

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

26 - 27 AUGUST 2023

21ST 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

A furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle, residence, studies and relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable. The entire retreat process was based on the question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?'

The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being. And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families. It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us. And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?'

How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion. © Richard Leonard SJ



RECENTLY DECEASED HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Doug Meiklejohn **Geraldine Caesar**
June Murphy **Brian Powell**
Anne Thomas **Brian Carter**
Glenda Walsh **Peter Conaghan**



Friends and Family

Catherine Castelli (Pat Powell's Sister)
Geraldine Hurley (Gay Jorgensen's Sister)
Iain Bruce (Rylee & Joseph Hunt's Grandad)
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)
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)
Fr Peter McGrath .CP
Molly Schmidt (Aileen Collins' friend)
Peter Brown (Denis' brother)
The Dowling Family
Reg Parsons (Powell family group)

ANNIVERSARIES

John Ah See **Sid Preece**
Paul Sturgeon **Fr Pat Doyle**
Mary McAuliffe **Jim Pigott**
Josephine Erbacher
Sr Frances Flint csb
Wander Mudjucko
Bernard Galow
Peter Bazeley
Kath Noel
Fr Merv Ziesing

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MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A First Reading: <i>Isaiah 22: 19 - 23</i> I place the key to the House of David upon his shoulder. Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 137: 1-3, 6-8</i> Lord, your love is eternal: do not forsake the work of your hands. Second Reading: <i>Romans 11: 33 - 36</i> From him, through him, and in him are all things. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Matthew 16: 13 - 20</i> You are Peter, to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Next week's readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A <i>Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9</i> <i>Romans 12: 1-2</i> <i>Matthew 16: 21 - 27</i>	BAPTISMS This weekend we welcome into our parish Mac Joseph Worsley & Walter Kingsley Hogan 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 
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.			

SEPTEMBER – THE MONTH OF CREATION

To celebrate the month of Creation in September, the liturgy team encourages parishioners to bring along vases of flowers, pot plants etc each weekend to decorate our sacred space. They can either be brought along each weekend and added or spend the month of September in our parish centre. We hope to see our creation space grow throughout the month.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Toowoomba Diocese invites you join us as we Gather to Celebrate.

Festival Gathering 2023

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba

Date: Sunday 15th October

Time: Commences 9am-3pm

Address: 123 Neil St

RSVP: Friday 29th September 2023

Ada Boland: Ada.Boland@svdpqld.org.au or (07) 4699 5222



THANK YOU FROM SVDP

Thank you for all the generous donations for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Your donations assist the vulnerable during these cold winter months. Receipts will be issued as the appeal if finalised.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

WINTER SHELTER OUTREACH THANK YOU

On behalf of St Theresa's Parish we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for their support for this great initiative and we look forward to working with you for the Winter Shelter Program 2024.

THANK YOU



PILGRIMAGE: RED CENTRE, JOURNEY TO THE HEART

Dates: 31/8-8/9/23 & 12-20/10/23

Harvest Journeys have two upcoming pilgrimages to the heart of our nation, taking in breathtaking landmarks and connecting with local faith communities along the way. Something deep and mystical calls all Australians to journey to the heart of our nation to honour its symbols, stories and beauty in a prayerful spirit of awe and thanksgiving. Be among the first pilgrims to take the journey to the heart, to witness the remarkable 20 metre Cross rising high on Memory Mountain.

Visit the Harvest Journeys website to find out more about the itinerary and costs.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Social Justice Statement for 2023-2024 is available in the foyer. It is pinned on the notice board if you would like to read it. If you wish to have your own copy, please contact the parish office
Ph: 4639 4688 or email: monica@sttheresas.org.au

BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY

Saturday 2nd September
Bus departs: Neil St outside St Patrick's Cathedral:
@ 7.30am
Cost \$40.00 pp
For bookings: Contact Theresa 0434 528 904



MASS - PATRON OF THE DIOCESE, MARY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Date: 1 September 2023 Friday

Time: 10:00am

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

A Mass will be held to celebrate the Feast Day of the Patron of the Toowoomba Diocese, Mary of the Southern Cross. All are warmly welcomed.

ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE, TOOWOOMBA

150 Years of Mercy Education celebrations. Saturday 2 September
For details please refer to flyer in the foyer.



FUNDRAISING FOR MARY MACKILLOP TODAY

Help us by collecting stamps!

Want a simple and easy way to help Mary MacKillop Today?

All you need to do is collect your stamps, new or used, it doesn't matter (we'll even take your collections and albums).

To raise funds for their many mission projects around the world, the Sisters of St Joseph's are wanting used or new stamps. Mary Meehan, a parishioner of St Mary MacKillop, Highfields will take any stamps collected from St Theresa's and send them to the Mary MacKillop Foundation.

There is a collection box in the foyer for the stamps.

How do stamps support our work?

We collect thousands of stamps each year, these are trimmed and sorted with the help of a wonderful group of volunteers. We then send them to an auction house where they are sold to collectors.

FATHER'S DAY PRIESTS RETIREMENT APPEAL

Every year we have the opportunity to support the Priests' Retirement Foundation at Father's Day.

It is our way of expressing
deep gratitude for the ministry of the Priests of the Diocese.
There will be a special collection this Father's Day,
3rd September.

There are envelopes on the table in the Foyer.

MASS IN THE MARONITE RITE

Fr Fadi Salami will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 27th August at 11.00am at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street. A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass.

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 national.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 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	27 August Social Justice Sunday
Friday	1 September Feast Day - Mary of the Southern Cross, Patroness of the Diocese
Sunday	3 September Father's Day Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal (No Parish Morning Tea)
Friday	15 September Mass at Infin8 10.30am
Monday	4 September Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student's Graduation Mass St Pat's Cathedral. Time to be advised

REMINDER - SCAM ALERT

A few weeks ago we included a notice about a text scam circulating appearing to come from some of our priests asking for the recipient to respond and ultimately asking for assistance in the form of gift cards. It appears that there is a fresh round of texts going out. This is a reminder that clergy and the diocese **WILL NEVER ASK FOR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MANNER.** While we may solicit donations, we will be specific and open about the use of funds raised and it will never be asked for in the form of gift cards (e.g. Amazon and iTunes).

THE FLOWERING OF FAITH

The Christian Life Program Comes to Toowoomba
When and Where: 2 September 2023
Time: 10.30am - 3.30pm
St Anthony's Catholic Church, 3 Memory St, Harristown
For further information: Anna Lerpido: 0480 160 837
Flyer and pamphlets are available in the foyer.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2023



For World Youth Day
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



First Sunday of the Month

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

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 11 September @ 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

