

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

6 - 7 MAY 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 key characters of the TV series *The Mandalorian* – the Mandalorians – have a saying: “this is the way.” In saying this they refer to a code of belief and practical action that defines their existence as a group and a culture. They are people of “a way.” We, too, are people of “a way.” But not just any way, *the Way* – the only way to anything and everything that eternally matters. This way is Jesus Christ, and He alone is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” As we heard last week, it is Jesus who is the Gate of the sheepfold and the Shepherd of the flock. We are His sheep, and we follow Him to pastures of eternal life, joy, and peace.

Jesus is our only way to the Father. He is not just one of many ways or some kind of first among equals. Only Jesus alone leads us to God and can satisfy the burning desire that we each have to be known and loved. Our flourishing and ultimate happiness is in following Jesus Christ and living in Him. Every person or thing which attempts to lead us away from Jesus ultimately leads us away from God, and so we must reject the voices that lead us away from our Lord. But how do we hear the voice of this most loving shepherd and follow

His way?

- 1) By being silent – God speaks in the silence, so avoid noise and mind-numbing distraction;
- 2) by reading the word of God – it is in the scriptures that God continues to speak to us today;
- 3) by availing ourselves of the Sacraments (especially Holy Communion and Confession) for in them we are strengthened by God's grace to be His disciples; and
- 4) by healthy spiritual reading and daily prayer, both of which will lead us to fuller knowledge of God (which will help us to discern the voices around us).

The early Church was known as “The Way” because it proclaimed the saving message of Jesus Christ as the Way to the Father. The Church today still proclaims that message and as members of the Church we are followers of “the way.” This means that we not only live with heaven in mind, but that we also act here on earth in such a way as to be living images of Christ. As disciples of the Way, we are truly “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God” (1 Pt 2:9). Let our lives resound with the joy and the love of our Lord, so that people everywhere will say “this is the way.”

*- I am always happy to discuss my reflections and warmly welcome your feedback.*

*BJ Perrett*

***Holy Hour with Adoration. Fridays at 5pm in the Parish Centre Chapel.  
All are welcome.***

**Anointing and Healing Mass  
Wednesday 17 May 2023 10am  
St Theresa's Parish Centre**

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners:

**Elizabeth Curtis**     **June Murphy**  
**Brian Powell**        **Leo Flynn**  
**Anne Thomas**        **Brian Carter**  
**Glenda Walsh**       **Bert Pervan**  
**Murray Doyle**

### Friends and Family

**Geraldine Hurley**  
(Gay Jorgensen's Sister)  
**Iain Bruce**  
(Rylee & Joseph Hunt's Grandfather)  
**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)  
**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

**Denise Hodgson**     **Thomas Ryan**  
**Peter Meiklejohn**   **Peta Murphy**  
**Alice Meiklejohn**   **Bryan Rafter**  
**John Robinson**     **Fred Heenan**  
**Eileen Cartwright**   **Peg O'Brien**  
**May Meiklejohn**     **Caitlin Ryan**  
**Joseph Mullen**  
**Pam Edmondson**  
**Pat Doyle**  
**George Hooyer**

# 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
<p><b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b></p>	

## READINGS

**5th Sunday of Easter Year A**

**First Reading:** *Acts 6: 1 - 7*  
The elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

**Responsorial Psalm 32: 1 - 19**  
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading:** *1 Peter 2: 4 - 9*  
You are the chosen race, a royal priesthood.

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *John 14: 1 - 12*  
I am the way, the truth and the life.

**Next week's readings, 6th Sunday of Easter Year A**  
*Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17*  
*1 Peter 3: 15 - 18*  
*John 14: 15 - 21*

## NOTICES

### Baptisms

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



### PLEASE NOTE

*Joann Hodal has advised that the usual Domestic Violence Appeal held in May has been delayed. It will be held later in the year.*

### **The Annual SPRED Appeal, 'Ministry in Action', is currently underway.**

For 35 years the mission on SPRED in the Diocese of Toowoomba has been to be a bridge for our Friends living with intellectual disability. A bridge that takes them from being isolated and hidden, to being participating members of our parish communities. The bridge that is SPRED is built of parishioners like yourselves, who are willing to share faith and friendship with another person. While we continue to need more building materials for our SPRED bridges, we also require funds to ensure the vital work of SPRED can continue. For details on how you can donate, please take one of the flyers located in the foyer.

