

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

9 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

23RD 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.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment. © Greg Sunter

## SEASON OF CREATION

This Gospel is clearly about becoming part of team Jesus. There's the bit about gathering in twos and threes to find agreement about what we – including Jesus – want or need. Then we (the Greek 'you' is plural) are told we can jointly bind and loose, literally from the ground up.

This is, therefore, a profoundly synodal passage. It's an instruction manual for dealing with the messy realities in which the Church sometimes finds itself, and a reminder of the importance of community. There is even a plan for dealing with the odd recalcitrant brother who just won't listen! Jesus' key takeaway is about persistence and working together.

In our own times, where there is lots of scope for collective action on important issues, Jesus' frequent mention of 'earth' resonates. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a grounded people whose decisions can have heavenly effects. © Nick Brodie

## RECENTLY DECEASED HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners:

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

### Friends and Family

**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

**Nancy Long**                      **Terry Doyle**

**Molly McRae**                      **Les Boland**

**Kevin Rowland**                      **Ann Brock**

**Dawn Cartwright**                      **Greg Long**

**Edward Meiklejohn**

**Margaret Sewell**

**Terry Johnstone**

**Elizabeth Moore**

**Bill Blackie**



**Gladys Schneider**

**Patricia Preece**

**Kathleen Hoysted**

**Roslyn Atzeni**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b> <b>First Reading:</b> <i>Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9</i> If you had not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death. <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Ps 94: 1 - 2, 6 - 9</i> O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts. <b>Second Reading:</b> <i>Romans 13: 8 - 10</i> Love is the fulfilment of the Law. <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia! <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Matthew 18: 15 - 20</i> If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back. <b>Next week's readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A</b> <i>Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7</i> <i>Romans 13: 7 - 9</i> <i>Matthew 18: 21 - 35</i>	<b>BAPTISMS</b> This weekend we welcome into our parish <b>Archie Roy Playford,</b> <b>Remi Sophia Breeze</b> & <b>Delilah Anne Carroll</b> 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.			

## UNDERSTANDING THE VOICE:

You are welcome to respectful and open conversation on the Voice on any of the Wednesday evenings between now and the Referendum on Saturday 14 October. These Voice conversations will be held in St Pat's Parish Conference Room between 6pm and 8pm on each Wednesday evening, beginning on Wednesday 06 September. Fr Peter Dorfield and Mr Phil Armit will host each occasion. As the Australian Catholic Bishop's have instructed us it is of great importance to be fully informed as we prepare to vote on the Voice Referendum.

## CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

**Carnival of Flowers** display in St Patrick's Cathedral will be open from Friday 15-Monday 18 September 9am-5pm. Gold coin donation is appreciated. Come along and see how "We are the Seeds of Hope".

## 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

## PRF FATHER'S DAY APPEAL



Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's appeal supporting the Priests' Retirement Foundation. If you have yet to donate, and still wish to, there are envelopes in the foyer.



### "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 FUNDRAISING EVENING AT THE REPERTORY THEATRE-***

***"William Shakespeare - Complete Works"***

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets \$25.00 includes wine on arrival, supper at interval and 5 x raffle tickets.

Tickets available at SPRED office

Cnr Hume & Jellico St 9am - 3.30pm Mon - Thurs

Ph: 4632 8427 / [spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au)



### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year, the theme as declared by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is, "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" (Lk 24:13-35).

For the 2023 Catholic Mission Church Appeal, they invite you to partner with them to support the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale, Timor-Leste. The Salesian Sisters run a life-saving clinic in Venilale but with an increase in the demand for treatment, they need assistance to restock with essential health care resources. On the weekend 16/17 September, St Theresa's parish will hold its appeal. During masses on this weekend we will welcome Kevin McMahon a Mission Ambassador from Catholic Mission who will speak at the appeals.

### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Parish of St Theresa's and the Diocese of Toowoomba are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.



### 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).

### 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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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,

**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/OCTOBER**

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
Sunday	<b>24 September</b> World Refugees & Migration Day
October	<b>World Mission Month</b>
Monday	<b>2 October</b> King's Birthday Public Holiday

**MASS: FEAST OF ST LORENZO RUIZ, FIRST FILIPINO SAINT**

Date: 1 October 2023, Sunday  
Time: 12:00pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

There will be a multicultural Filipino Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. All are warmly welcome to celebrate.

**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).

**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

