

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

10-11 SEPTEMBER 2022

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

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 for Safeguarding Sunday

In the Catholic Church, Safeguarding Sunday occurs at the end of National Child Protection Week. It complements the wider Australian commemoration but has a distinctive emphasis. Safeguarding Sunday was affirmed by the members of the Church's recent Plenary Council, who in the decrees expressed "our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse". That focus naturally leads to the desire to make amends to the people who were abused and to ensure that in all the relationships with children within the Church they will be safe. The processes and protocols support that commitment to say "Never Again" to abuse.

National Child Protection Week looks more broadly at the need of children for protection. Its theme this year is "Every child in every community needs a fair go". It asks us to reflect on the support that children need to grow into confident and trusting adults, free from abuse of every kind. This perspective brings home to us the horror of what was done in the Catholic Church by setting it in the broader need for protection in the Australian community as a whole. Our effectiveness in safeguarding children depends on changing deep-rooted attitudes, particularly to recognise our own sinfulness and failure to protect children and to be attentive to the vulnerable people in our Church community. The Mass readings focus on this. We must also, however, make safe the environment in which they live. We do this by ensuring that they are listened to, are accompanied, that they are not vulnerable to predators and that protocols of conduct with children are strictly observed. The Plenary Council "calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that Church environments are safe and respectful". The ways of keeping safe must be imprinted on hands and feet, on fences and in timetables, as well as on minds. For children, being given a fair go means that they will be safe in the company they keep and in the activities they do. For adults who accompany them, ensuring that they have a fair go means constant care to keep them safe.

The readings of this Sunday are about the attitudes needed in our Church if we are to keep children safe. The First Reading from the Book of Exodus 32:7-14 is part of a story of Israel's lack of seriousness and of God's patience. It stresses the need for constant self-reflection. God had freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and, through Moses, was shaping a community built on worship and awareness. While Moses is with God on the mountain, the people forget God and make a gold idol to worship. Moses then pleads with God not to cancel out the people for their fickleness. On Safeguarding Sunday, the story suggests how great is the sinfulness of a community that allowed the abuse of children to go un-addressed for so long, how seriously we must take the protection of children and how firm God's commitment is to the community despite our sinfulness. (*con't*)



HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Anne Thomas Brian Carter
Moya Schaefer Greg Logan
Murray Doyle
Margaret Barry (past parishioner)

Friends and Family

Di Winterton
Erica Armagnacq (Bill Armagnacq's Daughter in Law)
Margaret Chiesa
Janette Ansell (Patricia Stevens sister)
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)
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
Molly Schmidt (Aileen Collins' friend)
Peter Brown (Denis' brother)
The Dowling Family
Reg Parsons (Powell family group)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ignazio Ginardi Les Boland
Kevin Rowland Bill Blackie
Ann Brock Greg Long
Patricia Preece Terry Doyle
Edward Meiklejohn
Margaret Sewell
Terry Johnstone
Elizabeth Moore
Gladys Schneider
Kathleen Hoysted
Roslyn Atzeni
Agnes Thompson
Dawn Cartwright



Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

MASSSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	MASS 9AM
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9AM MASS
SAT	6PM VIGIL
SUN	9.30AM MASS
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.	

READINGS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: *Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14*
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps: 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17*
I will rise and go to my Father.

Second Reading: *1 Timothy 1: 12-17*
Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 15: 1-32*
There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

Next week's readings
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Amos 8: 4-7
1 Timothy 1: 1-8
Luke 16: 1-13

NOTICES

BAPTISM

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome

Noah Colin Fisk
into our parish.



Baptisms are held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am

Baptism

FLOWERS FOR CARNIVAL WEEKEND

17/18 September

To celebrate the Season of Creation and our own Carnival of Flowers, we would like to decorate our church with flowers. All parishioners are invited to bring either cut flowers or flowering pot plant to Masses on that weekend. Flowers etc can be dropped off on Friday if that is more suitable or just bring them to the mass that you attend. Looking forward to a colourful display of Creation.

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS DISPLAY

St Patrick's Cathedral presents "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers display. Open from Friday 16th till Wednesday 21st September from 9am -5pm daily. Donations gratefully accepted. Along with an organ music concert "Let the Organ Thunder" on Monday 19th September, at 10.15am. Performed by Dr Steven Nisbet OAM. Entry by donation to OSQ organ scholarships.



(con't) The Second Reading is from Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christian community in Ephesus. The letter describes how a faithful life should be conducted in the community. In this passage, Paul stresses the seriousness of following Jesus by describing his own life. His calling took him from being a blasphemer driven by rage to the discovery of God's love in Jesus. He emphasises the importance of attending both to our sinfulness and to the even greater love and forgiveness of God. On Safeguarding Sunday, this reading urges us to keep before our eyes the horror and betrayal of sexual abuse and of our failure to notice and respond to it, while recognising that from repentance we will experience more deeply God's love. Paul's way is the opposite to moving on.