### **BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY**

BUS TRIP: MARIAN VALLEY – Saturday 20 May, Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Bus departs Neil St., outside Cathedral at 7:30 am. Cost \$40.00. For bookings contact Theresa on 4564 9805, mob. 0434 528 904 email:ther.b@optusnet.com.au

### **NOMINATIONS FOR THE SPIRIT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARDS**

The Spirit of Catholic Education Awards are presented annually in conjunction with Catholic Education Week to celebrate outstanding contributions to Catholic education in Queensland. Each year nominations are received from Catholic school communities across the state, highlighting the important work being undertaken by staff, parents, carers and volunteers who support Catholic school students.

Visit the Catholic Education Week website to nominate.

### **RESOURCE: THE CHURCH AND SPORT**

This video series explores the unique relationship between the Church and sport, looking at the evangelising opportunities within sporting communities and the role that faith plays in competitive physical activity. Hear from the Head of the Vatican's Church and Sport Office, Dr Santiago Pérez de Camino, and Australian experts in the field, Mgr John Woods, Helene O'Neill and Dr Stephen Reid. [Visit the Evangelise Plus website to watch now](#)

### **RESOURCE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday 30/04/23 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, or Sheppard Sunday. A host of resources, such as prayers, bulletin inserts, activities for children and teens, can be found at [worlddayofprayerforvocations.com](http://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com)

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP**

This group will meet on Mondays at 11am in the Parish office All are most welcome. You do not have to commit to coming each week but know that the group will be there to welcome you.

## St Theresa's Parish

### WINTER SHELTER OUTREACH

This year St Theresa's Parish along with a number of other Catholic parishes is going to participate in the Winter Shelter program.

For every day in the 13 weeks of Winter, a safe warm place to sleep and have an evening meal is provided for 10 homeless people.

St Theresa's will be hosting our 10 guests on 3 Monday nights – 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> August.

St Thomas More's parish will be hosting 10 guests on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

To enable our guests to feel welcome, the parish council would encourage anyone who is interested in assisting by signing up as a volunteer.

You need to use the QR Code, attached to the tables in the foyer, to register as a volunteer.

You will need to download the MyImpact app and the QR Code is for BetterImpact (sorry it's a little confusing). Download the App first.

You will be contacted by Matt Boyd when he is back from his Kokoda Trek.

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Parish council as listed on the back of the Bulletin.



### ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING

*Date: 17 May 2023, Wednesday*

*Time: 5:45pm*

*Where: St Anthony's Community Centre, 3 Memory St Tmba*

All are invited to the next gathering of Abrahamic Faiths. Each faith group will give a short presentation on "Dignity of Difference". For further info contact Eric Donges 4637 2009 or John Agnew 4666 3225

### HORIZONS MAGAZINE

*The current issue of Horizons is out now and is available online here [www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/)*

*Also there are copies in the foyer if you would like to take one.*

### PUPPIES FOR SALE

German Shepherd Puppies – 5 males and 3 females. Born 13/4/23.

Interested?

Please contact Clint Perrett 0428652575 or speak to BJ



***On behalf of the St Theresa's Parish Care & Concern Team, I invite you to an Anointing Mass, followed by Morning Tea, to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in the Parish Centre. If you wish to attend, it is imperative that you inform the parish office for catering purposes.***

***RSPV: By Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May***

***Parish Office 4639 4688***

***Please let the office know of any dietary requirements you may have.***

***Should you require transport it is important you RSVP as soon as possible so this can be arranged.***

**Fr Brian Noonan**



### PILGRIMAGE

#### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at [nationl.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:nationl.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 02 89124818.



### BELOVED: WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

*Date: 17 June 2023, Saturday*

*Time: 8:30am to 8:30pm*

*Where: Holy Name Church, 190 Bridge St Tmba*

A day retreat for women of all ages and stages of their faith journey to come to know that they are seen, known & loved through Mass, prayer, praise & worship, talks, community & creativity.

Register via [WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CHSRB](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CHSRB)



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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, David Rogan, Jo Meacle.

**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:**

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  
 0451 131 849



**NOTICE**

**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MAY**

Sun	<b>14 May</b> Mothers Day
Sun	<b>14 May</b> Word Communications Day (Aust)
Mon-Tues	<b>15-23 May</b> Volunteer Week (www.volunteeringaustralia.org)
Wed	<b>17 May</b> Healing and Anointing Mass 10am
Sun	<b>21 May</b> Ascension of the Lord
Sun-Sun	<b>21-28 May</b> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sat	<b>27 May</b> Nationwide Rosary, St Patrick's Cathedral 2pm

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Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

**RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.**



**Palms Australia**

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2023**

**For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



**First Sunday of the Month**

Parish Morning Tea 1st Sunday of the month after 9.30am Mass

**Care & Concern Meeting**

Care & Concern Meeting 8 May 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

