

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

13-14 NOVEMBER 2021

33RD 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting. This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives. One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way. John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again. © Richard Leonard SJ

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

#### Parishioners:

Anne Thomas                      Brian Carter  
Moya Schaefer                    Len Pauli  
Greg Logan  
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)  
Peter Brown (Denis' brother)

### ANNIVERSARIES

Isaac Murphy                      Lil Kenny  
Ron Cartwright                    Vera Ruffini  
Viv Cuskelly                        Vera Leach  
Eugene Clark                       Kass Bourke  
Mary Ellen Dunne  
Toni Abrahams  
Ellis Kingsley Gray  
Gregory Thompson  
Peter McKeering  
Pat Mulhall  
Katherine Drew

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p><b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p> <p><b>First Reading:</b> <i>Daniel 12: 1 - 3</i> When that time comes your own people will be spared.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Ps 15:5, 8 - 11</i> Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.</p> <p><b>Second Reading:</b> <i>Hebrews 10: 11 - 14</i> By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> <i>Luke 21: 36</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> <i>Mark 13: 24 - 32</i> He shall gather his elect from the four winds.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b></p> <p><i>Daniel 7: 13 - 14</i> <i>Revelation 1: 5 - 8</i> <i>John 18: 33 - 37</i></p>	<p><b>BAPTISM</b></p> <p>This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish</p> <p><b>Sophie Michelle Callaghan &amp; Louis Stanley Boundy</b></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 LAY LED LITURGY		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9 AM LAY LED LITURGY		
SAT	6 PM MASS		
SUN	9.30AM MASS		
<p><b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b></p>			

## POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

People who suffer from depression – We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Joann Hodal has once again generously volunteered to collect and organise the domestic violence packages from St Theresa's. Toiletries, toothpaste and personal hygiene items etc are ideal donations. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to place your donations or they can be left at the parish office.



## WORLD SYNOD OF BISHOPS – DIOCESAN RESPONSE



Pope Francis has asked for the world church to provide input into the 3 dimensions of the Synod – Communion, Participation and Mission.

Bishop Robert has asked all parishes of the diocese to respond to this using a guide for

reflection which is available in the foyer as a hard copy to take, with a permanent one on the notice board so that it can be read or photographed.

A copy was also emailed to all those parishioners on the parish email list.

To enable a coordinated response, members of the parish may like to meet together or individuals could send their responses to the office and

a summarised response from our parish would then be sent on.

The response needs to be submitted by the end of November.

Responses from parish members and groups would need to be at the parish office by Monday 29 November to

allow the summarised response to be written and submitted.

If you have any more questions, please contact Fr. Brian, Monica Brennan or Matt Boyd – parish council chairperson.



# St Theresa's Parish

## ADVENT BOOKLETS

The parish have 23 booklets published by the Diocese of Wollongong with reflections for each day of Advent available to be purchased for \$5.00. A display copy of the booklet is in the foyer along with an order sheet for a booklet. If you wish to purchase a booklet, please write your name on the sheet. Your booklet will then be able to be collected from the parish office or be available to you next weekend. Payment can be made through the office or placed in an envelope with your name and Advent booklet on the front and put into the gift box at weekend masses.

## NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MONTH



In November we especially acknowledge our family and friends who have gone before us into God's kingdom.

Over the next few weekends there will be a remembrance book for you to write the names of those who you wish to remember at this time.



Scrolling of names weekend will be 13 – 14 November. During the Mass there will be a special ritual in which we will name the most recently deceased over the past year and scroll the names of parishioners who have died. On Wednesday 24 November at 10.00am the releasing of memories Liturgy will take place. Invitations will be given to those who have lost loved ones over the past year. This is a special time to remember in particular our most recently deceased.



## WHAT'S ON AT SYCHAR



### "TOUCHING THE SACRED"

A Reflective Workshop facilitated by Sr. Pat Quinn MSS

The focus is on recognizing the divine presence in our everyday life

**Date:** Saturday 27 November 2021 **Arrive** 9.00 am for a 9.30 start and finish at 3.30 pm

**Venue:** SYCHAR (House of Prayer and Spirituality), 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

A donation towards Sychar's ongoing mission would be appreciated. Registration ALL bookings to be made via trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BTUPN>

## FOR ALL THE SAINTS:

At this time of year that spans All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, the Feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music, and preparing for Christmas and the arrival of jolly Saint Nicolas, the **Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir** is presenting a concert entitled *For all the Saints* at **2:30pm on Saturday, 20 November at St Paul's Anglican Church, Brisbane St, Ipswich.**

Featuring Benjamin Britten's cantata *Saint Nicolas* and Karl Jenkins' *Requiem*, this is a rare opportunity to hear the Queensland Eisteddfod's reigning Grand Champion Choir performing alongside the Cambrian Youth Choir, together with acclaimed tenor Gregory Massingham and a guest orchestra.

Tickets (\$35 Adults, \$30 Groups 6+, \$15 Children 6-15yrs) are available via the choir's website, [www.cambrianchoir.org.au](http://www.cambrianchoir.org.au), or by phone at 0410 310 846.



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Again this year, Elizabeth Stewart has offered to organize a choir to record music for Christmas. Although we would love to guarantee live music at Christmas masses, we can't be sure that the opening of the borders will not affect how we can celebrate liturgy.

If you are interested in joining the choir we would welcome you. Please contact Elizabeth or the parish office if you wish to be involved. There will be some practices and then a recording session prior to Christmas so that we can use our music at our Christmas masses. All are welcome.

**Congratulations to Nathan Webb on his Ordination to the Diaconate today.**

**May you be forever filled with God's blessings and the energy and joy of the Holy Spirit.**



**HOLY SPIRIT**

## 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.

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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,  
 Anne Anderson, Jan Watkins, 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  
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**NOTICE**



**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOV/DEC**

Sunday	<b>14 Nov</b> World Day of the Poor
Tuesday	<b>16 Nov</b> Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	<b>23 Nov</b> Parish Office Closed
Wednesday	<b>24 Nov</b> Releasing of Memories Liturgy 10.00am
Sat/Sun	<b>27/28 Nov</b> 1st Sunday of Advent
Friday	<b>3 Dec</b> Mater Dei finishes for 2021

**SISTINE CHAPEL EXHIBITION**

**Date:** 27/10/21-2/1/22

**Where:** The Ice Cream Factory, Level 2, West Village,  
 97 Boundary Road, West End (Brisbane)

Take a life-size up-close perspective of Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel. With special expertise and care, the ceiling paintings from the Chapel have been reproduced in a truly unique way using high-definition photos. Visitors are given a way to engage with the artwork in ways that were never before possible; seeing every detail, every brushstroke, and every colour of the artists 34 frescoes.  
For session times and ticket prices, book online at Fever.

**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 & Fourth 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

