

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

6-7 FEBRUARY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

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

In the time of Jesus almost everything they couldn't understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. In the Talmud, (a large book dating from around the time of Jesus that contains the collected teachings of the Rabbis), several pages are devoted to the healing of 'fevers'. Even though we have become more advanced in our medical knowledge, it's surprising how this thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act of service. Given all the details Mark give us of this encounter it's a pity he never tells us her name.

Sometimes we can think of Jesus' miracles, then and now, as acts of dazzling power. The problem with this idea is that if we see Jesus as going around 'zapping' people it's hard to figure out why there were times when he could not perform any miracles at all, or that they happened in stages. Whatever else miracles are, they are deeply personal encounters of faith.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them. For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

Furthermore, being anointed, celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist, going to a place of pilgrimage, fasting, being prayed over or meditating can have a similar effect. Looked at in this way we can see why some people are healed and others are not. If a personal encounter with Jesus did not always lead to healing, then why should it surprise us that some other encounters these days do not always unlock God's healing within us.

Small and large-scale miracles are happening everyday. Today's Gospel reminds us that they do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.

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HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Greg Hallam	Jan Rowland
Anne Thomas	Brian Wilson
Brian Carter	Moya Schaefer
Francois Frichot	Len Pauli



Friends and Family

Geoff Doyle (Mary Otto's brother)
Tony Rosenthal
(Friend of John & Thérèse Erbs)
Anna O'Toole (Maryanne Long's friend)
Madeline (Sally) Gray
(Kathy Sternes' Mother)
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)
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)
Rev. Brian Sparksman
Fr Peter McGrath .CP
John Morgan (Kathy Sternes' Uncle)
Molly Schmidt (Aileen Collins' friend)

ANNIVERSARIES

Greg Lyons
Kathleen Howe
Vera Flynn
Evelyn Schaefer
Ronald Cumming
Eric Howe
Ivy Hurley
Dan Shine
Tony Cartwright
Rev. James Byrne

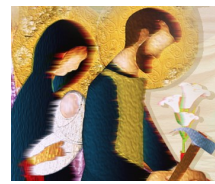
St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	BLESSINGS
MON	NO MASS	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading: <i>Job 7:1-4, 6-7</i> I am filled with sorrow all day long. Responsorial Psalm: <i>146:1-6</i> Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. Second Reading <i>1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23</i> Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel Gospel Acclamation: <i>Matthew 8:17</i> Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, And endured our suffering. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Mark 1: 29 -39</i> He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another. Next week's readings. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46</i> <i>1 Corinthians 10: 31– 11:1</i> <i>Mark 1: 40 - 45</i>	Baptisms are celebrated on the Second and Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9 AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	6PM MASS Please book		
SUN	9.30AM MASS please book		
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.		GIFT IDEA Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has put together a very special book of 80 of Fr Quinlan's best homilies. These books are available to purchase and would make a great gift - just \$15 each. St Theresa's have some copies available.	



Excerpts from the Apostolic letter – ‘Patris Corde’ from Pope Francis

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood ‘by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.’



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

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 2 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 12noon 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/BKLBW> 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

The St Theresa's CovidSafe plan allows 216 people in the parish centre following the 2m² rule.



WHAT'S ON AT SYCHAR



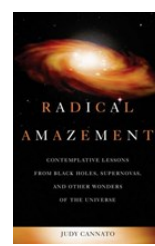
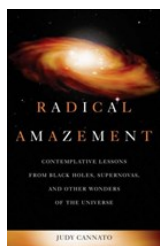
Contemplative Sharing of "Radical Amazement"

Dates: Wednesdays 10/2 to 31/3/21 (6 sessions)

Time: 3:30pm - 5:00pm

[Register for all sessions via TryBooking](#)

Sychar offers an opportunity during the first term of 2021 to participate in six sessions of a contemplative process based on "Radical Amazement" by Judy Cannato. See flyer in the foyer for further details.



