



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

4-5 NOVEMBER 2023

31ST 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 is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour.

Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

Scriptural context – Laying down the Law

Throughout Matthew's gospel Jesus is portrayed as the new law-giver, the new Moses. The five-part structure of the gospel reflects the five books of law that make up the Torah. This week's gospel is the beginning of an extended passage of criticism against the Pharisees (all of Ch 23). The sustained criticism is about how the Pharisees have actually 'got in the way' and made it more difficult for people to come to know God. Jesus, as the new law-giver, tells the people to put aside the distractions of the Pharisees and to recognise that God alone is the source of what is right and wrong; that the Christ is the only teacher.

Living the Gospel – Christian Leadership

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power *over* others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term, there is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than *ower over* others, it embraces power *through* and *with* others. Greg Sunter

RECENTLY DECEASED

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Susan Quirk

June Murphy

Brian Carter

Peter Conaghan

Anne Thomas

Glenda Walsh

Friends and Family

Madeline (Sally) Gray

(Kathy Sternes' Mother)

Mary Gleeson (Anne McNally'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)

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Grace Jones

Doreen Dunne

Warren Smith


Gwen Savage

Marie Sheridan

Denis Downs

Kirsty Mae Hudson

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A First Reading: <i>Malachi 1:14-2: 2, 8-10</i> You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. Responsorial Psalm: <i>PS 130</i> In you Lord, I have found my peace. Second Reading: <i>Thessalonians 2:7-9,13</i> We were eager to hand over to you not only the good news but our lives as well. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Matthew 23: 1-12</i> They do not practise what they preach. Next week's readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A <i>Wisdom 6: 12-16</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18</i> <i>Matthew 25: 1-13</i>	BAPTISMS This weekend we welcome into our parish Max James Cusato & Mia Louise Cusato through the Sacrament of Baptism  Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	10.00AM MASS NO 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.			

ANOINTING AND HEALING MASS REMINDER

If you would like to attend the Anointing & Healing Mass on Wednesday 8th November at 10.00 am. Please call the office on 4639 4688. If office is unattended, please leave a message.

VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL

"As bushfires continue to destroy homes across the Western Downs, St Vincent de Paul Society has reinstated the Bushfire Appeal to help those who have lost their homes and livelihoods in the blaze.

The funds raised from the Bushfire Appeal will help our Members and Volunteers as they continue to support fire-impacted Companions with their long-term recovery.

This is the second time this year the Western Downs region has been devastated by bushfires.

If anyone asks you how they can help our Society support victims of these bushfires, more information and a donation link for the Appeal is available at qld.vinnies.org.au/bushfire2023

As many areas across Queensland are currently at a high fire risk, we are continuing to monitor the situation in case further support is needed in other regions.

Our experience with disaster support has told us that help is especially needed for longer-term recovery in the weeks and months following the event.

Our teams in the Toowoomba and Brisbane Diocese are currently working together to continue assistance to fire-impacted families in the Western Downs.

Nearby Conferences in Dalby, Chinchilla, Miles and Toowoomba continue their support of families in impacted communities.

If you have any questions about the Bushfire Appeal, please contact disaster.fund@svdpqld.org.au"

St Theresa's Parish

MULTI-FAITH PRAYER SERVICE FOR WORLD PEACE

Date: 09/11/23, Thursday

Time: 5:30pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba

All are warmly welcome to attend a Multi-Faith Prayer Service for World Peace.

The service will also be live-streamed via the diocese's website.

Please advertise in your bulletins to promote this to your parishioners over the coming weeks.

For further information please contact Jenny Ferguson at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on 4634 1453.

Thank you, St Theresa's!

The Missionary Sisters of Service on behalf of their mission entity, Highways and Byways, would like to thank St Theresa's for hosting their recent John Wallis Memorial Lecture delivered by

Rev. Tim Costello.

One hundred and fifteen people were inspired by a most engaging and uplifting presentation by Tim, enhanced by his many anecdotes from his vast experience in social justice and reform.

A special thank you to Michael Gatt for so generously sharing his time and expertise. We are very appreciative of Michael's attention to detail in ensuring that everything ran smoothly, for filming the event, and for editing it for viewing. It will be available for viewing in the coming weeks on the Highways and Byways website: hb.org.au.



(L to R - Pat Quinn MSS, Mary Cleary MSS,
Tim Costello, Fr Hal Ranger,
Nancy Doyle MSS)



POSITION VACANT: FINANCE OFFICER FOR DIOCESE

Applications close Monday 6/11/23 at 5:00pm.

We currently seek to employ a Finance Officer full-time for 38 hours per week with the diocese.

This position's main purpose and primary objective is to provide high-quality finance support to the operation of the diocese and its entities. If you are interested or would like to apply, please visit SEEK

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF REMEMBERING

During the month of November, we, as a church community, especially remember our loved ones, both family and friends, who are no longer with us. A book to record the names of those you wish to remember is now in the foyer. Please write the names of your loved ones and the year they passed away in this book so that they can be remembered at our Scrolling of Names 17/18 November weekend masses.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



INVITATION TO ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH HIGHFIELDS TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday 11 November 6pm

Where: Mary MacKillop School Hall - Highfields Rd entrance

Bookings: Loretta Simmons 0408 008 287

BYO Snacks

Cost: \$15-00 pp

Please see flyer in foyer for further information



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL

Thank you very much to Joann Hodal who has once again organized and distributed the packages for the Domestic Violence Appeal.

Thank you to all who have donated so generously.

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT

Mature Catholic Primary Teacher relocating to Toowoomba seeking to rent Granny Flat/Private Accommodation Dec 2023/ Jan 2024

References available.

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St Theresa's Parish

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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,

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 NOVEMBER

Sunday	5 November No Parish Morning Tea
Sunday	5 November 5pm Spanish Mass St Theresa's Parish
Sunday	5 November Melbourne Cup Fund Raiser St Anthony's Parish Centre 6pm
Wednesday	8 November Care & Concern Healing Mass @ 10.00
Saturday	18 November St Theresa's Prayers and Communion 9.30am Infin8
Sunday	19 November World Day of the Poor
Wednesday	22 November Releasing of Memories Liturgy 10.00am
Saturday	25 November Diocesan Pastoral Council, Toowoomba

MELBOURNE CUP FUNDRAISING EVENT-

Where: St Anthony's Parish Centre,
3 Memory St, Harristown
When: Sunday 5 November 6pm-9pm
Contact: 4613 0895 or
justice@twb.catholic.org.au
Please refer flyer in the foyer for
further information.



WHAT'S ON AT SYCHAR

Sychar House of Prayer and Spirituality is at 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba.

Phone: 07 4613 0933 or 0458 020 906

Email: sychar@twb.catholic.org.au

WALKING THE LABYRINTH

Facilitators: Randal and Susan Dennings

When: Saturday 18 November 2023
8.30 am for a prompt 9.00 am start (9.00am – 11.30 am)
Morning Tea provided.

Cost: A contribution towards Sychar's ongoing mission
would be appreciated.

Registration: ALL bookings to be made via try booking
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMUVQ>

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 11 December @ 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*

