

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

14-15 JANUARY 2023

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

## 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 The Perfume of Holiness

I visited my mother quite often in the last years of her life and sometimes when she kissed me and gave me a big hug, I came away with the scent of 'Tea Rose' perfume lingering all over me. Mum loved that perfume and sometimes doused herself quite extravagantly. And some of it would rub off on me.

That is how we become 'holy'.

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of ordinary people who aren't quite up to the mark in doing the right thing. It certainly doesn't mean an unattractive superiority: 'holier than thou'!

It means being so close to God, so much of an intimate with God, so much one of the close family of God, that God's holiness rubs off.

In today's Gospel, John says of Jesus that He will baptise people with the Holy Spirit. At our baptisms, we were given an extravagant dousing of the Holy Spirit, we were plunged and immersed into Holy Spirit, we emerged smelling of Holy Spirit, we were made holy.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'you are my beloved son' or 'you are my beloved daughter'. We are family.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, he would use the same terms he used in writing to the Corinthians. This is how it would run:

'... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

Isn't that a beautiful understanding of who we are?

We are not a branch office of a multinational religious organisation with the Archbishop as the local manager. We have our own dignity. We are the church of God that is in this town made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.

But, we are not alone. There are many people gathering in a multitude of places around the world, people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. As St Paul would put it, we are *who* we are 'together with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every meeting place'. St Paul recognises the bonds which link us. But, how is the 'togetherness' held together?

What quickly emerged in the early church was the need for strong bonds to develop between the leaders of those 'who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ' in Jerusalem and the leaders of those who did the same out on the missions in the pagan world. With the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD, it was natural that the linchpin, the strongest link, should be the successor of St Peter martyred in Rome.

Yes, we are 'Catholic', i.e. worldwide, and 'Roman Catholic' because we are in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

So, at the base level, recall how St Paul describes us:

'Members of the Church of God that is in [this town], made up of those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.' That is who we are. We are those to whom St Paul sends his greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Philomene Fry** (Peter Conaghan's aunt)

**Cardinal George Pell**

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners:

<b>Brian Powell</b>	<b>Tim Blades</b>
<b>Leo Flynn</b>	<b>Christine Scott</b>
<b>Anne Thomas</b>	<b>Brian Carter</b>
<b>Moya Schaefer</b>	<b>Glenda Walsh</b>
<b>Bert Pervan</b>	<b>Murray Doyle</b>

### Friends and Family

**Lisle Stephenson**

(Kathy Sternes' Friend)

**Jennifer Fogarty**

(Beverley Patterson's Friend)

**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)

**Glynis Grosskopf** (Powell family group)

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Rex Murphy**

**Darcy O'Reilly**

**John Carroll**

**Hayley Ryan**

**Lily Curran**

**Nelle Laffy**

**Helen Armagnacq**

**Millicent Smith**

**Francine Anson (Skippen)**

**Brian Walsh**



**Liam O'Reilly**


**Stuart Ashtom**

**Patricia Court**

**Mick Roche**


# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p><b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Year A</b>  <b>First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5 - 6</b>                      I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.  <b>Responsorial Psalm: 39: 2, 4, 7- 10</b>                      Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.  <b>Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 3</b>                      The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>                      Alleluia, Alleluia!                      The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him. Alleluia!  <b>Gospel: John 1: 29-34</b>                      This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  <b>Next week's readings,</b>  <b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b>  <i>Isaiah 8:23- 9:3</i>  <i>1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17</i>  <i>Matthew 4: 12-23</i></p>	<p>The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30 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>			



**SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY**  
 69 Margaret Street Toowoomba

Please view the website for current happenings at Sychar.  
 You are most welcome to visit Sychar if you are in Toowoomba – however, to ensure that someone can be there to greet you, please contact Sr. Elaine ahead of time if possible at 0458 020 906.  
 See Term 1 schedule below and various program flyers on the foyer noticeboard.



**FIRST TERM SCHEDULE: 23 January – 30 March 2023**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO LIBRARY AVAILABILITY:**

