

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

13 - 14 MAY 2023

6TH 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.*

Writing in the first century AD St Peter gives us the model for how to engage the world in the Christian message by evangelising with "courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience." Perhaps this sound advice brings to mind the proverb that more flies are caught with honey than with vinegar, or (to paraphrase Napoleon Bonaparte) the velvet glove wins more friends than the iron fist. The point is the same: brashness, rudeness, and arrogance isn't very convincing and never won many souls for Christ. And it goes without saying that in our society at this time there are many people in desperate need of the Gospel message.

We cannot confront the evils of this age nor proclaim Christ to agnostics, atheists, the indifferent, or people of other religions without a generous helping of courtesy and respect. The recipe for mature preaching of the Gospel is always one part integrity, two parts cunning, and six parts kindness. Integrity keeps everything together, cunning keeps everything cooking, and kindness brings taste and life to the substance of the message. It is thus by way of Goodness that people today will be convinced of the Truth and life-giving nature of Faith.

It goes without saying that this is not easy. If we are convinced of our faith in Jesus Christ as the only way to the Father then we will want to shout His message from the rooftops and be bold in living the Christian life. We will want everyone – as I'm sure we do – to come to the same knowledge and love of God that we have in our Catholic and apostolic faith. But St Peter is urging us to be wise and prudent in giving testimony to Christ. As our Lord Himself says "be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mt 10:16). The reason for this good advice is so that people will know by our way of life that we are truly disciples of Jesus Christ who "died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God." In giving reasons for our hope in Christ let us remember to be grounded in a clear conscience and speak the truth with courtesy and respect. And may our good works and our Christ-centred way of life be a light for all who dwell in darkness. **BJ Perrett**

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

**Holy Hour with Adoration. Fridays at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre Chapel.  
All are welcome.**

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



## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Ronald Weier**

(Janet's Father in Law)

## 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

**Maryanne Otto**     **Minnie Spies**

**Margaret Fletcher**     **Mary Ryan**

**Maureen Godsall**     **Vicki Spanjol**


**Mary Kalinowski**

**Richard Butler**

**Johannes Van Der Veen**

**Mons Edward Concannon**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p><b>6th Sunday of Easter Year A</b></p> <p><b>First Reading:</b> <i>Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17</i> They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>65: 1 - 7, 16, 20</i> Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.</p> <p><b>Second Reading:</b> <i>1 Peter 3: 15 - 18</i> In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b> Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> <i>John 14: 15 - 21</i> I shall ask the Father and he will give you another advocate.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings,</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord Year A</b> <i>Acts 1: 1 - 11</i> <i>Ephesians 1: 17 - 23</i> <i>Matthew 28: 16 - 20</i></p>	<p><b>Baptisms</b></p> <p>Baptisms are 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><b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b></p>			<p><b><u>PLEASE NOTE</u></b></p> <p><i>Joann Hodal has advised that the usual Domestic Violence Appeal held in May has been delayed. It will be held later in the year.</i></p>

**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

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 14 this year). Pope Francis' message this year has the theme 'Speaking with the heart: The truth in love'. Access resources and the Pope's message at: <https://bit.ly/2023WCD>

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

*Date: 15-23 May 2023*

Volunteers are invaluable to our parish and school communities. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you. Visit [volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/nvw-resources](http://volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/nvw-resources) for resources to help celebrate your volunteers.

**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)

# 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: 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**



## CARE & CONCERN RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be on sale on Wednesday 17 May before the Healing Mass in the foyer.

Tickets will be 3 for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each

## 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.



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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> World Communications Day (Aust)
Mon-Tues	<b>15-23 May</b> Volunteer Week ( <a href="http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org">www.volunteeringaustralia.org</a> )
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
Fri	<b>26 May</b> National Sorry Day
Sat	<b>27 May</b> Nationwide Rosary, St Patrick's Cathedral 2pm
Sun	<b>28 May</b> Pentecost Sunday
Sat - Sat	<b>27 May - 3 June</b> National Reconciliation Week ( <a href="http://www.reconciliation.org.au">www.reconciliation.org.au</a> )

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia is observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

The theme for 2023 is

“Do good; seek justice.” (cf Isaiah 1:17)

In Toowoomba, a prayer service will be held on

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May @ 6pm

St Alban's Anglican Church

71 Anzac Ave, Newtown QLD 4350

Everyone is welcome.



**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

