

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

7-8 SEPTEMBER 2021

23RD 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.*

## Reflection 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

I read the other day a true story about a baby girl who was seriously ill in a Neonatal ICU. The paediatric specialist said there was very little hope. The baby's five-year-old brother, Michael, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. 'I want to sing to her', he kept saying. Children were not allowed in the ICU, but Michael's mother eventually insisted that he be able to see his sister.

When he got to the humidicrib he sang: 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey'. The nurse reported that as Michael sang, the baby's pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael', encouraged his mother with tears in her eyes. 'You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.' The baby recovered and left the hospital three weeks later.

I am not pretending for a moment that Michael's song healed his sister, but we should never underestimate the power of human support and love. It helps us to be healed.

The Gospel story of the healing of the deaf mute is striking because it is one of the few stories where the crowd makes the request of healing from Jesus. This is understandable given that the man cannot speak for himself, but the scene, as Mark writes it, is very touching. Mark tells us that the crowd brought the man to Jesus. 'They' beg Jesus to heal him, 'they' are ordered not to tell anyone about the miracle, but 'they' go straight out and tell everyone about it.

What happens there is what happens here every Sunday. Coming to Mass is not a private affair. It is not my Mass, my prayer, my Church. The pronouns we use reveal a lot about our attitudes. It's our Eucharist, our prayer and our Church.

Within the Mass there are opportunities for private prayer, but Eucharist is, essentially, an action of the assembled community. In our own way we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus each time we gather. This is what the Prayers of the Faithful are all about. This is why they are so important.

When we visit another parish we can tell a lot about it by the care with which the intercessions are composed and compiled. If they only attend to the needs of the parish and never with the wider Church or the world, if they focus on the needs of the Catholic world and never with the plight of those in crisis, who may not share our faith or may hold to another or no faith, it says so much.

The Church has always believed in the power of intercessory prayer. Not that God needs to be reminded what our world needs. God knows that better than we know it. But intercessory prayer sorts our priorities and establishes who has a claim on our affections and concerns. It also enables others to know that we stand in solidarity with them.

And miracles still happen when we are one with those for whom we hope and pray. Sometimes the first miracle that occurs is that we notice the needs of some group beyond our immediate circle. Their suffering moves us and we choose to help them.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that Christ removes our blindness, opens our ears and loosens our tongues so that we speak up for those who are most in need of a healing word that brings them justice and peace. © Richard Leonard

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Peter Bazeley**

**James Flood**

**Irene Ashcroft (Lillian)**

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

#### Parishioners:

**Marie AhSee**

**Anne Thomas**

**Brian Wilson**

**Brian Carter**

**Moya Schaefer**

**Len Pauli**

**Margaret Barry** (past parishioner)

#### Friends and Family

**Janette Ansell** (Patricia Stevens sister)

**Sharron Dove**

(friend of Kathryn & Paul Marangelli)

**Jenny Menso** (Aileen Collins' friend)

**Will Wildig** (Meg Hicks' Brother in Law)

**Geoff Doyle** (Mary Otto's brother)

**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)

**Addison McEwan** (Kathy Sternes'

nephew)

**Terry McMahon** (Marie's Son)

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Bob Triggs**

**Ray Stein**

**Pat O'Shea**

**Aaron Preston**

**Ted Long**

**Frank Noel**

**John Pitt**

**Mick Madden**

**Nancy Long**

**Molly McRae**

**Edna Fitzgerald**

**Les Boland**

**Margaret Thompson**

**Sr Mary Veronica Hannon OLSH**

# 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

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 35: 4 - 7*

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 145: 7 - 10*

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading:** *James 2: 1 - 5*

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Matthew 4: 23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Mark 7: 31 - 37*

He makes the deaf and the dumb speak.

**Next week's readings.**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Isaiah 50: 5 - 9*

*James 2: 4 - 18*

*Mark 8: 27 - 35*

## 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 AND CONCERN TEAM

You are reminded that the next Care and Concern Team meeting will not be held until Tuesday 2nd November due to limitations set on the team by Covid restrictions. The parish office currently keeps in touch with team members whenever support for families and individuals is required.

### Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and  
defender.  
Amen.

### STUDY AND MENTORING PROGRAM

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are inviting applications for their 2022 Study and Mentoring program. The program is for Catholic women aged 30+ who are undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. Core components include opportunities for spiritual direction, mentoring and dialogue with like-minded women. Financial assistance will be offered to a maximum of \$8000 per year. Applications close on 30/9/21. Full details are available online: <https://www.goodsams.org.au/2021/08/17/study-and-mentoring-leadership-program-focuses-on-womens-gifts/>

### Child Safeguarding Sunday

Next weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:  
[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

This weekend we have the annual appeal for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This fund, set up in 1998, helps with the costs of supporting retired priests within the Toowoomba Diocese. Currently there are 16 retired priests with the Diocese. Last financial year 2020/2021, the appeal raised \$20,600. A Special collection will occur during the masses this weekend and envelopes are available for you to return today or to take home and return in the coming weeks.