The work of attending to the library will now be on a more "ad hoc" basis, as need arises. As Tuesday mornings will be set aside for the program "Encountering the Christ of the Gospels: A Retreat in Everyday Life", this time would no longer be appropriate for using the library. Probably the best times to access the library would be before or after attending programs offered at Sychar or Wednesdays between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon. If none of these times are suitable, your need can be accommodated if you call or email.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CLOSED Except for</p> <p>Evening Prayer in the style of Taize</p> <p>Seven sessions 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm 6 February - 20 March.</p> <p>(Flyer available)</p>	<p>Encountering the Christ of the Gospels: A Retreat in Everyday Life</p> <p>Eight sessions 9.30 am to 12.00 pm 7 February – 28 March</p> <p>(Flyer available)</p> <p>Christian Meditation 4.00 pm -4.45 pm</p>	<p>9.30am to 12.30pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Chrysalis 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm 8 February ff</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Inner Stillness Fortnightly 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm For information contact Elaine Bartlett <a href="mailto:eln01@optusnet.com.au">eln01@optusnet.com.au</a></p>	<p>Contemplative Prayer: Centering Prayer in the tradition of Fr Thomas Keating 11.00 am – 12.00 pm 9 February ff</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Quadratos Eight sessions 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm 9 February – 30 March</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Men Seeking Wisdom 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm For information, contact Robie Jayawardhana <a href="mailto:rjayawardhana@gmail.com">rjayawardhana@gmail.com</a> OR Jason Obst <a href="mailto:job70644@bigpond.net.au">job70644@bigpond.net.au</a> OR Peter Nolan <a href="mailto:nolan8@bigpond.com">nolan8@bigpond.com</a></p>	<p>Anam Cara weekly 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm</p> <p>(a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition)</p> <p>For information, contact Clare Smith <a href="mailto:clare_james1@bigpond.com">clare_james1@bigpond.com</a> OR Mary Allen <a href="mailto:maryallen@inet.net.au">maryallen@inet.net.au</a></p> <p>Anam Cara: Come and See 10 March &amp; 24 March (Flyer available)</p>	<p>Tentatively</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> March Reflection Day (Topic yet to be determined)</p>

## St Theresa's Parish

### LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup> so the Lenten program booklets are already printed and orders are being asked from the Dioceses.

This year Evangelisation Brisbane has developed *From Ashes to Hope*.

*From Ashes to Hope* has been written to provide each of us with the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope.

This resource has been written by Shane Dwyer, Associate Director for Adult Formation at Evangelisation Brisbane- an experienced speaker, faith resource writer, course provider and Janiene Wilson, a clinical psychologist who has worked in private practice and in the Church context for many years.

A leaders' guide will be provided for those who will be journeying with a group over the Lenten period.

Wollongong Diocese has produced *Triumph* as their Lenten program resource.

**Triumph** is an 88-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

For those part of a Lenten group, we are honoured to have the insightful **Fr Mark De Battista** (administrator at St Patrick's Catholic Parish, Port Kembla, and chaplain to *Mass for You at Home* on Network Ten and Foxtel around Australia), breaking open the Sunday Gospels for us.

We are also excited to have **Mother Hilda Scott OSB** (abbess at the Benedictine Abbey in Jamberoo NSW) back to provide spiritual direction based on the Sunday Gospels.

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 Friday 27 January to enable ordering to occur. Copies do sell out.

We can organise parish groups for those who wish to participate in early February.

**COSTS: Brisbane's From Ashes to Hope - \$5.00 Wollongong's Triumph - \$7.00**

### POPE FRANCIS'S MESSAGE FOR THE 56TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 2023

Pope Francis' message for the 56th World day of Peace is available in the church foyer.

Please take a copy.

### POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2023

*For educators*

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



### FAITH CIRCLES - WEEKLY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

Wollongong Diocese produces weekly Gospel Reflections which are named Faith Circles.

*Faith Circles* resources are made available here for free by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation in the Diocese of Wollongong (Australia)

Each week copies will be made available for you to take home. If members of the parish wish to join in a weekly group, please contact Monica so that we can organise a meeting time and day.

Faith Circles are also available here at [faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://faithcircles.dow.org.au) in a blog format. It will be the same as the printed version but, in the spirit of *Laudato Si*, it gives you an easy way to access the resource without printing, if you so desire. This version will adapt to whatever device you are viewing it on, whether that be on a computer or laptop, mobile phone, or tablet.

### **New Old Voices**

Secondly, along with the voice of Pope Francis, we have now included homilies and reflections from Pope St John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Many of these writings have been translated from their original Italian and German. Pope Francis remains our main contributor each week but with the addition of two of his predecessors, we feel it adds a depth to our discussions that might not be there otherwise. It is always confronting to realise that the human issues of the 70s remain relevant today!

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr Brian Noonan, Tim Burgess, 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**

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**NOTICE**

**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JANUARY**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24 January</b> Mater Dei School Term 1 begins
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26 January</b> Australia Day <i>Public holiday</i> Parish Office Closed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27 January</b> Lay Led Liturgy



**You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts. In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.**

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

**At Home**

Palms' **Neighbours Without Borders** program (January 7 – 11) will “**focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church**” as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

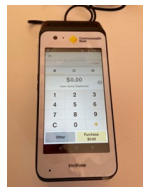
**Overseas**

Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

**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.



**Care & Concern Meeting**

*Care & Concern Meeting* 13 February 2023 @ 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. Parish Centre.

(Grade 7-12 people) PH: 4636 0461

