

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

20-21 NOVEMBER 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord. As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land. The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

© Richard Leonard SJ

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Anne Thomas	Brian Carter
Moya Schaefer	Len Pauli
Greg Logan	Murray Doyle
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)
Baby Thomas Stone (Erbs' family friends)



ANNIVERSARIES

John Mullen
Sr. Lucian Donovan
Andy Flamsteed
Alexander Blackie
Ken Whitelegg
Noreen Carroll
George Preece
Ken Merritt
Peter Coman
Matthew Thompson
Bruce Luck


St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Yr B First Reading: <i>Daniel 7: 13 - 14</i> His sovereignty is eternal.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 92: 1-2,5</i> The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>Revelations 1: 5-8</i> The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: <i>Mark 11: 9,10</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>John 18: 33-37</i> You say that I am a king.</p> <p>Next week's readings First Sunday of Advent Year C <i>Jeremiah 33: 14-16</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2</i> <i>Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36</i></p>	<p>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.</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>POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER</p>  <p>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</p>

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BISHOP ROBERT McGUCKIN—DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
 I would like to encourage everyone to be vaccinated against Covid-19. This is particularly important when people gather together. We need to be conscious not only of our own health but also the health of others.
 In exercising rights, Christ's faithful, both individually and in associations, must take account of the common good of the Church, as well as the rights of others and their own duties to others.
 As Diocesan Bishop (cf. Canon 223, §2 of the Code of Canon Law), I issue the regulation that **all those who are to distribute Holy Communion** at the Celebration of the Eucharist, or are to take Holy Communion to those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Aged Care Facilities, or to individuals in their own home, must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
 Pope Francis appeals for people to be vaccinated, calling it "an act of love". +Robert Most Reverend Robert M McGuckin Bishop of Toowoomba



WORLD SYNOD OF BISHOPS – DIOCESAN RESPONSE
CHANGE OF RESPONSE DATE

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, St Theresa's Parish Pastoral Council will facilitate 3 group meetings in 2022.
 Meeting 1 Thursday 20 January 2022 6pm—Focus on **Communion** dimension
 Meeting 2 Thursday 27 January 2022 6pm—Focus on **Participation** dimension
 Meeting 3 Thursday 3 February 2022 6pm—Focus on **Mission** dimension

Members of the parish may also like to meet together in friendship groups, or send individual responses via email to the parish or written responses on paper can be placed in the suggestion box in the foyer.
 From all responses, a summarised response from our parish would then be sent on.

The response date is now 27 February 2022.

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



St Theresa's Parish



ADVENT BOOKLETS

The parish have some booklets published by the Diocese of Wollongong with reflections for each day of Advent available to be purchased for \$5.00. Booklets are in the foyer.

If you wish to purchase a booklet, please write your name on the sheet and indicate whether you have paid.

Money can be placed in the book box or alternatively payment can be made at the parish 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



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.



CHRISTMAS CENT SALE

A Christmas Cent Sale run by The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver is being held at the Cathedral Centre 123 Neil St Toowoomba on Saturday December 4. Doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Great prizes are on offer as well as a raffle including a homemade Christmas cake, ham, fruit tray and more. A pre-packed afternoon tea will be provided. Entry is \$5.00 including a free sheet of tickets. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818. All proceeds go to the missionary poor.

ADVENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES, THE CATHOLIC GUY

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

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 [trybookinghttps://www.trybooking.com/BTUPN](https://www.trybooking.com/BTUPN)

THE BACH SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND PRESENTS HANDEL'S MESSIAH

7:30pm on Saturday November 27th,
Dron Auditorium at St Peter's Lutheran College
Performing Arts Centre, Lambert Road,
Indooroopilly

Tickets (\$45 Adults; \$40 Concessions; \$35 Groups 6+; \$20 Secondary Students; Children free) are available via

www.trybooking.com/BUWKY, or

by phone at
0438 971 951.



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.



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 you 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.

CONTACTS

Parish Priest:

Fr Brian Noonan ph:4696 7094
 e-mail: brian.noonan@sttheresas.org.au
 brianjnoonan@bigpond.com

Pastoral Associate

Monica Brennan
 Ph.: 4639 4688
 e-mail: monica@sttheresas.org.au

Parish Secretary:

Janet Weier
 Ph.: 4639 4688
 e-mail: office@sttheresas.org.au

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, 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
 0456 816 088



NOTICE



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOV/DEC

Tuesday	23 Nov Parish Office Closed
Wednesday	24 Nov Releasing of Memories Liturgy 10.00am
Sat/Sun	27/28 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent 27/28 Nov Centenary St Joseph's Church Dalby
Friday	3 Dec 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

