the Heartbeat of Life**

**Date:** 13/11/20 Friday, or 14/11/20 Saturday

**Time:** 9:00am (for 9:30am start) - 2:30pm

**Venue:** Sychar, 26 Margaret St Toowoomba

**RSVP:** 6/11/20

Join Sr Elaine Morzone for a quiet day of reflection at Sychar House of Prayer and Spirituality.

[See flyer on noticeboard for details. Book your place on either day through TryBooking - spaces limited.](#)



**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](#)



**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](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

**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.](#)



2020 World Mission Appeal

**#WeAreStillHere**

**catholic mission**  
Reach out. Give life.

**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 regime and ensuing civil conflicts.**

You will hear about Chen's story - how his landmine accident has affected not only his life, but that of his family; and how the Arrupe Centre, led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, is providing many children and families affected by disability with the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.

**Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/cambodia](http://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



## NOTICE

### GIVE AWAY: ROPES

The Diocesan Archives is currently having a clean up. There are a few containers full of sturdy ropes for anyone who might have a need. Would be good for anything - from games and activities to securing items. Contact the Diocesan Archives on [dioarch@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:dioarch@twb.catholic.org.au) or 46327484 if interested.



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.

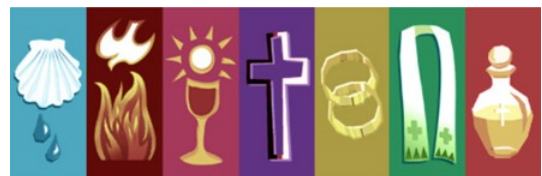
### RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

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.



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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