

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

10-11 APRIL 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

There is something attractive about Thomas the Doubter – something about his obstinate integrity in not too readily accepting the other disciples' report that they had seen the Risen Lord.

What is more attractive is that the other disciples – now the 'true believers' – did not expel Thomas for his doubting but kept him within their circle.

Perhaps a lesson there for the church not to too quickly raise the barriers excluding those struggling with belief in the Christian faith.

Doubt and questioning are a proper part of being human. It is how we mature and make progress in the faith, as much as in other areas of life.

Our parish must always be a place where the questioning person never feels excluded. We should keep Thomas the Doubter in mind. He went on to become a great missionary, greatly revered in India.

But the special attraction of this gospel story for Thomas and therefore for us, lay in what he saw.

He was granted the special gift of seeing the risen Lord bearing the wounds of his crucifixion. I believe the seeing of the risen body of Jesus bearing those wounds told Thomas something vital about his own destiny.

Do you want to spend eternity as the clone of some saintly model? I don't. I want to be me – identifiably me. I don't want to be drained of all the effects of my time on earth, even the ones which have wounded me, because they have made me who I am. I don't want to be bleached of all colour.

I think that is what Thomas realised: that he would retain his identity in the next life, even bearing the wounds of his life, *but wounds transformed*.

What sort of wounds?

I am not talking about self-inflicted wounds which disfigure our souls, which we call sin. We pray that they will be purged away in the confrontation with the intense flame of Divine Love.

I am talking about the 'battle wounds' unjustly or unfairly inflicted by others or just by the vagaries and chances of life:

the sense of desolation when abandoned by a member of the family or a friend;

the hurt maliciously inflicted, maybe physical, maybe an attack on one's good character;

a great capacity to love or be loved unfulfilled;

the death of someone we love dearly, the void, the heartache;

the chronic physical or mental illness

which saps our strength.

These leave their mark imprinted on our character. These are the wounds which shape our lives. They make us who we are at the moment of death. I am, you are, the wounded person whom God loves without reserve at that moment. (cont)



RECENTLY DECEASED

Albert (Bert) Mitchener

Alan McNaught

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

Terry Quinn

Thomas Hannon

Laurie Shanahan

Kathleen O'Neill

Eileen d'Abadie

Ruth Connole

Fr Tony O'Keefe

Thérèse Seeber

David Anderson

Pat Herbert

Annie Clark


Sally Payne

John White

Flo Madden

Peg White

Bill Shore

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>2nd Sunday of Easter Year B First Reading: <i>Acts 4: 32 - 35</i> The whole group was united, heart and soul. Responsorial Psalm: <i>117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24</i> Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. Second Reading: <i>1 John 5: 1 - 6</i> Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world. Gospel Acclamation: <i>John 20: 29</i> Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia! Gospel: <i>John 20: 19 - 31</i> After eight days, Jesus came and stood among them. Next week's readings. 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B <i>Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19</i> <i>1 John 2: 1 - 5</i> <i>Luke 24: 35 - 48</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM This Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome Harrison Patrick Martin into our parish</p>  <p>Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am</p>
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9 AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9 AM MASS		
SAT	6PM MASS		
SUN	9.30AM MASS		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			<p>COVID - MASKS Masks must be worn inside the church until further notice</p>

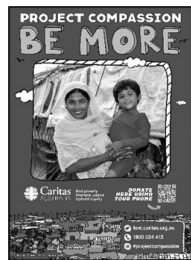
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 What Thomas saw was that *those* sorts of wounds will be transformed, transfigured.
 We will be liberated from their evil effects, from their disabling effects on our personality, from their crippling effects in many dimensions. How?
 Our Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own, now transfigured in divine glory!
 That is what Thomas realised when he saw our Lord's wounded hands and side. Did you notice Thomas never did touch those wounds, but in reaching out he ecstatically exclaimed: 'My Lord and my God'.
 Pope Francis says it is only in reaching out to touch the wounds of others that we can come to understand the true identity of Jesus Christ.
 Doing so will enable us to join Thomas in his cry of joy: 'My Lord and my God'. Alleluia!
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NEW HORIZON MAGAZINE

Copies of the new Horizon Magazine are available in the foyer.





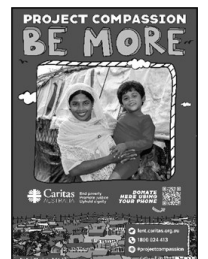
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St Theresa's Parish

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

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that explains, but accepts. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (Job 2:10). Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.



SECOND TERM SCHEDULE– 19 April to 25 June 2021



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Generally closed Except for occasional specially scheduled meetings or events	9.30am to 12.30pm Librarians generally present ----- 4.00 pm Christian Meditation (Hilary Fogerty) ----- 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Reflective Process based on "The Naked Now" by Richard Rohr. (Flyer available) <u>Seven sessions as follows:</u> 4 May; 11 May, 18 May; 25 May; 1 June; 8 Jun; 15 June (Registration required) https://www.trybooking.com/BQBVW or emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au	9.30am to 12.30pm ----- 2.30pm – 4.00 pm Contemplative Sharing of "Field of Compassion" by Judy Cannato (Flyer available) <u>Six sessions as follows:</u> 5 May; 12 May, 19 May; 26 May; 2 June; 9 June (Registration required) https://www.trybooking.com/BOBGR or emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au	9.30am to 5.00 pm ----- Occasional stand-alone morning sessions will be scheduled for 9.30 – 12.00 – <u>They will be advertised and will require registration.</u>	Fortnightly meetings of <i>Anam Cara</i> (a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition) For information, contact Clare Smith clare_james1@bigpond.com or Jo Cosgrove jocosgrove@westnet.com.au 18 June reserved for a special group	Flyers will be made available for special one-off events to be held on 15 May (Pat Quinn) 5 June (Sharyn Murfett) 19 June (Pat Quinn)

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

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
Guitar
Orchestral
Leading Congregational Singing



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Parish Secretary:

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Church: Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

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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, Kathy Doherty,
 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, Kathy Doherty, 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 APRIL/MAY

Sunday	11 April Divine Mercy Sunday
Tuesday	13 April Diocesan-In-service - James Byrne Centre
Friday	16 April Toowoomba Show Holiday Office closed
Monday	19 April School Term 2 starts
Sunday	25 April Anzac Day
Sunday	25 April World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday	26 April Anzac Day Holiday Office closed
Saturday	1 May Feast of St Joseph the Worker
Monday	3 May Labour Day Office closed
Sunday	9 May Mothers Day World Communications Day
Sunday	16 May Ascension of the Lord

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

Masks must be worn inside the church until further notice

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