



# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

20-21 FEBRUARY 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.*

### Gospel Reflection

The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel this week need to be looked at together. In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In the short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start – a clean slate – for humankind. It is a clear indication of God's commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go – give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

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### Reflection

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship. © Dianne Bergant CSA

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

#### Parishioners:

**Chris Relf** (Pat Powell's brother)

**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

**Leo Reynolds**     **Margaret Murphy**

**Tony Jones**     **Connie McGilvray**

**Frank Heeney**     **Maurine Allport**

**Christopher Flynn**

**Fiona Darmody**

**Glad Herbert**

**Kathleen McGarry**

**Alexandria Wright**

**M. B. (Babe) Kalinowski**

**Fr Michael Cronin**

**Fr Henry McFarlane**

**Fr Brian O'Dwyer**

# St Theresa's Parish

## MASSSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9 AM MASS
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9AM MASS
SAT	<b>6PM MASS</b> Commitment mass for Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist Please book
SUN	<b>9.30AM MASS</b> Commitment mass for Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist please book
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.	

## READINGS

### 1st Sunday of Lent Time Year B

#### First Reading: *Genesis 9: 8 - 15*

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

#### Responsorial Psalm: *24: 4-9*

Your ways, O Lord are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

#### Second Reading *1 Peter 3: 18-22*

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

#### Gospel Acclamation: *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

#### Gospel: *Mark 1: 12-15*

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

#### Next week's readings.

### 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

*Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18*

*Romans 8: 31 - 34*

*Mark 9: 2-10*

## BLESSINGS

Baptisms are celebrated on the Second and Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am



## 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.



## JOB VACANCY: OFFICE COORDINATOR FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Applications are invited for the position of Office Coordinator for the Catholic Social Justice Commission. This position's purpose is to provide administrative assistance and support to the Catholic Social Justice Commission Executive Officer and Commission members. The role will focus on handling general inquiries, maintaining relevant records and support activities undertaken by the Catholic Social Justice Commission.

The position is casual, with varying hours up to 10 hours per week. Remuneration is as per the Clerks Private Sector Award 2010.

The position description is available by contacting David Tutty on [dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au)

Please submit your application with:

- a cover letter
- your resume
- details of at least two referees

Applications close at 5:00 pm on Friday 5 March 2021, and should be emailed to [dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au)



## Project Compassion Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413



# St Theresa's Parish

## Excerpts from the Apostolic letter – 'Patris Corde' from Pope Francis

As a descendant of David (cf. Mt 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 Sam 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

### POPE FRANCIS LENT 2021 MESSAGE

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to  
“make his dwelling among us”



#### 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
<b>Opening Hours</b>	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) <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BNPCM">https://www.trybooking.com/BNPCM</a> or <a href="mailto:emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au">emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au</a>	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) <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BNPWP">https://www.trybooking.com/BNPWP</a> or <a href="mailto:jocosgrove@westnet.com.au">jocosgrove@westnet.com.au</a>	Closed	
<b>Exceptions</b>	29 March, 7.00 pm Prayerful Meditation on the Way of the Cross (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](http://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

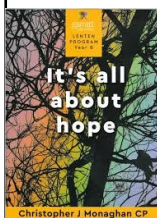
Thank you to the parishioners who have indicated their preferences for Lenten groups and programs.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter.



**Group 1** Monday 4.30pm Parish Office using 'It's all about hope' program (Garratt) started 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Group 2** Tuesday 5.30pm Parish Office using 'Comfort' (Wollongong Diocese) Started 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Group 3** Wednesday 6pm 37 Collins St (home of Greg Hallam & Elizabeth Curtis) using 'It's all about hope' program (Garratt) Their contact number is Ph: 4613 3301. Started 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.



## CONTACTS

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**Church:** Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

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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, 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](mailto: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

