

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

27-28 FEBRUARY 2021

SECOND 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.

2nd Sunday of Lent REFLECTION

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.

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Reflection

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop – setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mould as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mould and creating a new vision, a new tradition – one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy. **Greg Sunter**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Chris Relf (Pat Powell's brother)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Jan Rowland

Anne Thomas

Brian Carter

Francois Frichot

Brian Wilson

Moya Schaefer

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

Winifred Relf

Nola Churchett

Barry Ridsdale

Bryan Connole

Nahla Basely

Ian d'Abadie

Bianca Ruffini

Marguerite River

Daniel Gainey

Julie Canavan

Anton "Toni" Oberman

Joan Lalor

Lyn Bailey


Josh Clark

Pat Nolan

Tess Turner

Noreen Lalor

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	BLESSINGS
MON	NO MASS	2nd Sunday of Lent Time Year B First Reading: <i>Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18</i> The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. Responsorial Psalm: <i>115: 10, 15-19</i> I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. Second Reading <i>Romans 8: 31-34</i> God did not spare his own son. Gospel Acclamation: <i>Matthew 17:5</i> Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Gospel: <i>Mark: 9: 2-10</i> This is my Sone, the beloved: listen to him. Next week's readings. 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B <i>Exodus 20: 1-17</i> <i>1 Cor 1: 22-25</i> <i>John 2: 13-25</i>	Baptisms are celebrated on the Second and Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am 
TUE	NO MASS		<u>Care and Concern Team Meeting</u> Members of the Care and Concern Team are reminded that there will be a team meeting on Tuesday 2nd March at 9.30am in the parish office. Please let the office know if you will be an apology.
WED	9 AM LAY LED LITURGY		
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.			

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

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



Project Compassion Sunday 28th February 2021



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



St Theresa's Parish

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome the children and their families who will be undertaking their sacramental journey towards Confirmation and First Eucharist. St Theresa's parish are pleased that you have joined our community and look forward to getting to know you over the following weeks. We encourage you to become an active part of our parish.

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

Joseph saw Jesus grow daily "in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour" (LK 2:52). As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him (cf. Hos 11:3-4). In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him" (Ps 103:13).



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"

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



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH AUCTION OF PROMISES

Date: 13/3/21 Saturday

Time: After Vigil Mass (approx 7:00pm)

RSVP: Chris Gwydir on 0478 132 070

Join the St Anthony's community for this enjoyable social event to help raise money for Caritas. Attend in person (limit 50) or join via Zoom

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



EASTER CHOIR

With the success of our hymns for our Christmas masses fresh in our minds, the liturgy team would like to again record our hymns for the Easter services. With the talents of Michael Gatt, Alf Mason and Elizabeth Stewart, we have a strong foundation to build on. Any parishioners who are interested in joining the choir to rehearse for the Easter liturgies are welcome to come to the Parish Centre on Thursday 4 March at 5.30pm. If you are unable to attend that day but are interested in being part of the choir, please contact the parish office Ph 46394688.



St Theresa's Parish

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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



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MARCH / APRIL

Tuesday	2 March Care & Concern Meeting 9.30
Wednesday	3 March Parish Morning Tea
Monday	8 March International Women's Day
Wednesday	17 March St Patrick's Day, Mass 9am
Thursday	18 March National Close the Gap Day
Friday	19 March Feast of St Joseph Mass 9am
Thursday	25 March Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday	25 March Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy 6.30pm
Sunday	28 March Palm Sunday
Monday	29 March Chrism Mass - Cathedral at 5.30pm (Streamed)
Thursday	1 April School Term 1 Ends
Thursday	1 April Holy Thursday 7pm Mass
Friday	2 April Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am Veneration of the Cross 3pm
Saturday	3 April Easter Vigil 6pm

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