

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

2 - 3 OCTOBER 2021

27TH 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 27th Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

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Season of Creation

Jesus repeatedly called out the Pharisees' inflexible attitudes and hypocritical behaviours. They were seemingly fixated on the letter of the law at the expense of its spirit. Given that, Jesus' reply to the Pharisees' loaded question about divorce is fascinating. Jesus answers a deliberately provocative legal question by referring to two data points: law and creation. When the two appear at odds in this instance Jesus prioritises creation.

With this in mind, we would do well to remember this episode's wider import as this Season of Creation draws to a close. The weight which Jesus gave to creation's divine purpose is surely significant. In that light we should perhaps revisit the spirit of Moses' law, especially that section in chapter 23 of Exodus which commands the people to let the land lie fallow every seventh year. This was for the benefit of the poor and the wild animals. Even the idea of everyone resting on the sabbath every week was partly and explicitly so that the community's oxen and donkeys could have a rest. In the long view, therefore, protecting creation is an ancient part of our faith's tradition. The question is: do we still live up to its spirit? Nick Brodie

RECENTLY DECEASED

Laurence Conaghan

(Peter Conaghan's father)

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 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 McMahan (Marie's Son)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ray McClure

Ruth Nash

Helen Ansell

Mary Ryan

Patrick Dunne

Christine Dent

Jack Herbert

Frank Murphy

Vidio Marchetti

Irene Leonardi

Arthur Shooter

Michael O'Davis

Clothilde Zarbo

Lorraine Hill

Robert McNaught

Keith Rasmussen

Michael O'Davis

Jean Wilkinson



Emmett Fitzgerald

Gwen Savage

Noel Jackson-Hope

Irene Shine

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading: <i>Genesis 2: 18 - 24</i> They were two in one flesh. Responsorial Psalm: <i>Psalm 127</i> May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. Second Reading: <i>Hebrews 2: 9 - 11</i> He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin. Gospel Acclamation: <i>1 John 4:12</i> Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Mark 10: 2 - 16</i> What God has joined together, no one must divide. Next week's readings. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Wisdom 7: 7 - 11</i> <i>Hebrews 4: 12 - 13</i> <i>Mark 10: 17 - 30</i>	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. 
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.		Happy Holidays Fr Brian 	

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.

OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH

PUBLIC ROSARY nationwide, Saturday 16th October at St. Patrick's cathedral, outdoors, starting at 2:00 pm followed with Benediction at 4:00 pm. For further information contact Theresa on 0434 528 904. Ellen 0412 435 030.



OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for October.

Missionary Disciples – We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



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PLENARY COUNCIL COMMENCES 3-10 OCTOBER



Assembly One: October 2021

This historic moment is a time for deep prayer and discernment, and we are inviting everyone to play their part in praying for the Council and praying for and with the members, who have a particular role during the Council's celebration,"

Plenary Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB



WHAT'S ON AT SYCHAR

Journeying with the Women Mystics

Date: Seven weekly sessions starting 18/10/21 (Mondays)

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Registration: [Via TryBooking](#)

Discover new spiritual depths by gathering with companions on the journey to enter into a process of meditation and sharing based on the resource "Praying with Hildegard of Bingen" by Gloria Durka.

Awakening to the Giftedness of Male Spirituality

Date: Seven weekly sessions starting either 13/10/21 (Wednesdays) or 14/10/21 (Thursdays)

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Registration: [Via TryBooking](#)

When men behave badly, we call it toxic masculinity. If men behave well, do we have a label for it? Do age-old concepts like gentleman or chivalry have a place in woke culture? What does it look like to be the man that God is calling us to be?

Sitting with the Indwelling Spirit

Date: 16/10/21 Saturday

Time: 9:00am for a 9:30am start to 3:00pm

Registration: [Via TryBooking](#)

RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT – St Theresa's Catholic Church Wednesday 13th October 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.

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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 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 OCT/NOV

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
Wednesday	13 Oct RCIA Enquiry Night Parish Centre 7pm
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
Sunday	31 Oct Mater Dei school led parish mass 9.30am
Thursday	4 Nov Healing and Anointing Mass 10am

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

