

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

21-22 JANUARY 2023

3RD 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.

The Voice of Jesus

There are certain news readers or presenters on the radio or TV one wants to switch off: something in the voice grates. Others, one could listen to endlessly: something about the tone is so attractive.

Jesus' voice must have sounded fascinating: something about it perfectly vocalised his attractive and fascinating personality.

It gave true voice to who he was, and this is what proved so alluring to those four fishermen, two sets of two brothers.

It is an extraordinary situation.

These men were running successful fishing operations, family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and *called* them, the Gospel says, *at once* they left their boats and followed him.

Immediately, they allowed this stranger to wrench them out of their place in society, in the commercial life of the Sea of Galilee. Without any further ado, they gave up their status as independent and settled businessmen and became dependent itinerants.

How did this come about?

They were Jewish. Their Jewish scriptures and tradition would have prepared them, filled them with longing and expectation for the Messiah. They were in a state of readiness.

Then, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God, for whom they had been listening.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' *

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything, abandoning their livelihood, for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines.

And then, the call: 'Follow me... ', the call not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

At some stage, you will hear his fascinating voice, and a decision will be required: a decision of faith.

'Come, follow me.' The faith required is not a peculiar sort of knowledge about this or that. 'Faith' is setting out on a journey in the hopeful conviction that *this* Jesus *is* the person who wants to set me on the Way which is most life giving, the person through whom I can receive divine mercy, the person in whom I can share victory over death, the person by whom I am called to participate in Divine life.

The Nazarene is calling.

Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John are also beckoning: 'Take the risk of joining us. Let us together follow the sound of that voice which reverberates throughout all creation, the sound of that voice which perfectly articulates Divine Truth and Beauty, the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.'

* John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, p.246.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerard White (Jan Ede's Brother)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

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

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)

Fr Phil Hicks (msc Meg Hicks's Brother)

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

Robert Johnston **Irene Gatt**

Fred Hoysted **Fred Taylor**

Kevin Rowland **Kevin O'Shea**

Ken McQuirk

Ken Murphy

Benjamin Davey

Carol Martel

Fr William Behm

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9AM MASS
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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 - 9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: 26:1, 4, 13 - 14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:12 - 23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled

Next week's readings,

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Zephaniah 2:3; 12 - 13

1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

NOTICES

This weekend we welcome **Oliver Clay Johnson** into our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism



Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30 or after Mass at 11.00am



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 eln01@optusnet.com.au</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 rjayawardhana@gmail.com OR Jason Obst job70644@bigpond.net.au OR Peter Nolan nolan8@bigpond.com</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 clare_james1@bigpond.com OR Mary Allen maryallen@inet.net.au</p> <p>Anam Cara: Come and See 10 March & 24 March (Flyer available)</p>	<p>Tentatively</p> <p>18th March Reflection Day (Topic yet to be determined)</p>

St Theresa's Parish

LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd 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 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

Coordinator: Damian Carroll

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson
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NOTICE

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JANUARY

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral in James Street, are hosting the World Day of Prayer this year. It will be held on Friday 3rd March 2023.

The focus this year is on TAIWAN 'I have heard about your faith' – from Paul to the Ephesians 1:15-20

There will be a planning and organising meeting held on **Friday 3rd February at 10.00am in St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Centre, 123 Neil Street in the Blue Room. Parking is available via the Lawrence Street entrance.**

Please RSVP by Tuesday 31st January to gsaide@bigpond.net.au or by phone (please leave a message) if you wish to come along to this meeting.

Please see flyer in the foyer for further information.



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

