

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

11-12 SEPTEMBER 2021

24TH 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.*

### Gospel Reflection 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

*Greg Sunter*

### SEASON OF CREATION 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4th October

After Jesus spoke of a future involving personal suffering and political rejection Peter remonstrated with him. Jesus in turn rebuked Peter, explaining that such thinking was not of God. Much of the import of this short exchange seems to hinge on the openness of Jesus' assertions. Peter reacted not only to what Jesus said but the way he said it. Jesus' warnings were not given in secret but declared openly.

It is rather understandable that Peter was worried. Perhaps he thought that Jesus would attract unwanted attention from the authorities, or that his gloomy talk would put off potential followers. Either way, Jesus was having none of it. The truth, however dangerous or unpopular, should not be hidden. Hearing this Gospel during the Season of Creation we might contemplate what truths get hushed up today. Do we encourage our leaders to speak openly about pollution and climate change, or do we collude in their silences? Does our society condemn or condone littering? Are our parishes in environmental denial, or models of sustainability and ecological responsibility? Ultimately, facing even the darkest future with hopeful action is a key part of Jesus' message. Christ's followers are called to bear their share of the cross and face tomorrow's problems today. *Nick Brodie*

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Vince Rosenthal**

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

#### Parishioners:

<b>Marie AhSee</b>	<b>Anne Thomas</b>
<b>Brian Wilson</b>	<b>Brian Carter</b>
<b>Moya Schaefer</b>	<b>Len Pauli</b>
<b>Margaret Barry</b> (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

<b>Kevin Rowland</b>	<b>Terry Doyle</b>
<b>Dawn Cartwright</b>	<b>Ann Brock</b>
<b>Patricia Preece</b>	<b>Greg Long</b>
<b>Margaret Sewell</b>	<b>Bill Blackie</b>
<b>Gladys Schneider</b>	<b>Roslyn Atzeni</b>
<b>Terry Johnstone</b>	
<b>Edward Meiklejohn</b>	
<b>Elizabeth Moore</b>	
<b>Kathleen Hoysted</b>	
<b>Agnes Thompson</b>	

# 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

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 50: 5 - 9*

I gave my body to those who struck me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 114: 1-6, 8-9*

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Second Reading:** *James 2: 14 - 18*

Faith without good works is dead.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Galatians 6: 14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Mark 8: 27 - 35*

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

**Next week's readings.**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Wisdom 2: 12, 17 - 20*

*James 3: 16 - 4: 3*

*Mark 9: 30 - 37*

## NOTICES

### BAPTISM

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish  
**Jack Burnett Ashburner**



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.

### CHILD SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

The Parish of St Theresa's and the Diocese of Toowoomba are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. 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)



### COMMUNION MINISTRY TO PEOPLE'S HOMES

A few of our parishioners have reached out and asked for communion to be taken to them in their own homes. The parish is looking for anyone who feels they would like to be part of this ministry. All volunteers would need to follow the Safeguarding policies and procedures of the diocese. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office during office hours or let Fr. Brian or Monica know at the weekend.



### 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 appealed 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**

### ***Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021***

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' *Mark 8:27-35*  
There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised.  
*((Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18))*

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

### **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

### **RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT – St Theresa's Catholic Church 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm**

This is a time when all people who are searching or enquiring about our faith, will be able to have their questions answered. Those interested in our faith and /or looking to become a full member of the Catholic Church are invited to the enquiry night, which is in effect an informal discussion on how that journey might look for them. If you wish to find out more, or that time is not suitable, feel free to contact me, Dave Wilson on 0451131849 or the office. Otherwise, I look forward to meeting you on the night.

### **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/>

### **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 Trybooking. Please use <https://www.trybooking.com/BKLBW> to book into weekend Masses.

### **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

### Parish Priest:

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### Parish Secretary:

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**Church:** Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

**Office:** 55 Curzon Street, Toowoomba

**Parish Website** 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, 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 SEPT/OCT

Tuesday	<b>14 Sept</b> Diocesan In Service
Thursday	<b>16 Sept</b> Prayer service for Plenary Council 5.30pm Parish Centre
Friday	<b>17 Sept</b> School Term 3 Ends
Thursday	<b>23 Sept</b> Prayer for Plenary Council 5.30pm St Thomas More's
Sunday	<b>26 Sept</b> World Refugee and Migration Day
Wednesday	<b>29 Sept</b> RCIA Enquiry Night Parish Centre
Thursday	<b>30 Sept</b> Prayer for Plenary Council 5.30pm St Anthony's
Sun-Sun	<b>3 - 10 Oct</b> Plenary Council Assembly
Tuesday	<b>5 Oct</b> School Term 4 starts
Thursday	<b>7 Oct</b> Prayer for Plenary Council 4.30pm Sacred Heart
Saturday	<b>16 Oct</b> Celebrating St Joseph 7am St Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday	<b>24 Oct</b> World Mission Day - Appeal
Wednesday	<b>27 Oct</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

