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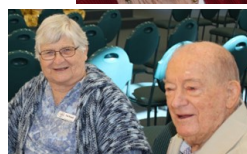
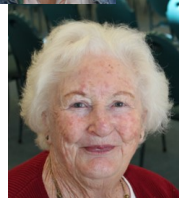
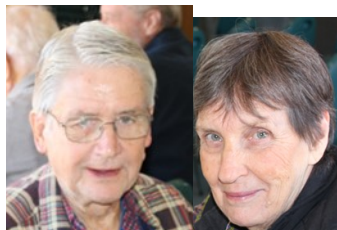
20 - 21 MAY 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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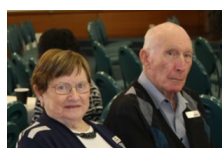
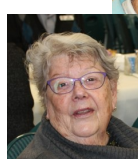
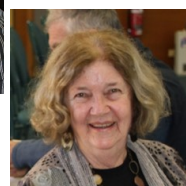
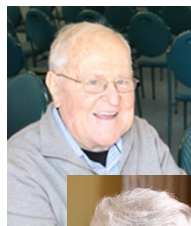
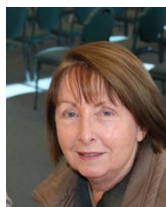
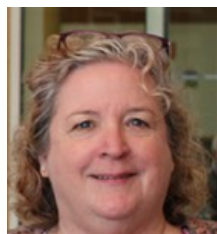
MISSION STATEMENT

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.



**Care & Concern
Healing Mass
Raffle Winners**

**Kathy & Steve Anning
Monica Morrison
Marie Whitelegg
Janet Weier**



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Leo Flynn

Terry Doherty (Armidale)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Doug Meiklejohn

Elizabeth Curtis June Murphy

Brian Powell 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 Bangart (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

Tom Clark

Celie Lyons

Eddie Strickland

Jim Murphy

Pat O'Brien

Hilda White

Alan Mayo

Craig Bosley

Deborah Gordon

Ellen Blackie


Mary Kreis

Terry Ahern

Stella Jeppesen

Barry Doyle

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	The Ascension of the Lord Year A First Reading: <i>Acts 1: 1 - 11</i> Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven. Responsorial Psalm 46: 2 - 3, 6 - 9 God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: A blare of trumpets for the Lord. Second Reading: <i>Ephesians 1: 17 - 23</i> He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven. Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Matthew 28: 16 - 20</i> All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Next week's readings, Pentecost Sunday Year A <i>Genesis 11: 1 - 9</i> <i>Romans 8: 22 - 27</i> <i>John 37 - 39</i>	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 
TUE	NO MASS		Consolation Message You will be remembered each day right from the start. For the memories that we shared forever live within our hearts.
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.			

Reflection

We are baptised members of God's family; we are members of the Church, the Bride of Christ. Specifically we are members of the Church 'Militant' fighting for our faith and our God on this earthly pilgrimage. As such, what is our mission? What is our purpose as the Baptised? It is to do what Christ commanded us: "go... make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you" (Mt 28:19-20). Our mission is simple: proclaim the salvation won for us by Jesus Christ and the way to attain this salvation. What is the way to that salvation? As Our Lord says "observe all the commands I gave you." In this way we will be His witnesses to the ends of the earth by our steadfast faith and by our countercultural and wholly God-oriented way of life.

But what commands did Jesus give us? He gave us many rules for living a life pleasing to the Father – all of which are summed up in the law of love: "[Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength... \[and\] love your neighbour as yourself](#)" (Mk 12:30-31). In doing this we are called to imitate the sacrificial, self-emptying love of our Lord who "became obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:6-8). Therefore our witness to Christ is incomplete if we do not live His commands and teach others to do the same.

As we celebrate the ascension of our Lord into heaven we turn our minds and our hearts towards the constancy of His presence in the world. He no longer walks among us as He did 2000 years ago. But are we alone? No. Is Jesus present now to us? Yes. How? In His Church. How is Jesus present in His Church? First and foremost in the sacraments into which the visible presence of our Redeemer has passed, such that by tangible signs and symbols He lives amongst us invisibly just as truly as He did visibly among the apostles. Thus Christ instituted the sacraments for the continuation of His presence among us and the sanctification of the world. Since our Lord also instituted the priesthood to perpetuate His presence in the sacraments He is present in a special way in the ordained ministers of the Church. And, of course, He is present in each of us by our partaking of the Eucharist, His true body and true blood, in which we become what we consume – the mystical body of Christ.

So we have great reason to rejoice today, for in His ascension Christ goes ahead of us and raises us above all the angels and every choir of heaven. He sits now at the right hand of the Father governing all creation and He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. This what we long for. It is what we work for, and pray for, and love for. Are you living with heaven in mind?

BJ Perrett - I am always happy to discuss my reflections and warmly welcome your feedback

BELOVED: WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Date: 17 June 2023, Saturday @ Time: 8:30am to 8:30pm

Where: Holy Name Church, 190 Bridge St Tmba

St Theresa's Parish

WINTER SHELTER OUTREACH

Some information regarding the Winter Shelter

St Theresa's Parish Centre will be hosting our 10 guests on Monday 19th June,
Monday 31st July
Monday 21st August.
St Thomas More's Parish Church will be the hosts on Monday 10th July.



NOTE: There has been a change in dates since our original information.

Every person who is volunteering in any capacity – washing, cooking, being present during the evenings needs to register.

First step for volunteers is the register via the QR code. Put Matt Boyd or David Rogan down as Referee. They will be sent a link to the app once they have been approved.

If they aren't able to do QR Code, just give their name, mobile, email and address to the office or me or David
Please ask if you need any help.

Jobs to volunteer for include:

Washing bed linen,

Being present in the afternoon to set up bedding and welcome the guests with a cuppa and a chat

Helping to serve meal and eating with the guests, cleaning up after the meal and enjoying the company with some games/cards/general conversation.

Being part of the night shift crew from 10pm-6am

Being part of the morning shift, providing continental breakfast, packing up beds and returning parish centre to usual rows of chairs.

Not everyone needs to volunteer. Other ways that you can be involved is providing some food stuffs and other items.

A list is available in the foyer.

Winter Shelter is a Toowoomba activity and volunteers can come from many church congregations so if you are not comfortable volunteering this year, do not feel any pressure.

Support the program with your prayers and generosity of spirit.



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 or on 02 89124818.



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.



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



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Parish Website www.sttheresas.org.au

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

Mon-Tues	15-23 May Volunteer Week (www.volunteeringaustralia.org)
Sun-Sun	21-28 May Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Fri	26 May National Sorry Day
Sat	27 May Nationwide Rosary, St Patrick's Cathedral 2pm
Sun	28 May Pentecost Sunday
Sat - Sat	27 May - 3 June National Reconciliation Week (www.reconciliation.org.au)

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 24th 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

