

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

20-21 MARCH 2021

FIFTH 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.

We want to see Jesus

In recent months, there have been a couple of young mothers with their newly born infants at Mass.

I see the baby, observe that it is there, watch it somewhat, but the mothers (and the fathers) 'see' the baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into that nascent personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from 'some Greeks', i.e. non Jews, 'to see Jesus', surely in all the senses I outlined concerning those new parents, not simply to observe him.

They were trying to perceive what this Jesus of Nazareth was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future – hoping for a response.

And there was a response, a response full of allusions to the future.

An insight into who he was and what he must endure and the purpose of it all.

'Amen, Amen, I say to you; Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies it will bear much fruit.'

Jesus is that grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind.

But, Jesus faces this dying with some apprehension, some anxiety: 'Now is my soul troubled.' Why? Because Jesus can see the awful prelude to his being buried in the ground: 'And when I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.'

What was the 'lifting up'? He was laid on the cross beams and nailed to them in the cruellest manner by the soldiers of the Roman occupying army, and then the cross was lifted up and dropped upright into a hole in the ground. Imagine the agony. No wonder his soul was 'troubled' at the prospect. And yet, our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.'

He didn't appear to on the day! According to this Gospel, all but one of the male disciples had fled. This disciple, along with some women including Mary, the mother of Jesus, stood huddled at the foot of the cross.

This was the beginning of the new family of God. Animated by that Holy Spirit, it immediately erupted into the Roman Empire and Jews and non Jews in large numbers were attracted, drawn to, the One lifted up on the cross. Why?

Because it showed the length to which Jesus of Nazareth was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission. That mission was to proclaim and live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and compassion and wanted all people to share in Divine Life.

Sticking to that mission led to Jesus' being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life, an abundantly fruitful life, fruitful for you, me, and potentially for the whole of humanity.

That is what we will shortly 'see' with the eyes of faith in the unfolding of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.

Let us look forward to joining in those rituals and ceremonies.

Let us allow ourselves to be drawn to the One lifted up, buried, the fruitful source of our life: Jesus of Nazareth, our Saviour and the Lord who draws all humanity to himself.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Jan Rowland	Brian Stevens
Anne Thomas	Brian Wilson
Brian Carter	Moya Schaefer
Francois Frichot	Len Pauli
Margaret Barry	(past parishioner)

Friends and Family

Will Wildig (Meg Hicks' Brother in Law)
Don Willey (Tim & Helen Blades friend)
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 Bangart (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

Archie Kretchmann
Peter Kalinowski
Tom Dowling
John Herbert
Helen Lyons
Bert Jelley
Joe Leonardi
Roger Ley
Steve Barnett

MASSES

READINGS

NOTICES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9 AM MASS
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9AM MASS
SAT	6PM MASS Please book
SUN	9.30AM MASS Please book
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>	

5th Sunday of Lent Time Year B
First Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*
 The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 50:3-4,31-34*
 Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Second Reading: *Hebrews 5: 7-9*
 He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.
Gospel Acclamation: *John 12:26*
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
 If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord: and where I am, my servant will also be.
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel: *John 12: 20-33*
 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.
Next week's readings.
Palm Sunday Year B
Isaiah 50: 4-7
Philippians 2: 6-11
Mark 14: 1-15: 47

CARE & CONCERN
 There will be no April meeting for Care & Concern.
LENTEN RECONCILIATION
 Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy Thursday **25 March** at 6.30pm.
CHRISM MASS
 Monday 29 March - Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.30pm (streamed)
PARISH OFFICE
 The parish office will be closed
 Tuesday 23 March



Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum liturgies

Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum liturgies are fast approaching. In 2021, we will be able to gather together although there are some limitations to the ceremonies as directed by Bishop Robert.

Palm Sunday – no procession of palms by the people

Holy Thursday – no washing of feet or procession to the Altar of Repose

Good Friday – no touching or kissing of the cross. The use of a bow or genuflecting will be used by people who participate in the Adoration of the Holy Cross. People will need to process in a single line in order to pay their respect to the cross.

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) – to be celebrated within the church with no Procession of Light by the people

Rosters for Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum liturgies

There are rosters in the foyer for the various ceremonies over Holy Week which reflect the required limitations to our liturgies. Please consider being part of the various ministries. If you wish to volunteer but are unable to view the rosters at parish centre, please contact the parish office

Ph 46394688 or email Monica – monica@sttheresas.org.au if you wish to volunteer.



**Project Compassion Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Lent**



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

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 TO YEAR 1 & 2 MATER DEI STUDENTS AND YOUR FAMILIES



Mater Dei year 1 & 2 students are leading the Sunday Mass this weekend.
We thank you for bringing your youthfulness and energy to our parish community.

PART-TIME POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are welcome for the above position at Holy Name Parish, Toowoomba. The position is a part-time role of 12 hrs per week and ideally will suit someone with strong administration and computer skills. Experience in a parish environment would be an advantage, but not essential. For additional information please email your CV to holynameparishtmba@bigpond.com The Diocese of Toowoomba has standards of conduct for employees to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct Working with Children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0-18yrs) and vulnerable adults.

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

In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. Lk 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. Ex 20:12). During the hidden years of Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. All this makes it clear the “Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood” and that in this way “he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation. and is truly a minister of salvation.”



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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN CONSULTATION

Date: 27/3/21 Saturday

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm (AEDT)

Catholic women are being invited to participate in an online national consultation with the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. The consultation invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. Archbishop Christopher Prowse (BCELM Chairperson) and Bishop Michael Morrissey (Bishops Delegate for Women) will be present for the meeting to hear the voice of Catholic Women from around Australia.

If you are interested and require more information, please contact Monica at the parish office or visit the following website <https://nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen>

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. The choir will be recording after mass on Palm Sunday 28 March. If you are still interested and have not been able to attend rehearsals, please contact Elizabeth Stewart or Monica Brennan.



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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	23 March Parish Office Closed
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
Sunday	4 April Easter Mass 9.30am
Monday	5 April Parish Office closed
Sunday	11 April Divine Mercy Sunday
Tuesday	13 April Diocesan-In-service - James Byrne Centre
Monday	19 April School Term 2 starts

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