

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

27-28 MARCH 2021

PALM SUNDAY

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.

Women and War

For days, tension had been building in Jerusalem. The crowds were full of expectation, anticipating a Messianic Liberator in the great warrior tradition of King David. Surely he would enter Jerusalem on a magnificent warhorse? But, what did they get?

A lowly figure riding on a donkey.

Jesus confounded expectations.

The crowd and disciples applauded, but, as we know, the crowd proved fickle, soon baying for his blood: 'Crucify him'. The disciples harboured an informer. Their courage and bravado would crumble in the face of temple guards and the Roman army.

Jesus was left exposed to Pontius Pilate, the embodiment of state power, and Pilate had this non-violent revolutionary put to death. Jesus was martyred by a squad of Roman soldiers.

Why? What sort of threat did he really pose to the great Roman Empire?

He posed a threat to the customary way of things.

Both the supporters and opponents of Roman rule preferred the terrorist, the guerilla fighter, Barabbas, on the loose. They knew which box to put him in. They could not deal with Jesus, the preacher of active, revolutionary non-violence. Their way of doing things was always based on violence.

Why did Jesus renounce violence? Why did he later demand that Peter put his sword back in its scabbard?

I think largely because he knew how the innocent suffer terribly in these conflicts, particularly women. In another Gospel, we read that he says to the women of Jerusalem as he laboured up the hill of Calvary:

'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep rather for yourselves and for your children...'

Jesus discarded the macho lens through which wars are viewed. He saw, he sees, that it is women who suffer grievously in warfare: the loss of fathers, husbands, sons killed on the battlefield; sexual abuse employed as an instrument to terrorise the civilian population, or enforced prostitution, sexual lavery; the anguish of not knowing the fate of those who have been 'disappeared' during conflict.

Jesus knew all this, knows all this, and his heart broke for the women bearing the consequences of armed conflict: 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep rather for yourselves and for your children...'

We admire Jesus in his being willing to remain vulnerable and not to rouse his followers to violence to protect himself, let alone throw off Roman rule. But he was executed.

There is a deep fear, which I share if I am truthful, that if we follow Jesus in his non-violent resistance to evil, we could be killed or those we love or should protect could be killed.

It is certainly difficult to resolve in a conscientious way. We should pray for the members of our government and the Australian Defence Force as they attempt to resolve such dilemmas in their own spheres of activity.

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HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Brian Stevens

Anne Thomas

Brian Carter

Francois Frichot

Margaret Barry (past parishioner)

Brian Wilson

Moya Schaefer

Len Pauli

Friends and Family

Jenny Menso (Aileen Collins' friend)

Will Wildig (Meg Hicks' Brother in Law)

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

Bishop Michael Putney

Andrew Roy

Patricia Shine



Tom Noonan

Patrick Gabriel Mulligan

Andrew McMahan

Eunice Crawley

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>Palm Sunday Year B First Reading: <i>Isaiah 50: 4-7</i> I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed. Responsorial Psalm: <i>21: 8-9,17-20,23-24</i> My God, my God why have you abandoned me? Second Reading: <i>Philippians 2: 6-11</i> He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high. Gospel Acclamation: <i>Philippians 2: 8-9</i> Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Gospel: <i>Mark 14: 1-15: 47</i> The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Next week's readings. Easter Sunday Year B <i>Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4</i> <i>Mark 16: 1-7</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome <i>Mackenzie Joan Marshall</i> into our parish</p> 
TUE	NO MASS		<p>CARE & CONCERN There will be no April meeting for Care & Concern.</p> <p>CHRISM MASS Monday 29 March - Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.30pm (streamed)</p> 
WED	9 AM MASS		
THU	7PM MASS of the Last Supper		
FRI	GOOD FRIDAY 10AM Stations 3PM Veneration		
SAT	6PM MASS Easter Vigil		
SUN	9.30AM MASS Easter Sunday		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			

(Cont) Pope John Paul II launched the Church on a new period of reflection on these issues. The Church of the 21st century should reflect on its history of pacifism in its first 300 years. And it should always have before it the challenge issued by

the man on a donkey
 Jesus of Nazareth
 revolutionary non-violent activist
 Divine Prince of Peace.

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Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum liturgies

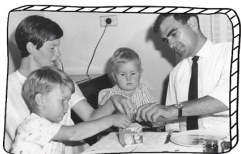
Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum liturgies are fast approaching. In 2021, we will be able to gather together although there are some limitations to the ceremonies as directed by Bishop Robert.

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.

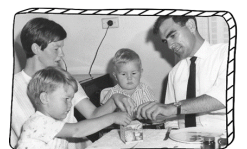


Project Compassion Sunday Palm Sunday

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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



St Theresa's Parish



*Congratulations to
Susannah Mead & Edward Russell
who were married at St Theresa's Parish this weekend*



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

Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. “The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgement.”



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.



JOB VACANCY: PARISH LEADER, ST THOMAS MORE'S TOOWOOMBA

This is a leadership position within a very vibrant and forward moving faith community for a minimum of 30 hours per week (negotiable), including being present at weekend Masses. The Parish Leader is appointed by Bishop Robert McGuckin and works with the Parish Pastoral Council and Priest Director. Commencement date 18/6/21.

If you would like more information about this position or wish to submit an application, please contact St Thomas More's Parish on parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au or phone (07) 4635 9555.

Applications close Friday 16/4/21.

DATE CLAIMER

Liturgical Musicians Training Day

15 May 2021

9AM - 3.30PM

St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

See flyer in foyer for further details

Vocals

Organ

Keyboard

Composition

Leading Congregational Singing

Guitar

Orchestral



CONTACTS

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Parish Secretary:

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Church: Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

Office: 55 Curzon Street, Toowoomba

Parish Website www.sttheresas.org.au

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

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