

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

24-25 APRIL 2021

FOURTH 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.

4th Sunday of Easter

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us. In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick Gibney (Sue Tuttle's brother)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Brian Stevens

Anne Thomas

Brian Carter

Francois Frichot

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 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



Colleen Johnstone **Nilla Sternes**

Lawrie Jennings **Adam Flynn**

Jocelyn De Pascali

Patrick O'Brien



| MASSES | | READINGS | NOTICES |
|---|-------------|--|--|
| MON | NO MASS | <p>4th Sunday of Easter Year B</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Acts 4: 8 - 12</i> This is the only name by which we can be saved.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps. 117</i> The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>1 John 3: 1 - 2</i> We shall see God as he is.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: <i>John 10: 14</i> Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>John: 10: 11-18</i> The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.</p> <p>Next week's readings. 5th Sunday of Easter Year B <i>Acts 9: 26-31</i> <i>1 John 18-24</i> <i>John 15: 1-8</i></p> | <p>BAPTISM This Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome twins</p> <p>Joseph Reginald John McKinnon & Penelope Jane Mary McKinnon 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>Many blessings to Rita Murphy who celebrates her 90th Birthday on Anzac Day.</p>  | |

From Fr Vince

From Easter Saturday for 9 days I (Fr Vince) engaged with my (his) Family (Kellys) in a BIG WALK for Parkinson's awareness and research. The A Team of walkers went from Greenslopes to Coolum, 270km at 33 km a day average. I walked from Toowoomba because of Covid restrictions and did 16km a day for the 9 days - total 144km. That was twice my aim. I also did a lot of prep (30 days) - all adding up to about 417 km.

The event was a great family event, and raised a lot of awareness as well as a lot of cash: \$63,000 was raised till Monday (19th) and the figure is still rising. It will be used to train a specialized nurse.

Anyone could participate by donating to it though the web pages above, or directly to Fr Vince. He was able to give to the cause with the aid of his friends/coworkers/MSC's about \$2,600. The two main walkers were Joe and Vince Kelly. Joe Kelly is the State Member for Greenslopes, and Vince Kelly was the head of Parkinson's awareness in Australia. Their mother (Pat Kelly) (My sister) has very bad Parkinsons and is in a home in Coolum. Her Husband Bill, died of it 7 years ago.



If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, you can speak to Fr Vince or go to the website directly <https://this-is-parkinsons.raisely.com/vince-kelly>

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

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



St Theresa's Parish

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

Reality, in its mysterious and irreducible complexity, is the bearer of existential meaning, with all its lights and shadows. Thus, the apostle Paul can say: "We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). To which Saint Augustine adds, "even that which is called evil". In this greater perspective, faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad. Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it. Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. 1 Cor 1:27). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (Ps 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst. I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. Lk 15:11-32).



MASSES AT ST THERESA'S PARISH

Weekend Masses—booking required. Bookings close 12noon on Saturday

Bookings 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.



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 |
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| 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 on |
| 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 "The Naked Now" by Richard Rohr. (Flyer available) Seven sessions as follows: 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) Six sessions as follows: 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 | 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) |

MASS IN THE MARONITE RITE

Fr Fadi Salame will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 2nd May at St Anthony's Church 3 Memory Street at 11.00am .

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass.
Orthodox Easter is celebrated on 2nd May and a special invitation is extended to members of our Egyptian Communities and other Coptic Catholics to attend.

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 Wilson, Trish Kennedy-Lee, Kathy Doherty,
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Fr. Brian Noonan, Pat Morton, Warren Dredge,
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 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

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| 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