

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

3 - 4 JULY 2021

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Home town crowds and 'mighty works' © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

Anyone who has seen the film or show 'Billy Elliott' will understand this incident in the Gospels. Billy was a young boy who was brought up in a drab, decaying coal mining town in the north of England. The plan of his father and brother was to keep him in the box they knew – coal mining and boxing. But he had a passionate desire to dance. As he said, his whole body 'went electric' when he tap danced through those grim streets. When dancing he created a different world and eventually his imagining of a different future won through – the last scene has him dancing in Swan Lake. I have seen the film twice. I have cried twice.

It was a somewhat similar situation for Jesus. He returned to Nazareth, having performed '*mighty works*' of divine power around the countryside. But the home town crowd knew better what to expect from his hands. After all, they were the hands of a carpenter. He could do exquisite woodwork. That's who he was. That was the limit of who he was. They knew his family and network of relatives. In other words, they thought they had him taped. They knew what box he fitted into. Woe betide if he got too big for his sandals! They wanted to trap him in an identity, constraining him in a role which would leave them undisturbed. But, like Billy Elliott, only to the nth degree, Jesus had a deeper sense of identity. There was a dimension to his life of which he was aware: a special relationship to his heavenly Father, and a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was, and it had to find expression.

And he imagined a different future, a future of a healed and companionable human family within which was what he called 'the Reign of God'. There was no way he was going to be put down and circumscribed by the home crowd. He could not do any '*mighty works*' given their scepticism and failure to support his boundless sense of identity. He left Nazareth and went on to try to create that future he imagined, and never returned to Nazareth.

Family and networks of friends can be very supportive. They can also be stifling, suffocating. They know what school one went to, what your first job was. They think they have you taped. Those of us who are older need to guard against taking on the features of the Nazarenes who stereotyped Jesus. But it is to the younger members of the congregation that I would like to really address this Gospel. Only God knows your true identity, who you are and who you are meant to be. Why were you born in the 20th century and not the 15th or the 4th or the 24th century? Why were you loved into existence by God and your parents 20 years ago, 14 years ago, 18 years ago?

Each of us has a unique identity without which the cosmos would be incomplete and each of us has a unique role to play in salvation history. It may take a lifetime to really cotton on to God's sense of one's identity and role, or one may be fortunate enough to find out relatively early. But like Billy Elliott and Jesus it is essential to break out of the expectations of the home crowd. It may even be necessary to disappoint those who love us dearly, family, teachers and friends. So one should pray for gifts of the Holy Spirit: of understanding so that one might be enlightened about one's identity and role, and then of courage to take risks and persevere against the odds. Each of you has been given a divine dynamism at baptism. You are no ordinary human being. Your heart pulses to a different beat than that which simply repeats the monotonous rhythms of the expected.

You share the heartbeat of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of the Universe. When you allow your heart to beat with His, your body, your personality will 'go electric' as Billy Elliott would say. When that happens you will really know your true identity, your true role and you will be able to go on and perform His *mighty works*.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Evelyn Wilson (David Wilson's mother)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Marie AhSee

Anne Thomas

Brian Carter

Len Pauli

Brian Stevens

Brian Wilson

Moya Schaefer

Margaret Barry (past parishioner)

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

Daniel McGarry

Mary Jane Flynn

Br. Danny Hore

(Downlands Brother)

Ellen Mary Gleeson

Des Flynn

Peggy Jones

Vincent McGarry

Margaret Gagen

Kev & Win Hogan

Jean Cartwright

Marie Leahy

Margaret Canavan

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

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
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>	

READINGS

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: *Ezekiel 2: 2 - 5*

The people are rebellious; they shall know that there will be a prophet in their midst.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 12: 7 - 10*

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf Luke 4: 18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 6: 1 - 6*

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Next week's readings.

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Amos 7: 12 - 15

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Mark 6: 7 - 13

NOTICES

BAPTISM

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

William Henry Reynolds



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



St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home)

St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home) in Spring Street is looking for kind-hearted parishioners who may wish to contribute some time as a volunteer with our residents here at STVCS Spring Street in the following areas:

- **Communion Ministry and Rosary Groups.**

If you are willing and available on a Tuesday morning, please contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604 or email: paul.howard@svha.org.au or ursula.watson@svha.org.au

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish in August. Children who are baptised Catholic, in Year 3 or older are welcome to participate in the program in preparation for the sacrament. An information night for parents/ carers will be held on Thursday 15th July 2021 at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Only parent/parents are need to attend the information night.

Information letters and enrolment forms are available through the parish office.

If you have any queries, please contact Monica Brennan at the parish office or ph 4639 4688 or email: monica@sttheresas.org.au

CARE AND CONCERN

There will be a Care and Concern Team meeting as usual on the first Tuesday of the month, 6th July, starting at 9.30am in the Parish Office meeting room.

Since the team cannot undertake visits due to Covid restrictions, members will be writing cards instead. Also on the agenda will be discussion of details for a Healing Mass proposed for later this year.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent De Paul winter appeal is now open. Donation envelopes are available in the parish foyer.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving envelopes are available in the foyer. If you are able to help by delivering a box to another parishioner, it would be greatly appreciated and will save the Parish postage.

If you would like to be involved in the Planned Giving program, you are able to do this by direct debit or the envelope system please contact the office on 46394688.

St Theresa's Parish

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

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczynski, in his book *The Shadow of the Father* (Cien Ojca, Warsaw 1977), tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness...you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled" (Deut 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.



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**.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July

This weekend we acknowledge the First Nations peoples of Australian. On this special Sunday, a day where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous Catholics come together and sit side by side (adhering to COVID restrictions of course!), we should acknowledge that we are united in a fight to save God's creation. It is one we cannot fight alone. We must combine the knowledge of First Australians with the technology borne of Western culture to ensure that future generations shall have the opportunity to experience the gifts of God's creation as intended.

To sit, talk, and listen is the first step towards acceptance and understanding. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have longed to share their knowledge and wisdom about the seasons, animals, and flora, but until we, as a society and a country are receptive, their contribution goes unappreciated and unutilised.

The more we share with each other, the more we realise that as humans, we have more similarities than differences. The differences between our cultures should not be seen as weaknesses, for they can also be where our strengths lie. Embracing these differences is an aspect of inculturation. Christian faith must find appropriate expression in each culture- that is what is meant by inculturation.

Pope Francis, in his exhortation *Beloved Amazonia* says:

'Inculturation elevates and fulfills. Certainly, we should esteem the indigenous mysticism that sees the interconnection and interdependence of the whole of creation, the mysticism of gratuitousness that loves life as a gift, the mysticism of a sacred wonder before nature and all its forms of life.'

Let us move forwards as a united people in Christ, committed to embracing the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge to not only Heal Country, but to Heal our relationships with one another, and in doing so our creators' gifts to us all – this world.



Heal Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021
Celebrating the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics



ST URSULA'S COLLEGE

Apply now for Year 7, 2022 & 2023 Enrolment
Arrange a personal College tour ahead of Orientation on 14 September 2021
enrolment@st-ursula.qld.edu.au



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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, 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, Angela
 Irvine, 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 JULY

Sunday	4 July Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Sun - Sat	4 - 10 July NAIDOC Week
Sunday	11 July Apostleship of the Sea
Monday	12 July School Term 3 Starts
	12 July 6pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting. Parish office meeting room.
Thursday	15 July 6pm First Reconciliation
	Parent Information night
Sunday	25 July Bible Sunday
	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Friday	30 July Bishop's Inservice Day
	Toowoomba (St Joseph's College)
	Mater Dei pupil free day

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