## ACTION ON VAD DEBATE

The Queensland Parliament, in the next few weeks, will be debating and voting on controversial laws to make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal in the state. Vulnerable sick and elderly people in Queensland need your help to ensure these lethal laws are not passed in this state.

There are 2 steps you can take today to voice your opinion:

First, you can sign this petition to the Queensland Parliament, asking them to reject these euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. The petition is sponsored by HOPE, a single-issue coalition of groups who oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

[https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_qld\\_toowoomba](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_qld_toowoomba)

Second, you can email your Queensland State Member of Parliament and urge them to oppose the introduction of these laws. [https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2105\\_ocp\\_qld](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld)

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## **FAN THE FLAME**

‘He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’ *Mark 7:31-37*

The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

(*Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, “A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002”, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)*

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)

## **Prayer Campaign for the Plenary Council**

All members of the parish community are invited to join other Toowoomba Parishes for a 6 week Prayer Campaign to pray for the Church of Australia as we continue the preparations for the Plenary Council. We pray for all the Plenary Council Members that they will “listen to what the Spirit is saying” and be open to being guided by

God’s Holy Spirit.

**Celebrations will be held at 5.30pm on:**

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – St Theresa’s Parish

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – St Thomas More’s Parish

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – St Anthony’s Parish

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sacred Heart Parish starting at 4.30pm

## **UPCOMING AT SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Stillness, Silence, Simplicity: Pilgrimage to our Centre:** 11/9/21 @ 9:30am-12:30am, Sychar (69 Margaret St Tmba) TryBooking or See flyer in foyer



## **PARISH CARE AND CONCERN TEAM Ongoing Support**



If you know of anyone in the parish requiring transport to weekend Mass or who may benefit from some home baking from a parish member, please contact the Parish Office on 46393688 or by email:



[office@sttheresas.org.au](mailto:office@sttheresas.org.au) and Janet or Monica will follow up your information with members of the Care and Concern Team

## **MASSES AT ST THERESA’S PARISH**

Government legislation requires all persons attending places of worship to use the Check in Qld App. It is to be mandatory practice. Please bring your smart phone to Mass to enable this to happen.

If you do not have a smart phone or forget to bring it to church, please advise the check in person in the foyer. You will have to provide your details so that they can be entered into the Check in Qld App using the business profile at a later time. Everyone must be checked in via the App whether you are a regular attendee or booked in using Try-booking. Please use <https://www.trybooking.com/BKLBW> to book into weekend Masses.

## **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - Fr Mick Carroll and Fr Mick Peters**

“Each year we take a moment to celebrate the life of Priests who have reached a milestone in their Priestly life. This year we celebrate two – Fr. Mick Carroll (60 years) and Fr. Michael Peters (50 years). Bishop Robert extends an invitation to you to attend the Mass and light lunch to follow. The Jubilee celebration will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> September at St Patrick’s Cathedral commencing at 11.00am. You will be required to have the Queensland Check In App ready to use to register your attendance on the day. If you are unable to use the app, provision will be made for your attendance.

For catering purposes please call the Cathedral office on 4637 1500 or email [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) if you wish to attend the light lunch which will follow the Mass. All arrangement subject to current Covid 19 restrictions.”

## **CELEBRATING ST JOSEPH**

**Date:** 16/10/21 Saturday **Time:** Starting 7:00am

**Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

As you would be aware this year is dedicated to the life of St Joseph and his important place in the life of Jesus. You are invited to spend some time in prayer and adoration at St. Patrick’s. The day will begin with 7.00am Mass using the Votive Mass for St. Joseph. This is followed by each hour beginning with a reflection and prayers for St. Joseph, finishing at 1.00pm. Adoration will occur throughout. Come for whatever amount of time you are able to commit to.



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## CONTACTS

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**Parish Website** [www.sttheresas.org.au](http://www.sttheresas.org.au)

### 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 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sunday	<b>5 September</b> Father's Day Father's Day Priest's Retirement Foundation Appeal
Monday	<b>6 September</b> Parish Pastoral Council meeting 6pm Parish office meeting room
Sunday	<b>12 September</b> Child Safeguarding Sunday
Tuesday	<b>14 September</b> Diocesan In Service
Thursday	<b>16 September</b> Prayer service for Plenary Council 5.30pm Parish Centre
Friday	<b>17 September</b> School Term 3 ends
Sunday	<b>26 September</b> World Refugee and Migration Day
Sun-Sun	<b>3 - 10 October</b> Plenary Council Assembly
Tuesday	<b>5 October</b> School Term 4 starts
Sunday	<b>24 October</b> World Mission Day - Appeal
Wednesday	<b>27 October</b> Children's World Mission 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.



### First Tuesday of the Month

*Care & Concern Meeting*  
9.30am Parish Office Meeting Room

### Second Tuesday of the 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