Eight Week Mindfulness Course, Facilitated by Jo Cosgrove

Dates: Thursdays 4/2 to 25/3/21

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register for all sessions via TryBooking](#)

This 8 week course teaches practical tools and meditations that helps participants learn to live in the present and appreciate the daily gifts of their lives. See flyer in the foyer for further details.



FIRST TERM SCHEDULE (A Work in Progress) – 1 February to 1 April 2021

There will normally be a break from ongoing programmes at Sychar during school holidays to allow for planning, but exceptions (for example use of the library) can be negotiated.

Best times for accessing **the library** during term are Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, or before/after attending a Sychar event. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact 0458 020 906 to arrange for time that is manageable for you.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Opening Hours	Closed	9.30am to 12.30pm 4.00 pm Christian Meditation (Hilary Fogerty)	9.30am to 12.30pm 3.30pm – 5.00 pm Contemplative Sharing of "Radical Amazement" by Judy Cannato 10 Feb; 24 Feb 10 March; 17 March 24 March; 31 March (Registration required) https://www.trybooking.com/BNPCM or emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au	9.30am to 12.30pm 10.30 am to noon Awakening to Spiritual Consciousness: Exploring the Experience of God (Elaine) 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm Mindfulness (Jo Cosgrove) 8 weekly sessions beginning 4 Feb and concluding 25 March (Registration required) https://www.trybooking.com/BNPWP or jocosgrove@westnet.com.au	Closed	
Exceptions	29 March, 7.00 pm <i>Prayerful Meditation on the Way of the Cross</i> (using the Art of German priest, Sieger Koder) Also occasional specially scheduled meetings				Specially advertised one-off events	Specially advertised Workshops or reflection/retreat days.

LENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!

Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Call 1300 734 880 for more info

LENTEN GROUPS

Thank you to the parishioners who have indicated their preferences for Lenten groups and programs. It is not too late to join a group. Below is a list of groups available and their start date and the program that will be used in these groups.

Feel free to add your name to a group if you wish. It is not too late and there is no pressure to attend every week.

You can order the Brisbane Archdiocese's program through the parish office or directly from Evangelization

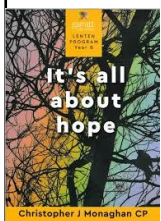
Brisbane. It is an individual reflection program with 52 daily reflections for each day from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, Easter Monday to the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

Group 1 Monday 4.30pm Parish Office using 'It's all about hope' program (Garratt) start 15th Feb.

Group 2 Tuesday 5.30pm Parish Office using 'Comfort' (Wollongong Diocese) Start 16th Feb.

Group 3 Wednesday 6pm 37 Collins St (home of Greg Hallam & Elizabeth Curtis) using 'Comfort' (Wollongong Diocese). Their contact number is Ph: 4613 3301. Start 17th Feb.

Group 4 Friday 9.30am Parish Foyer using 'Comfort' (Wollongong Diocese) Start 18th Feb.



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Parish Pastoral Council

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 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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish in June, unless impacted by Covid19 restrictions.

All children in year 4 or above including secondary students are invited to be part of the program.

Program Information Night
 Wednesday, February 10th at 6pm in the Parish Centre.
 Monica will be at the parish centre from 5.30pm
 Invitation letters and flyers are in the foyer, please take one if you are interested.

If you have any enquiries please contact Monica Brennan on 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au



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 200 people attending can now be celebrated in the Church

Weddings – can be celebrated with up to 200 people attending

Funerals – can be celebrated with a maximum of 200 people attending

All church services will need to comply with the requirements of the parish CovidSafe Plan.



Second & Fourth Tuesdays /month

St Vincent de Paul St Theresa's
 Conference, 4pm, Contact 0408 808 437



First Wednesday /month

Parish morning tea at 9.45am, Cobb & Co Museum

Second Sunday

Mad Toowoomba Group from 7.00pm at St Anthony's
 Parish Centre.

(Grade 7-12 people) PH: 4636 0461