

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

25 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

26TH 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.

A REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with one of those characteristics that are very instructive about Jesus' life with his disciples. They had seen a man — who did not belong to the group of Jesus' followers — casting out demons in Jesus' name, and thus they wanted to forbid him to do so. With the zealous enthusiasm typical of young people, John refers the matter to the Teacher, seeking his support. However, quite to the contrary, Jesus replies: "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us".

John and the other disciples display a 'closed' attitude when faced with a circumstance that does not fit with their programme, in this case the action, albeit good, of a person 'outside' the circle of followers. Jesus on the other hand, appears very free, fully open to the freedom of the Spirit of God, whose actions are not limited by any confines nor boundaries. Jesus wants to educate his disciples — and us today — on this inner freedom.

It is good for us to reflect on this episode and to perform a small examination of conscience. The disciples' attitude is very human, very common, and we can observe this in Christian communities throughout history, probably in ourselves as well. In good faith, indeed with zeal, one would like to protect the authenticity of a certain experience, safeguarding the founder or leader from false impersonators. But at the same time, there is a sort of fear of 'competition' — and this is bad: the fear of competition —, that someone may steal new followers, and we are thus unable to appreciate the good that others do: it is not good because he is 'not one of us', they say. It is a form of self-referentiality. Actually, there is the root of *proselytism* (*definition: involuntary forced conversion*) here. And the Church — Pope Benedict used to say — does not grow through proselytism; it grows by attraction, that is, it grows by bearing witness to others with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

God's great freedom in giving himself to us represents a challenge and an exhortation to modify our behaviours and our relationships. It is the invitation which Jesus addresses to us today. He calls us not to think according to the categories of 'friend/enemy', 'us/them', 'those who are in/those who are out', 'mine/yours', but rather to go beyond, to open our heart in order to be able to recognize God's presence and action, even in unusual and unpredictable environments that are not part of our circle. It is a matter of being more attentive to the authenticity of the good, the beautiful and the true that is done, rather than to the name and the origin of the one who does it. And — as the remaining part of the Gospel suggests to us today — instead of judging others, we must examine ourselves and 'sever', without compromise, all that can scandalize those persons who are weakest in faith.

May the Virgin Mary, an example of docile openness to God's surprises, help us to recognize the signs of the Lord's presence in our midst, so that we may find him everywhere he manifests himself, even in the most unthinkable and unusual situations. May she teach us to love our community without jealousy or closure, always open to the vast horizon of the action of the Holy Spirit

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Marie AhSee Anne Thomas
Brian Wilson Brian Carter
Moya Schaefer Len Pauli
Margaret Barry (past parishioner)



Friends and Family

Margaret Chiesa
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)
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)
Addison McEwan (Kathy Sternes'
nephew)
Terry McMahan (Marie's Son)

ANNIVERSARIES

Daphny Butler Glen Frith
Ruby Doyle Barry Arnold
Jackson Ryan Maureen Ryan
Max Osmond Kath Mulligan
Margaret Bowden
Winifred Walsh
Mary V Catterall
Rose Anne Mullen
Simon Gilliland
Heather Lowein
Reg Leirsch

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MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Numbers 11: 25-29</i> Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Psalms 18:8, 10, 12-14</i> The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>James 5: 1-6</i> Your wealth is rotting.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: <i>Cf. John 17: 17</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Your word O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Mark 9: 38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48</i> Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.</p> <p>Next week's readings. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Genesis 2: 18 - 24</i> <i>Hebrews 2: 9 - 11</i> <i>Mark 10: 2 - 16</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM</p> <p>This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish</p> <p><i>Sophia Eve Maxwell Mackenzie Robert Fuller & Jack William Colquhoun</i></p>  <p>Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am.</p> 
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>			

WEEKEND COLLECTION

In response to the last Finance Report update given by Shane Blakely, the collection at weekend Masses will recommence. Baskets will be passed around during Mass after Prayers of the Community. Donations and Plan giving envelopes can still be placed in the gift box in the foyer. Thank you for your on-going support.

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.



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.

SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice. At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark. On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action. On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity'. When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

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FAN THE FLAME *Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021*

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’ *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*
The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs.
(*Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 12*)
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 30th Sept – St Anthony’s Parish
Thurs 7th Oct - Sacred Heart Parish starting at 4.30pm

WORLD MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

This weekend we commemorate World Migrant & Refugee Sunday and celebrate the contribution of all new settlers, while never forgetting our First Nations Peoples. Pope Francis’ Message for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 is that we ought to work “Towards and ever wider “WE””.
A copy of the Pope’s message is available in the foyer and was also emailed with the bulletin this week.

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT – St Theresa’s Catholic Church 29th 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/>

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.

CONTACTS

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Tim Burgess, Bernadatte 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 Flamsteed, 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

Sunday	26 Sept World Refugee and Migration Day
Wednesday	29 Sept RCIA Enquiry Night Parish Centre
Thursday	30 Sept Prayer for Plenary Council 5.30pm St Anthony's
Sun-Sun	3 - 10 Oct Plenary Council Assembly
Tuesday	5 Oct School Term 4 starts
Thursday	7 Oct Prayer for Plenary Council 4.30pm Sacred Heart
Saturday	16 Oct Celebrating St Joseph 7am St Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday	24 Oct World Mission Day - Appeal
Wednesday	27 Oct 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

