

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

2 - 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

22ND 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.*

## Pope Francis has named September the Season of Creation.

In Europe September introduces autumn with leaves that change colour and cooler temperatures. It is a time of 'mellow fruitfulness', a time of gratitude for the beauty of creation with perhaps a touch of melancholy at the coming of winter. This year, of course, it comes at the end of a fearsome heatwave and floods and melting ice that destroyed forests and interrupted lives. Melancholy has given way to anxious concern about the dangers which climate change poses for the future of the planet. In Australia our attention has jumped ahead to the possible effects of an El Niño.

Pope Francis' Season of Creation sets out to awaken our respect for creation. It invites us to see the world, not as something apart from us, but as a delicate and interlocking set of relationships of which we are part. It invites us to appreciate our world through the lens of God's love in the making of our world and in all our relationships in it. The Season calls us to be thankful. The first step in respect is noticing the beauty and delicacy of our world and to be overwhelmed by gratitude for being called by God to be part of it. We realise that we do not own our environment but are part of it.

When we attend to the beauty of our world we notice how complex and delicate are the relationships of which we are part. We notice the scent of flowers in spring, the light green of new growth, the plumage of lorikeets and the part that scents and colours have in the drive of nature to perpetuate itself. We notice, too, how nothing is superfluous in nature, nothing is ugly. The fallen bark and dead grasses provide material for birds to nest and mulch in which ants and other insects can find food. Our world is an image of God's love for us. It is not merely useful for our purposes but in its excess it reminds us of the overwhelming gift of God's love.

To notice such things and to be grateful for them lie at the heart of our celebration of the season of creation. It is the base line with which our use of God's gifts of creation must harmonise. It also enables us to recognise and regret the disrespect with which we often treat God's creation. The pollution, the exploitation and destruction of the rhythms of creation for gain, or even worse for the destruction of the human and natural world through the weapons of war, are not simply mistakes but are blasphemy. Although we know that much of this disrespect is unintended, and perhaps even unnoticed, we grieve to see it. To notice and celebrate the season of creation reinforces our commitment to respect it. This can take many different forms. We can join campaigns to draw attention to the ways in which creation is disrespected. We can celebrate the beauty of creation and try to embody respect for it in our ordinary lives – in the way in which we travel, eat and sleep, for example, read, sow seeds, wrap and dispose of rubbish. The season of creation is a time to attend to our world, to celebrate its beauty and respect its delicacy, and to join others in coming to its defence.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**John McAuliffe**  
(Peter McAuliffe's Brother)  
**HEALING FOR THE SICK**

### Parishioners:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Doug Meiklejohn</b> | <b>Geraldine Caesar</b> |
| <b>June Murphy</b>     | <b>Brian Powell</b>     |
| <b>Anne Thomas</b>     | <b>Brian Carter</b>     |
| <b>Glenda Walsh</b>    | <b>Peter Conaghan</b>   |



### 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

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Leslie Boland</b>           | <b>Tom Lutton</b> |
| <b>Doreen Hoysted</b>          | <b>Ned Spies</b>  |
| <b>Maureen Hudson</b>          | <b>Bill Ward</b>  |
| <b>Bon Mahoney</b>             | <b>Bob Triggs</b> |
| <b>Aaron Preston</b>           | <b>Ray Stein</b>  |
| <b>Mick Madden</b>             | <b>Frank Noel</b> |
| <b>Ted Long</b>                | <b>John Pitt</b>  |
| <b>Edna Fitzgerald</b>         |                   |
| <b>Margaret Thompson</b>       |                   |
| <b>Sr Mary Veronica Hannon</b> |                   |
| <b>(OLSH)</b>                  |                   |

