

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

17-18 APRIL 2021

THIRD 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.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sometimes the lectionary cuts a gospel story off too soon. Today we hear from the last chapter of Luke's Gospel where there are four accounts of how the disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. In the first two stories Mary Magdalene and then Peter come to see that Jesus has been raised from the dead because they found his tomb empty. The third story is set on the Road to Emmaus. Today's gospel is where Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples en masse, but it finishes at verse 48. In the next few verses Jesus tells the disciples that he is sending them out to be his witnesses in the world, and then he ascends to the Father.

The Church finishes the passage early because it does not want to pre-empt the feast of the Ascension, but by doing so it does the story an injustice. We are used to hearing how the Road to Emmaus mirrors what we do here at Mass each Sunday. But if we include Luke chapter 24, verses 49 to 50, then we can see that today's Gospel does the same thing. The verbs tell the story. In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.

As a result of that first Easter we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace. But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins. A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.

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HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

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


Friends and Family

Evelyn Wilson (David Wilson's mother)
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 Bamgart (Lina Pervan's friend)
Peter Dillon (Vivienne Price's father)
Patricia Jenkins (Thel Jolley'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

Sadie Dredge
Ellen Morrissy
Frank Jones
Laurie Mackie
Joyce Penhaligon
Bryan Kenny
Daniel Schaumberg
Ray Clark
Jack West
Charles Canavan
Joyce McCormack
Katherine Holdup

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>3rd Sunday of Easter Year B</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19</i> You killed the prince of life; God however, raised him from the dead.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>4: 2, 4, 7, 9</i> Lord, let your face shine on us.</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>1 John 2: 1 - 5</i> Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: <i>Cf. Luke 24:32</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Luke 24: 35 - 48</i> It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.</p> <p>Next week's readings. 4th Sunday of Easter Year B <i>Acts 4: 8 - 12</i> <i>1 John 3: 1 - 2</i> <i>John 10: 11 - 18</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM This Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome</p> <p><i>Nathalie Patricia Jaenke</i> <i>Cormac Andrew Gillespie</i> & <i>Owen Robert Gillespie</i></p> <p>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>			



SECOND TERM SCHEDULE– 19 April to 25 June 2021

- Best times for **accessing the library** during term are Tuesday or Wednesday mornings or before or after an advertised Sychar event. Alternatively, you may contact 0458 020 906 to arrange for a time that is manageable for you.
- You are welcome to **enjoy the peace and quiet of the garden** at any time. A flat behind the main house offers quiet space for those wanting a personal day of reflection.
- It is possible to arrange for **spiritual direction** in an ongoing way or simply to find the support of a listening ear at a particular point in time.

FOR RURAL AREAS: As far as possible, **your needs** will be a **priority on weekends**. A day or morning of reflection can be made available in your parish at your request. You may wish to consider other ways Sychar can be of help to you – for example, introducing you to a method of spiritual sharing according to the Ignatian tradition which is being used by a group called *Anam Cara* (Soul Friend) that meets fortnightly at Sychar.

You are most welcome to visit if you are in Toowoomba – however, to ensure that someone can be there to greet you, please contact Sr. Elaine ahead of time if possible at 0458 020 906.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Generally closed	9.30am to 12.30pm Librarians generally present	9.30am to 12.30pm	9.30am to 5.00 pm -----	Fortnightly meetings of <i>Anam Cara</i> (a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition)	Flyers will be made available for special one-off events to be held or
Except for occasional specially scheduled meetings or events	----- 4.00 pm Christian Meditation (Hilary Fogerty) ----- 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Reflective Process based on “ <i>The Naked Now</i> ” 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/BQBVV or emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au	----- 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/BQBGR or emorzone@twb.catholic.org.au	Occasional stand-alone morning sessions will be scheduled for 9.30 – 12.00 – <u>They will be advertised and will require registration.</u>	For information, contact Clare Smith clare_james1@bigpond.com or Jo Cosgrove jocosgrove@westnet.com.au 18 June reserved for a special group	15 May (Pat Quinn) 5 June (Sharyn Murfett) 19 June (Pat Quinn)

St Theresa's Parish

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

Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely. Just as God told Joseph: "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20), so he seems to tell us: "Do not be afraid!" We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage. In this way, we become open to a deeper meaning. Our lives can be miraculously reborn if we find the courage to live them in accordance with the Gospel. It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong or some things can no longer be fixed. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything" (1Jn 3:20)



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

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



REFLECTION

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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Reflective Process Based on "The Naked Now" By Richard Rohr

Date: 7 sessions starting 4/5/21

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

[Reserve your spot through TryBooking](#)

Drawn from Scripture and the great Christian contemplatives, "The Naked Now" reveals how many of the hidden truths of Christianity have been misunderstood and how to read them with the eyes of the mystics rather than interpreting them through rational thought. Specific methods for identifying dualistic thinking are presented with simple practices for stripping away ego and the fear of dwelling in the present. (A copy of "The Naked Now" will need to be purchased for this). [See Flyer for Further Details](#)



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

2021 Prayer Calendars and Donation envelopes are available in the foyer.
Please take one to support our Queensland Seminarians and Priests.



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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

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
Sunday - Sunday	16 - 23 May Week of prayer for Christian Unity
Sunday	23 May Pentecost

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

Masks - it is no longer mandatory to wear masks in the church.

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