

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

9 - 10 OCTOBER 2021

28TH 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.

The Loving Gaze

Let's go straight to the protagonist in this story who at the end is called a man of great wealth. In that society this meant a landowner with extensive holdings. But this wealth had corrupted his whole personality and way of thinking. There was no deep down hunger because whenever he craved anything, he knew he could buy it or use his status or power to bend others to his will.

The man boasts about all the commandments he has kept but Jesus is not satisfied with that minimum. Jesus is not a minimalist. Jesus tunes into the man's wavelength and says: 'There is one thing you lack.'

That would have got the rich man's attention: the suggestion that he was missing something. But to his shock he was to hear that what he was lacking was a big heart, a very big heart: 'Go, sell everything you own and give everything to the poor.' He had to get rid of his possessions and the security and status they bought because they were shrivelling up his heart.

Jesus is saying to you and to me: 'Yes, you keep the commandments, more or less. At least you try. Okay. But that is really the bare minimum. The real question is: What do you have to do to expand your heart: to become big hearted enough to allow my heartbeat to become your heartbeat?'

We each know what is holding us back from being one heart with Jesus Christ. For some, to be a true follower will require giving up all possessions, as with St Francis of Assisi. For others, a real hurting redistribution of wealth is required. Our taxes do a fair bit of that, and then our voluntary response to need and injustice on top of that.

But at some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know what it is we are hanging on to: the one thing we cannot or will not give up. The one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get up and get rid of it.

There is only one factor that can give us, give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed.

Note in the Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.'

St John of the Cross, the Spanish mystic, says that: 'With God, to gaze at is to love', desiring to imprint grace on the one held in the loving gaze (*The Spiritual Canticle*, stanzas 32, 33).

'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.'

Those eyes, that gaze, is directed at you, and at me personally, totally, directly, but most of all lovingly. It is not the glare of the critical eye but the look full of the possibility of who you could be as a follower of Jesus Christ.

That, and only that, can give you the courage. So close your eyes and envisage our Lord Jesus Christ gazing steadily on you and say:

'Lord, I know there is something you want me to do to enlarge my heart.'

'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable this to happen.'

'Lord, give me courage and trust.'

'Lord, look steadily at me and love me.' 'Amen.' © Fr Michael Tate

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

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

Stephanie Taylor **Jack Stacey**

John Reavey **Richard Neal**

Fr Ray O'Leary **Dot Bice**

Damien Flynn **Patrick Flynn**

Julia Hannon

Alf Franzmann

Karen Pannach

Pauline Coll sgs



Anthony Risson

Carmel Mitchell

Agnes Clark

Cliff Schneider

George Cartwright

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Wisdom 7: 7 - 11</i> In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Psalms 89: 12 - 17</i> Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>Hebrews 4: 12 - 13</i> The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: <i>Matthew 5: 3</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Mark 10: 17 - 30</i> Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.</p> <p>Next week's readings. World Synod of Bishops Opening Mass 2021 - 2023 <i>Deuteronomy 30: 10 - 14</i> <i>Philippians 2: 1 - 4</i> <i>Mark 6: 30 - 34</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM</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>		<p>Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal</p> 	

For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:20

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity







Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

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.



St Theresa's Parish

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](#)

WORLD SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2022

The 9:00am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba on 17/10/21, celebrated by Fr John Quinlan VG, will be the local diocesan launch of the World Synod of Bishops 2021 –2023

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.

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.

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,
 Tim Burgess.

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

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 10am
Sunday	14 Nov World Day of the Poor

**SPRED FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE
 REPERTORY THEATRE-**

"One Slight Hitch" -

When: Monday 8th November 2021.
 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets \$20.00 includes wine and snack on arrival,
 and raffle will be drawn.

Tickets available at **SPRED** office
 Cnr. Hume & Jellicoe St. 9am – 3.30pm Mon - Thurs
 Ph: 4632 8427 / spred@twb.catholic.org.au

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*

