

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

29-30 MAY 2021

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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.

The Full Picture

Loneliness, real aloneness is a scourge in contemporary society. The fear of being cut off, quarantined from normal human contact, is felt to be dehumanising. I see this quite often in my hospital visits. It is dehumanising, and the reason lies in today's feast day. We are made in the image and likeness of God. So, our image of God will greatly affect the way in which we conceive of being fully human.

If we think of God as solitary, totally One, then we may think of the best human being as being a person totally autonomous, self-sufficient, not dependent on others. A great temptation for me as an alpha male!

If we think of God as loving relationship, continuous communion, then clearly the ideal human being is one who lives in relationship with others, living in a companionable manner. So what is the truth of the matter? What does God 'look' like?

A teacher asked the Grade Threes to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about their task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Johnny was particularly focused. 'What are you painting?' 'I'm painting God, Miss.' In a rather haughty tone the teacher sniffed 'Well that must be difficult because no-one knows what God looks like.' To which Johnny confidently replied, 'But they will when I'm finished!'

Over the millennia many civilisations and great religious systems have tried to sketch a picture of God. In particular, figures like Moses and Isaiah amongst the Jewish people had responded well to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. And yet, their portrait of God was incomplete. No-one knew what God really looked like.

It is as though Jesus of Nazareth burst on the scene 2000 years ago to proclaim 'Well, they will when I'm finished!'

During his ministry Jesus had accentuated some of the characteristics of God: forgiveness, compassion, hospitality. But the striking feature was his sense of intimate union with the One whom he called 'Abba', Father. So much so, that he claimed that if one saw him one saw the Father. He also had a very close relationship with the Holy Spirit.

The 'full picture' had emerged as the way in which we Christians had to paint God – truly a communion of loving relationships, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Tri-une, Tri-Unity, 'Trinity' for short.

This insight into the nature of God is important for human beings for two reasons.

First, it satisfies the natural human yearning to know the truth about everything, even when we approach the border of what can be comprehended.

Secondly, if we think of God as loving relationship, continuous communion, then clearly the ideal human being is one who lives in relationship with others, living in a companionable manner. And this has eternal implications.

If a person deliberately and constantly chooses to live a self-centred life then the danger is that they will end up at death unable and unwilling to choose relationship with God and others. They will end up in a Hellish existence.

When we live wholeheartedly with as much self-giving as is possible, with as much unselfishness as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life, and in fact are already living with a dimension of Heavenly existence.

At our Baptisms, sacramentally we were made participants in that Divine Life when, in fulfilment of Our Lord's command, water was poured over us in the name (singular!) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We remind ourselves of that threefold Name every time we enter the church, dip our hand in the holy water and bless ourselves.

Indeed we do so every time we cover the top of our body with the sign of the Cross, blessing ourselves 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

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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

John Ganzer

Mary Murphy

Eric Leonardi

Mary Smith

Leslie Sternes

Vonnie Fry

Bennett Zeller

Ross Jeppesen

Alan Griinke

Yvonne Conroy

Josephine Ragg

Ron Beauchamp

Margot Meiklejohn

Zeta Schaumburg

Fr Kevin Noble

Timothy Brady

Nancy Wilson

Kaylene Otto

Ann Gainey

Mat Long

Yvonne Conroy

Archie Clark

Pat Coonan

Lindsay Otto

Laurel White

Toni Atzeni

Mark O'Dea

Jean Green

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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

The Holy Trinity Year B

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4: 32-34*

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:4-6,9, 18-20,22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: *Galatians 5: 16 – 25*

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Next week's readings.

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year B

Exodus 24: 3-8

Hebrews 9: 11-15

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

NOTICES

BAPTISM

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



CARE & CONCERN

Reminder

Care and Concern monthly meeting Tuesday 1 June
Parish Meeting Room
@ 9.30am

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

DOWNES 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 Reconciliation week (27 May – 3 June) this year marks the 20th anniversary of Reconciliation Australia and its mission to find a right and just place for Indigenous Australians in our society.



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 for 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.



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

That child, Jesus, would go on to say: "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is "the child" whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying. Consequently, the Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From Saint Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor. Each of these realities is always 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

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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 JUNE/JULY

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
Friday	25 June School Term 2 Ends
Sunday	4 June Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Friday	June 4 - 10 NAIDOC Week
Sunday	June 11 Apostleship of the Sea
Monday	June 12 School Term 3 Starts
Sunday	June 25 Bible Sunday World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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