



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

22-23 MAY 2021

PENTECOST 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.

Divine Energy and being Catholic

As summer progresses in Australia there is a sense of anticipation, of expectation. It is the bushfire season. Millions of eucalypts breathe their oils which hang as a potent haze over the hills. The prevailing conditions are just right. One spark and all that potential energy would be ignited and fire would sweep through with great intensity.

Those who report the infernos not only speak of the flames but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The state of the world after Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension was much like Australia in summer. There was a great air of expectation. After all, Our Lord had promised that he would send the Holy Spirit.

Death had been conquered and the world was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. And then, with the Divine potency hovering over humanity, into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit.

This was like a lightning strike, a flaming spark. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind'. That was as close as the early church could get to describing the phenomena accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

To return to the Australian landscape. There are few things more creative, more necessary than an intense fire to burst open the seedpods in our eucalypt forests. Not only to open them up but to clear away competing undergrowth and to allow new life to germinate in the ashes, to take root and to grow.

This is what happened to the early Christian community (Mary and some women and the main male disciples) at Pentecost.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since. It is the birth-day of the church, the Catholic Church, the universal church.

The title 'Catholic' is only appropriate where race, ethnicity, nationality and language do not operate as causes of division or separation.

Pentecost ensures that language is not to be a barrier to people hearing and responding to the message which St Peter went out and boldly preached. Peoples from every part of the world hear the gospel in their own tongue. A new unity was possible for humanity in the core message preached by St Peter.

And that was that Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and that Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord. This is still the core message and task of the successor of St Peter. Everything else is peripheral. His role is to preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

The Church, at this beginning of this third millennium, has the opportunity to advance and manifest its worldwide character with greater recognition of the way in which Catholicism expresses itself in Asia and Africa.

But it is also important that we recognise the work of the Holy Spirit at our local and even parish level. We recall the youngsters who received First Holy Communion and Confirmation late last year, and the adults who did so at Easter only a few weeks ago.

They are like seedpods within whom the spiritual potential had been waiting to be ignited. The Holy Spirit has, in various appropriate ways, come into their lives and has begun to open up that depth in their personalities. Please God, it will continue to grow not only for them as individuals but for us as a parish community.

Let us pray for continuous Pentecosts in our midst, and in the universal Church. There is no better way than to do so in the words of the ancient prayer:

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they will be created
and you will renew the face of the earth.*

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Maureen Godsall (Mother of Jennifer O'Leary)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Brian Stevens

Anne Thomas

Brian Carter

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 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

Eddie Strickland **Mary Minogue**

Pat O'Brien

Jim Murphy

Hilda White

Alan Mayo

Craig Bosley

Deborah Leigh Gordon

Ellen Elizabeth Blackie

Mary Kreis

Stella Jeppesen

Terry Ahern

Barry Doyle

St Theresa's Parish

MASSSES

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

READINGS

Pentecost Sunday Year B

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1,24,29-31, 34

Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5: 16 – 25

The fruit of the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Next week's readings.

The Most Holy Trinity Year B

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14– 17

Matthew 28:16-20

NOTICES

BAPTISM

This Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish

William Manuel Shellshear



Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am.



FORMATION: ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Date: 11-31/5/21

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: \$20 per session

Registration: [TryBooking](#)

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Church History, Reading the Church Classics, The Eucharist, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. See flyer in Church foyer for more information

DOWNNS AND TOOWOOMBA CHURCHES TOGETHER

ECUMENICAL SEMINAR

Date: 11-13/6/21 Saturday

Where: James Byrne Centre, 60 James Byrne Rd, Highfields

Cost: See Registration Form

Registration: [Via Registration Form](#) ([COVID declaration form for James Byrne Centre](#))

The seminar will look at "Growing together to present Jesus Christ to the Community" and "Why isn't Ecumenism on the everyday agenda?".

Presenters include Bishop Jonathan Holland and Bishop Bill Morris.

See [seminar poster](#) and [seminar timetable](#) in Church foyer for further details.



