

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

13-14 FEBRUARY 2021

SIXTH 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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope. There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean. Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope. May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Tony White (Jan Ede's brother)
Elaine Dillon (Vivienne Price's Mother)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

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)
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 Dillon
(Vivienne Price's father)
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

Ethel Martin *Rae Mayo*
Len Hutchins *Dan Brady*
Laurino Atzeni *Peter Long*
Fred Powell (jnr) *Walter Ruffini*
Rose May Noonan *Denis Ryan*
Dominic O' Connor
Brodie John Ramsey
Stephen Watchman
Jane McQuillan
Rev MSGR John Bergin
Rev Michael Hayes

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	BLESSINGS
MON	NO MASS	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading: <i>Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46</i> As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp. Responsorial Psalm: <i>31: 1-2, 5, 11</i> I turn to you Lord in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. Second Reading <i>1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11:1</i> Be imitators of me as I am of Christ. Gospel Acclamation: <i>Luke 7: 16</i> Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us: God has visited his people. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Mark 1: 40 - 45</i> The leprosy left him and he was cured. Next week's readings. 1st Sunday of Lent Year B <i>Genesis 9: 8 - 15</i> <i>1 Peter 3: 18 - 22</i> <i>Mark 1: 12 - 15</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 ASH WEDNESDAY		
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



Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to St. Joseph. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.



CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH MASS

Date: 14/2/21 Sunday

Time: 9:00am

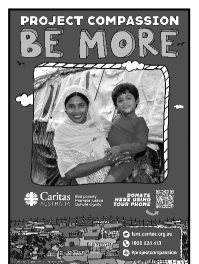
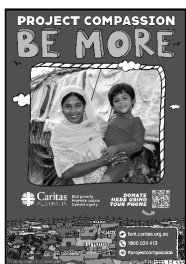
This Sunday, Bishop Robert McGuckin will launch Project Compassion for the Diocese of Toowoomba during Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Robert will also commission school leaders for Caritas as part of the launch. The Mass will be live streamed on the [diocese's website](#), YouTube and [Facebook](#).

Project Compassion Sunday 14th February 2021

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or

phoning 1800 024 413.



St Theresa's Parish

THANK YOU FROM MARY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

"A warm thank you to St Theresa's Parish for hosting us over Advent and into the new year. Our last mass at St Theresa's was celebrated last week and we return home to Highfields after the completion of road works. We appreciate how welcome we were made to feel, especially through the efforts of Monica, and wish St Theresa's Parish a wonderful and safe 2021".

CARE AND CONCERN THANK YOU

The Parish of St Theresa's would like to thank Pam Merritt for all she has done in her role as coordinator for Care and Concern. Pam is stepping down from the position of catering convenor. Thank you for all your hard work. It is appreciated by the Parish Community



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 <u>10.30 am to noon</u> 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.

MASSES AT ST THERESA'S PARISH

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.

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

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

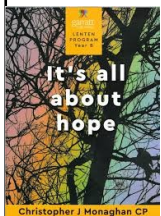
Brisbane. It is an individual reflection program with 52 daily reflections for each day from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, Easter Monday to the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

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

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:

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson



NOTICE



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.

If you missed the Program Parent Information Night and wish you child/children to participate in the program please contact Monica Brennan on 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au.

Enrolment forms and information letters are also available in the foyer of the parish centre



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