



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

5-6 NOVEMBER 2022

THIRTY-SECOND 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.

Today's Gospel focuses on those nagging questions that plague us all from time to time. What will heaven be like? What will happen to me in the resurrection of the body? While these are interesting enough questions on which to speculate and pray, this story from Dan McAuley reminds us that resurrection and a taste of heaven are often closer than we think.

'One day when I was in my early years of High School I noticed this boy from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends the next afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They knocked all his books out of his arms and tripped him up so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye.

'As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and just said, "Thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to another school before now. We talked all the way home, and I helped him carry his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool guy. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same.

'Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are going to really build some serious muscles with this pile of books every day!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were in our last year of school we began to think about university. Kyle wanted to study overseas, I was going to stay at home. I knew wherever we were that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem.

'Kyle topped our class at school. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. But when he took the microphone he looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Sometimes I was jealous. Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled.

As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduating from school is a time when you can thank those who helped you make it through the tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach, but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to another person can save someone from hell. Let me tell you a story." "I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mother wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying all his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, my friend saved me from doing the unspeakable. I looked at hell, but the kindness of a friend showed me heaven. And he didn't even know it and I haven't looked back since." "If we want to know what heaven or the resurrection is like, then Jesus says, go and do likewise.

Richard Leonard sj

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shane Mason (Alf Mason's Nephew)
HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Anne O'Connor

Christine Scott

Brian Carter

Murray Doyle

Margaret Barry

Anne Thomas

Moya Schaefer

Glenda Walsh

Bert Pervan

Friends and Family

Jennifer Fogarty

(Beverley Patterson's Friend)

Anna Sinclair (Mary Conaghan's mother)

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)

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

Grace Jones

Doreen Dunne

Warren Smith

Gwen Savage

Marie Sheridan

Denis Downs

Janet Taylor

Kirsty Mae Hudson

St Theresa's Parish

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: *Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14*

The King of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: *16:1,5-6,8,15*

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians* May the Lord strengthen you in everything you do or say.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the first born of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 20: 27-38*

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Next week's readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Malachi 3: 19-20

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Luke 21: 5-19

NOTICES

BAPTISM

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



**Reminder Healing Mass
Wednesday 9th at 10am**

If you have any roses or other flowers in your garden that you are happy to donate for table decorations, could you please drop them at the office on Tuesday.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL

During November and early December, Joann Hodal is generously giving of her time to organise the collection of items which she will then make into the domestic violence packages from St Theresa's. Thank you Joann for the tremendous gift of your time and energy for these precious packages of dignity.

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 into or they can be left at the parish office during office hours.

We thank you all sincerely for your continuing support for this community outreach project.



WINTER SHELTER INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday 8th November at 6pm at St Theresa's Parish Centre, Peter Rubie (Coordinator of Toowoomba Winter Shelter project) will be providing an information session on what would be involved for St Theresa's participation in the Winter Shelter Project in Toowoomba. Anyone that would be interested in learning more about this fabulous service to our vulnerable, please feel free to come along on Tuesday.

Any questions, please contact Matt Boyd on 0427 058 655 or any of your Parish Council members.



Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

St Theresa's Parish

November - the month of Remembrance

During this month of November as the Liturgical Year draws to a close, Christians throughout the world take time to remember and reflect upon the graced lives of our loved ones who have died.

This year you are invited to sit quietly here at St Theresas', to hold the lives of those whom you have loved close to your hearts in thought and prayer.

A special place for this purpose has been set up in our Chapel which will be opened at the following times.

5.30pm before Saturday Vigil Mass

9am before Sunday Morning Mass

7.30am to 8.15am Tuesday and Thursday mornings

9.30am to 10am Wednesday and Friday mornings immediately following Morning Mass

You are invited to light a candle in memory of your loved ones, place it in the sand tray and write their names on small golden hearts to be found in the sacred space. Place the heart or hearts around the sand tray on the table.

If you have any questions please contact Janet or Monica at the Parish Office on 4639 4688.

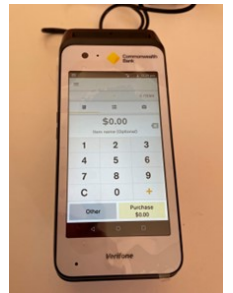


ELECTRONIC COLLECTIONS DEVICE

St Theresa's now has the ability to accept donations/money for the collection through cards electronically. It does not replace Planned Giving envelopes or Direct Credits.

This device enables you to donate any amount you choose using your cards, either by tapping, inserting or swiping the card. Once your transaction has occurred, a paper receipt will be printed for you to take.

An instruction procedure is near the electronic device pictured.



CHRISTMAS CENT SALE

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their Christmas Cent Sale at **The Cathedral Centre on Saturday December 3**. Entrance is just **\$5** which includes a free sheet of tickets and afternoon tea. Doors open at **1.00pm** with afternoon tea at **1.30 pm before 2.00 pm** calling of tickets. Many wonderful prizes can be won. There are great prizes in the multidraw including a ham, homemade Christmas cake, fruit tray and more. Raffles, including a total of \$1000 in cash prizes are to be won. In addition a \$100 number prize board is on offer.

All funds go to The Missions. **Sisters can be contacted on 4632 1818.**



NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF REMEMBERING

During the month of November, we, as a church, especially remember our loved ones, both family and friends, who are no longer with us. A book to record the names of those you wish to remember is now in the foyer. Please write the names of your loved ones in this book to be remembered at our scrolling of names 12/13 November weekend masses.



POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



St Theresa's Parish

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Tim Burgess, Gailene Jurgs, Matt Boyd, 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 NOVEMBER

Wednesday	9 November Anointing and Healing Mass 10am
Sat/Sunday	12/13 November Scrolling of Names
Sunday	20 November School/Parish mass led by Mater Dei Prep and Yr 6 9.30am
Sunday	20 November SPRED Thanksgiving Mass 1.30pm
Wednesday	23 November Releasing of Memories Liturgy 10am

You are invited to

"The Letter"

starring Pope Francis
Sunday 6th Nov 6.30pm

OLOL Church

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si', an encyclical letter about the environmental crisis to every single person in the world. A few years later, four voices that have gone unheard in global conversations have been invited to an unprecedented dialogue with the Pope. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawai'i, they bring perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into a conversation with Pope Francis himself. In 2022, on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Vatican released a new documentary titled "The Letter," which follows their journey to Rome and the extraordinary experiences that took place there and is packed with powerfully moving personal stories alongside the latest information about the planetary crisis and the toll it's taking on nature and people. It is hoped that seeing this film will deepen our awareness of the preciousness of creation, the effects of climate change and the urgency of putting our energy behind the movement to protect our environment.

A light supper will be served from 6.30pm followed by the movie. For catering please RSVP to the Parish Office on 4634 1453



Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting 5 December 3pm

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.

