

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

4 - 5 DECEMBER 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist encourages his followers to be patient, as the wait for salvation will soon be over. The Israelites longed to see the day when the Messiah would come. Each generation hoped and prayed that they would be the one to witness the appearance of God's anointed. The Jewish people still hope and pray for this event in every generation.

But Jesus did not come as many expected. Some thought he would arrive in a dramatic event and the end of the world would occur. Others expected a regal entrance or a political overthrow of the Romans. Luke's Gospel repeatedly points out that the very people who longed for the day to see the Messiah missed out because they were looking for the wrong signs.

John the Baptist is the first to see Jesus for who he really is for the world. He recognises that Jesus' sacrificial love can fill our valleys, lay mountains low, make crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth.

Advent is not a season where we have to pretend that we do not know Jesus is coming and then put on mock surprise at Christmas. Advent is the season which celebrates a 'patient yes'. Every year all of us in the Church stand in a queue and remind ourselves of how blessed we are to have seen our salvation in Jesus. We remember the faith of those who longed to see what we see and to know what we know. And we cultivate our patience for life's valleys, mountains and crooked paths where sometimes we can feel Jesus' absence more than his presence, where only when we look back we can see he was with us all the way.

So, as we all wait together in line this Advent let's say yes to all that salvation holds for us: yes to God's personal love; yes to Jesus' kingdom of justice and peace; yes to every opportunity to serve the Gospel and yes to knowing that our God is a companion to us at every step of our journey, even in the most unexpected ways.

Scottish poet John Bell expresses it this way:

'Light looked down and saw the darkness.

"I will go there", said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

"I will go there", said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

"I will go there", said love.

So he,  
the Lord of Light,  
the Prince of Peace,  
the King of Love,  
came down and crept in beside us.'

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### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Richard Jones** (husband of Angela)

**James Wilkins** (brother of Jan Rowland)

**Joe Short** (Powell family group)

**Peter Dillon** (Vivienne Price's father)

### 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)

**Indiana Harman**

(Ray & Madeline Taylor's

Granddaughter)

**Louis Gandini** (Lina Pervan's brother)

**Connie Bamgart** (Lina Pervan's friend)

**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

**Kenneth Powell** **Eileen Heenan**

**James Archibald** **Noel O'Neill**

**Tony Sheridan** **Terry Connor**

**Mick Grayndler** **Neville Dredge**

**Gordon Walton** **Michael Butler**

**Jack Hurley**

**Rev John O'Brien pp**



**Darryl McNamara**

**Bernadette (Detta) Gleeson**

COPIES OF BISHOP ROBERT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR 2021

ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<b>Second Sunday of Advent Year C</b> <b>First Reading:</b> <i>Baruch 5: 1-9</i> Jerusalem - God will show you splendour. <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Ps. 125</i> The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. <b>Second Reading:</b> <i>Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11</i> Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ. <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> <i>Luke 3: 4,6</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Luke 3: 1-6</i> All people shall see the salvation of God. <b>Next week's readings</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent Year C</b> <i>Zephaniah 3: 14-18</i> <i>Isaiah 12: 2-6</i> <i>Luke 3:10-18</i>	<b>BAPTISM</b> This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our parish <b>Ellie Jane McInnerney</b> 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		
<b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b>		<b>60th Wedding Anniversary</b> Congratulations to <b>Colin &amp; Beverley Patterson</b> who celebrated 60 years of marriage on Thursday 2nd December 	

## 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

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

St Theresa's Parish

Friday 24 December

6pm Mass in Parish Centre

7.30pm Mass in Parish Centre

Saturday 25 December

8.30am Mass in Parish Centre

Book on Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVZLX> or use QRcode pictured

Please contact the parish office if you have difficulty.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER**



### 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.



### CHANGES TO MONTHLY CARE AND CONCERN TEAM MEETING

At the most recent Care and Concern Team meeting held early in November, Mary Otto agreed to take on the role of Team Coordinator for 12 months. Due to other commitments on a Tuesday morning, the day and time of the meeting had to be changed.

**Those present at the meeting agreed to the first Monday of the month at 3pm in the parish office.**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th February.**

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



This weekend is the last opportunity for items for the Domestic Violence Appeal to be collected by Joann Hodal. If you have any items to donate please bring them to the church over the weekend. Sunday is the last day for donations.

### POSITION VACANT - PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are invited for the role of Parish Secretary - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The position available is Part-Time - 20 hours per week with holiday/sick leave relief (including school holidays).

Contact [lol.pariah@bigpond.com](mailto:lol.pariah@bigpond.com) to obtain a copy of the position description and selection criteria. Applications should be submitted with a cover letter, your resume, your responses to the selection criteria and details of at least two referees to: Jon Dwan, Chairperson Parish Council, 153 Holberton St Toowoomba, **by Friday 17th December 2021.**



### ST VINCENT De PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul conference of St Theresa's Christmas appeal envelopes are in the foyer.

If you are able to contribute a monetary gift towards others, envelopes have been placed near the gift box for you to use.

Filled envelopes can be placed in the collection slot on the St Vincent de Paul stand in the foyer or placed in the gift box.

Monetary donations enable St Vincent de Paul to assist more diverse groups within our community especially at this time of year.



### 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.

**CONTACTS**

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**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: Mary Otto

**RCIA**

Coordinator: David Wilson  
 0451 131 849



**NOTICE**



**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR DEC**

Wednesday	<b>15 Dec</b> Advent Reconciliation 2nd Rite liturgy <b>6pm</b> St Theresa's Parish Centre
Friday	<b>24 Dec 6pm</b> Christmas Eve mass <b>7.30pm</b> Christmas Eve mass
Saturday	<b>25 Dec 8.30am</b> Christmas Day mass
Saturday	<b>25 Dec</b> No Vigil Mass
Sunday	<b>26 Dec</b> 9.30am Mass

**BUS TRIP, MARIAN VALLEY**

**When:** Wednesday 8th December, feast Immaculate Conception.

**Where:** Bus departs Neil St. outside St. Patricks Cathedral 7:30 am

**Cost \$30.**

For bookings contact Theresa 0434 528 904

**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 Monday of the Month**

*Care & Concern Meeting*  
 3.00pm 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.*