NATIONAL MASS CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

Date: 24/5/21 Monday

Time: 10:30am

Where: Live streamed from St Patrick's Cathedral

A National Mass will be celebrated across all states, territories and dioceses on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians to commemorate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. As part of this national event, Bishop Robert McGuckin will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral with student and staff representatives from across the Toowoomba Diocese.

Watch live via the [diocese's website](#), [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook page](#).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Joann Hodal has once again generously volunteered to collect and organise the domestic violence packages from St Theresa's.

Toiletries, toothpaste and personal hygiene items etc are ideal donations.

Cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to place your donations or they can be left at the parish office.



SOULCOLLAGE WORKSHOP

Date: 5/6/21 Saturday

Time: 9:00am to 9:30am start - 3:30pm

Where: Sychar, 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

Cost: \$10 towards materials provided on the day

Registration: [TryBooking](#)

Please join Sharyn Murfett for a day of self-discovery using SoulCollage. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch and journal

See flyer in the foyer for further details.



St Theresa's Parish

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

We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping. The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is a continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary's motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love the child and his mother.



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.

St Theresa's is using the new **Check In Qld app** to help keep you COVID safe. The **Check In Qld app** has been developed to help the Queensland Government with contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. St Theresa's is adopting the app to help us collect your details quickly, easily and electronically as you arrive. When you next visit, you'll have the option to register your details using the **Check In Qld app**.

CARE & CONCERN

The Care and Concern Team seeks your support

Thank you to those of you have already offered to help with meals or transport through the parish's Care and Concern Team. Your generous response to our request for help has been heartening. For those of you who did not get an opportunity to do so last week, there are sign-sheets on the table in the foyer.

Due to Covid restrictions, the Care and Concern Team has had to reconsider how it can carry out its ministry in our parish. For the moment we are planning the following:

- In place of visits to those in Aged Care or in their own homes send *Thinking of You* notes and make phone calls where possible.
- Offer transport to anyone who may have difficulty getting to Mass.
- Provide a meal or baking for an individual or family at challenging times.

If you can help on occasion with transport or a meal or baking, please tick the appropriate column on the sheets in the foyer. Alternatively, please call the Parish Office and Janet will take your details of support and pass them on to the team. You are also invited to consider being a member of the team. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 9.30am in the parish office meeting room. This is a good opportunity to get to know other parishioners as well.

YOUNGCARE FUNDRAISER

Thanks everyone for your support of Matt on the Youngcare Simpson Desert trek. Through the generosity of St Theresa, we have raised over \$500 for Matt and added to the total trekker amount of over \$750 000. If anyone would like to follow the trek from the 20th to the 30th May, you can see updates on Youngcare Facebook page. Matt will share some photos on his return after the 30th.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

2021 Prayer Calendars and Donation envelopes are available in the foyer.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY
QUEENSLAND

Please take one to
support our
Queensland
Seminarians and
Priests.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

Date: Available from 31/7/21 Saturday

Where: Online with local in-person gathering

Registration: Online

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the *National Catholic Men's Gathering* aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. The *National Catholic Men's Gathering* for 2020 was a successful online event where approximately 1000 men gathered across the nation at 42 hosting sites. To view the gathering's program or register visit www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

St Theresa's Parish

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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, 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, 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, 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 MAY/JUNE

Sunday	23 May Pentecost
Monday	24 May Feast day - Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia - concurrent national Mass streamed)
Wednesday	26 May National Sorry Day 26 May 6pm Reconciliation liturgy for Confirmation candidates
Sunday	30 May Trinity Sunday
Tuesday	1 June Care & Concern meeting
Wednesday	2 June Parish morning tea- Cobb&Co
Thursday	3 June 5.30pm or 7pm Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturday	5 June 6pm First Eucharist mass
Sunday	6 June 9.30am First Eucharist mass

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

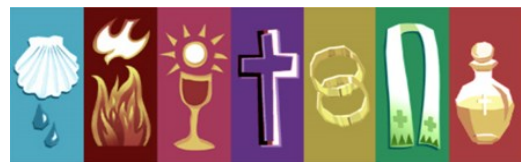
Masks - it is no longer mandatory to wear masks in the church.

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