

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

19-20 NOVEMBER 2022

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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.

The Power of Remembering

Memory is an awesomely powerful phenomenon. A passing comment or even aroma can lead to the vivid recall of some event, some person, and we can still feel the joy or sorrow, the happiness or trauma. But it can decline. One of the sadnesses about a person suffering from Alzheimer's Disease is that one cannot be sure that one's dearly loved father or mother really remembers you, and you desperately want to be 'brought to mind'.

Again, if you memorise something, you are said to 'know it by heart'. That is why we want to be remembered by someone important to us: we want that person to 'know us by heart'. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that God *always* remembers you, remembers me, that we are *always* 'in mind', that God 'knows us *by heart*'. That would be a powerful remembering. In today's Gospel, amidst all the scoffing and jeering and the taunting of Our Lord: 'If you be the king of the Jews...', one of the criminals crucified with Jesus simply pleads:

'Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.' 'Jesus'. Surprisingly, this is one of only two instances in the Gospels where Jesus is addressed by his name.

'Jesus' is a short form of the Jewish name 'Joshua' which means 'Yahweh helps' or 'may Yahweh help'. This poor tortured criminal recognised in his fellow crucified someone who embodied the power of God to save him – to save him from the realm of everlasting death and to transfer him to the divine realm of everlasting life.

Unlike the jeering and taunting leaders, he saw the truth of the inscription: 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.' He was invoking the Kingly power – the power of absolute pardon responding to a petition for mercy.

But he does not plead for mercy in so many words. He simply pleads: 'Remember me'. It was enough for him if this Jesus would 'bring him to mind', would 'know him by heart'.

It was enough for him to be imprinted on Jesus' memory, and saving consequences would follow. Even after the dissolution of the body in death, he could be remembered in heavenly glory.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'.

At times, the church has emphasised the all too worldly aspects of that title, symbolised perhaps in the bestowing of the triple crown on the Pope at his coronation in years past.

However, the true sovereignty of Jesus Christ is perfectly shown in this little episode in His dying moments on the throne of the cross: 'Today, you will be with me in Paradise.'

Jesus demonstrates all the kingly power you or I will ever need and he shows that he will do so not by lording it over us, but, as with the criminal on Calvary, being close enough to really gaze at us so that we are imprinted on his mind.

So one of the tasks in life is to put ourselves in a position where we can be confident that Jesus is alongside us:

in coming to Mass in response to Jesus' imperative at the Last Supper: 'Do this in memory of me.'

Do these things and we can be sure that Our Lord is present, close enough to gaze on us, close enough at the moment of death to hear our voices joining that of the criminal on Calvary:

'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart.'

And He will, and when He does, that is our salvation — *that* is to be in Paradise.

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HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Anne O'Connor	Brian Powell
Leo Flynn	Christine Scott
Anne Thomas	Brian Carter
Moya Schaefer	Glenda Walsh
Murray Doyle	Bert Pervan

Friends and Family

Lisle Stephenson
(Kathy Sternes' Friend)

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

Kass Bourke	John Mullen
Noreen Carroll	George Preece
Sr Lucien Donovan	
Andy Flamsteed	
Alexander Blackie	
Ken Whitelegg	
Ken Merritt	
Peter Coman	
Matthew Thomson	

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year C First Reading: <i>2 Samuel 1-3</i> They anointed David king of Israel. Responsorial Psalm: <i>121: 1-5</i> Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Second Reading: <i>Colossians 1: 12-20</i> He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Gospel Acclamation: 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! Gospel: <i>Luke 23: 35-43</i> Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom. Next week's readings, First Sunday of Advent Year A <i>Isaiah 2: 1-5</i> <i>Romans 13: 11-14</i> <i>Matthew 24: 37-44</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM Baptisms are held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am</p> 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	9.30AM MASS		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			<p>Reminder Releasing of Memories Liturgy Wednesday 23rd November 10.00am</p>

SPRED Where Faith and Friendship Meet

INFORMATION EVENING

DATE: Wednesday, November 30

TIME: 5:30pm – 6.30pm

WHERE: SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street Toowoomba Ph. 4632 8427

SPRED is having a friend to walk beside you in the everyday happenings of life, which is exactly where God is to be found.

Please refer to flyer in the foyer for further information.

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.



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.

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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.



REFLECTION

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feastday! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

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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.**



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

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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
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NOTICE

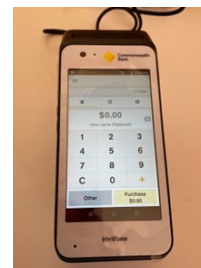
**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR
 NOVEMBER**

Sat	19 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

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.



**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.



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.