The Gospel reading from Luke 15:1-32 also looks at the way we see God and at the attitudes that should animate us as Christ's community. These attitudes are set against those of Jesus' critics who complain against his eating with sinners.

The complaints indicate that the critics believe that they themselves are not sinners. Jesus tells stories that look at the question from God's point of view. The shepherd who goes into the scrub to search for a single lost sheep doesn't ask how the sheep came to be lost. Nor does the father, who longs for the return of a son who has wasted the hard-built security of his father and brother and now returns to find board and lodging, think about his son's guilt. Both shepherd and father simply rejoice in being reunited with what they had lost.

On Safeguarding Sunday, the Gospel reminds us how attentive we should be to people in need, including those who have separated themselves from the community. It indicates, too, the level of care we ought to have for children in the Church and the seriousness with which we should observe the safeguards. The Parable of the Prodigal Son also points to our special responsibility to seek out and welcome people who have been abused as children in the Church. Any financial cost we might bear as a Church in compensating them for the abuse they have suffered in our care is insignificant compared to the gain if they again find a home in Christ's church. The Gospel is about

bigheartedness. *Prepared by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ*

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

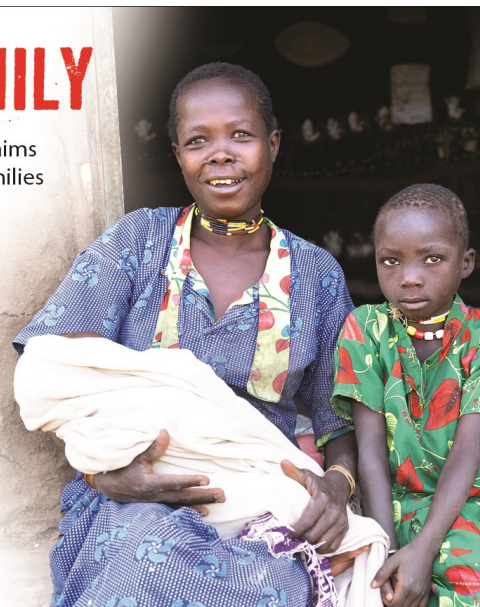
The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



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JUBILEE CELEBRATION MASS OF ORDINATIONS

of

60 Years

Fr. Michael McClure

50 Years

Fr. Peter Dorfield, Fr. Ray Johnson, Fr. John Peard, Fr. Michael Cooney,

Fr. Ray Crowley, Fr. Rod MacGinley, Fr. Sean Lynskey CSSp

25 Years

Fr. Shane Carr, MSC.

on

Monday, 12th September, 2022 at 11.00am St Patrick's Cathedral



RCIA enquiry night – St Theresa's Catholic Church

20th September 2022 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 on 4639 4688



POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each creature

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #92

Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #119

St Theresa's Parish

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David Wilson, Kath Doherty, Trish Kennedy-Lee, Glen/
Bernadette Whisson, Greg Hallam, Elizabeth Curtis.
Monica Brennan.

Finance Committee

Fr. Brian Noonan, Warren Dredge, Ray Taylor, Shane
Blakeley, Pat Richardson, Tim Burgess.

Liturgy Team

Fr. Brian Noonan, Jan Mayo, Peter Kenny, Peter Nolan,
Monica Brennan, Gay Jorgensen, 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 Tracy Stinson, Elizabeth Curtis, Monica
Brennan

Sacramental Team:

Monica Brennan, Kathy Doherty, David Wilson,
Gay Jorgensen.

Consolation Team:

Fr Brian Noonan, Peter Kenny, Josephine Nolan,
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

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	4 September No Morning Tea
Friday	9 September Healing Mass Infin8 69 Stuart St, Mt Lofty 10.30am
Sat/Sunday	10/11 September Catholic Missions Collection Guest Speaker, Paul Blom
Sat/Sunday	10/11 September Safeguarding Sunday
Friday	17 September End Term 3 ends for Mater Dei School

ADVENT BOOKLETS

Both the Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Diocese of
Wollongong have produced booklets for Advent. Both
books cost \$5.00.

Brisbane's booklet *Heart of the Disciple* is a new 28-day
reflection resource that can be used during Advent by
individuals and groups, or at any time during the 2022-
2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to
find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to
sit with God and to trust him to lead us forward.

Wollongong's *Incarnate* is a 86-page pocket-size book
containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily re-
flections from the beginning of Advent (27 November
2022) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January
2023). *Incarnate* also features beautiful religious art-
works from the Masters such as Caravaggio, Santafede,
Murillo, Poussin, Fra Angelico and Brueghel The Elder
with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections
written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.
If you are interested in purchasing a book, please write
your name and contact details on the sheet in the foyer or
email the office by Wednesday 28 September to enable
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Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting 3rd October

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.