# St Theresa's Parish

| MASSES   |  | READINGS   | NOTICES   |
|--|--|--|---|
| MON  | NO MASS  | <b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b><br><b>First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9</b><br>The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.<br><b>Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62: 2 - 6, 8 - 9</b><br>My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.<br><b>Second Reading: Romans 12: 1 - 2</b><br>May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.<br><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b><br>Alleluia, alleluia!<br>May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called.<br>Alleluia!<br><b>Gospel: Matthew 16: 21 - 27</b><br>Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.<br><b>Next week's readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b><br><i>Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9</i><br><i>Romans 13: 8 - 10</i><br><i>Matthew 18: 15 - 20</i> | <b>BAPTISMS</b><br>This weekend we welcome into our parish<br><b>Georgia Kate</b><br>&<br><b>Leo Angus Canning</b><br>through the Sacrament of Baptism<br><br>Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30 or after Mass at 11.00am<br> |
| TUE  | NO MASS  |  |   |
| WED  | 9AM MASS   |  |   |
| THU  | NO MASS  |  |   |
| FRI  | NO 9AM MASS. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT WILLIAM MORRIS CENTRE 9.30AM ALL WELCOME |  |   |
| SAT  | 6PM VIGIL  |  |   |
| SUN  | 9.30AM MASS  |  |   |
| <b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b> |  |  |   |





**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION FATHERS' DAY APPEAL 2023**

The Toowoomba Diocese's Priests' Retirement Foundation (PRF) was established in April 1998. Since then, an appeal seeking support for the foundation has been made annually across the diocese on Father's Day.

The PRF's overall purpose is to provide personal and practical support to retired and/or sick priests of the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba.


This involves: \* Maintaining regular contact with priests who are retired or ill  
 \* Providing the salary and related expenses for the Clergy Health Nurse  
 \* Covering health and care expenses of retired and/or sick priests that may not be covered by their own means, aged pension or health insurance.





**THE SEASON OF CREATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4**

To celebrate the Season of Creation, 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 this time.



**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 is finalised.


 St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

## St Theresa's Parish

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**

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Happy Father's Day to all those who embrace the role of Fatherhood.  
Have a wonderful day.

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FATHER'S DAY**



### "THE BIG PICTURE - LIVING IN HOPE & AWARENESS"

Rev Tim Costello is coming to Toowoomba

**When:** Sunday 22 October

**Time:** 1.30pm for a 2pm start

**Where:** St Theresa's Parish Centre

**Cost:** \$25.00 afternoon tea included, children 14 and under free

This event is sponsored by the Missionary Sisters of Service and their mission entity "Highways & Byways" which continues the work of the Sisters.

Bookings and Payment by Thursday October 12 using the following Trybooking link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1082911> or by scanning QR Code

All enquiries: [hbqueensland@gmail.com](mailto:hbqueensland@gmail.com)



### SPRED 2023 FUND RAISER

Repertory Theatre Fundraising evening

**Tuesday 26th September 2023 7pm for 7.30pm start**

*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*

**Tickets \$25 includes welcome drink, supper and 5 raffle tickets.**

Available now from the SPRED Office Mon-Thu 9.00am-3.30pm

CNR HUME & JELLCOE STREETS PH: 4632 8427 [spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au)



MATER DEI  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

### MATER DEI FEAST DAY MASS

On 7 September, Mater Dei School will celebrate its feast day mass.

Mater Dei recognises 'Our Lady's Birthday' as their feast day which falls on

8 September each year.

All Parishioners are invited to celebrate mass on Friday 8 September at 9.30am in the William Morris Centre (Mater Dei school Hall).



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### COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA

**Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA)** will have the Christian Life Program to Toowoomba. Christian Life Program is a series of talks that lay the foundations of living a Christian Life. It explores the basics of Christian Theology and delves deeper into the kind of life God Calls you.

**When:** September 9

**Time:** 10:30am - 3 pm

**Where:** St. Patrick Cathedral, Parish Centre Conference Room

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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**

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|--------|---|
| Monday | <b>4 September</b> Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student's Graduation Mass St Pat's Cathedral. Time to be advised |
| Friday | <b>8 September</b> No 9am Mass - Mass will be celebrated in the William Morris Centre at 9.30am all welcome             |
| Sunday | <b>10 September</b> Safeguarding Sunday (2nd Sunday in September)   |
| Friday | <b>15 September</b> Mass at Infin8 10.30am  |
| Friday | <b>15 September</b> School Term 3 finishes  |

**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).

***Mary of the Southern Cross***

Patron Saint of Toowoomba Diocese  
 Feast day 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Prayer cards are available in the foyer

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**For people living on the margins**  
 We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



**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

