

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

18-19 NOVEMBER 2023

33RD 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.

Befriending Time

There is a certain type of religious person for whom time is the enemy. Time is full of anxiety over what one has done which might make God angry.

The solution seems to be to bury one's personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

What such people don't realise is that God gives us the dimension of earthly time as a gift, in fact, *this* dimension of earthly time as a gift.

Why were you born, not in the 11th century in China, or the 19th century in Ireland, or even 1963 rather than 1965? Why were you brought into existence as a human being, an inhabitant of this small planet, at this particular time and no other?

You were not just born into existence, you were *loved* into existence to fulfil a destiny which is yours, and yours alone, in the whole history of the world.

Each of us has a unique, irreplaceable role to play in the unfolding of salvation history, to be achieved now, in *this* time.

God's plan for human happiness during that time is mostly frustrated by good people not doing things with the gifts of personality and opportunity which God will provide to fulfil his plan.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of *commission*, but it is the sins of *omission* – the failure to do – which may well have the most disruptive effect on the divine plan for human history.

Of course, there are the usual suspects trying to prevent that destiny from being fulfilled. The old enemy, Death, hovers around seeking whom it may devour.

And his generals – poverty, illness, injustice, malice – have their victories from time to time.

But, this parable tells of us of another way in which God's plan is frustrated: failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

Perhaps it is a false humility. 'I am only a one-talented person. Surely I can't be expected to do anything?' But our Lord *does* expect us to do something with whatever talent has been given us, and in a timely way.

This moment in time will not recur. Stop daydreaming, befriend time. Follow through whilst you have the time.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men
which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
omitted, all the voyage of their life
is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven.

We have a choice. Procrastination and anxiety lead to 'stillness and miseries'.

Whereas the taking of a risk, the courageous using of one's talents, will lead to the good fortune of hearing the Lord say as we die: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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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

Kass Bourke

John Mullen

Sr. Lucian Donovan

Andy Flamsteed

Alexander Blackie

Ken Whitelegg

Noreen Carroll

George Preece

Ken Merritt

Peter Coman

Annie O'Connor

Matthew Thompson

St Theresa's Parish

MASSSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9AM MASS 10AM RELEASING OF MEMORIES
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.	

READINGS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: *Proverbs 31: 10-31*

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

Responsorial Psalm: *PS 127: 1-5*

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5: 1- 6*

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 14-30*

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Next week's readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

NOTICES

BAPTISMS



Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am



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"

PASTORAL CARE: CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CEREMONY

Date: 17/12/23 **Sunday Time:** 2:30pm **Where:** Toowoomba Garden of Remembrance

Each year leading up to Christmas, we take time to remember the young lives our families have loved and lost. Families are invited to bring a decoration to place on the Christmas tree in memory of a loved one. A warm welcome is extended to families who would like to attend. For further details contact Toowoomba Hospital Pastoral Care 07 4616 6415.

CHRISTMAS CENT SALE

Date: 25/11/23 Saturday

Time: Doors open 1:00pm for 1:30pm start

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Centre

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Christmas Cent Sale. A delicious afternoon tea will be served, and cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free. There are many excellent prizes and the multi-draw includes a ham, a homemade Christmas cake, a hamper, fruit and vegetable stable trays. All proceeds go to the Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.



St Theresa's Parish

DECEMBER AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday so on 24 December, the morning mass is 4th Sunday of Advent and then in the afternoon we celebrate Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.
As St Theresa's shares Fr. Brian with St Mary MacKillop Parish Highfields, some decisions needed to be made so that Fr. Brian did not exhaust himself over that weekend.

At our recent Parish Council meeting, it was decided, in consultation with Fr. Brian, that St Theresa's would have a Vigil Mass on 23 December and no morning mass on 24 December for the 4th Sunday of Advent. St Theresa's would then have a 6pm Vigil mass Christmas Eve and 8.30am Mass on Christmas Day.

This will enable Fr. Brian to celebrate 8am Mass on Sunday 24 December at Highfields and then 4pm Christmas Eve vigil mass at Highfields before needing to drive into Toowoomba. Highfields will then have 7am Mass on Christmas day.

ST. THERESA'S PARISH CENTRE

<u>4th Sunday of Advent:</u>	Saturday 23 December	6pm Vigil Mass
<u>4th Sunday of Advent:</u>	<i>Sunday 24 December</i>	<i>NO MASS 9.30am</i>
<u>Christmas Eve:</u>	Sunday 24 December	6pm Vigil Mass
<u>Christmas Day:</u>	Monday 25 December	8.30am Mass

MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE CENTRE

<u>4th Sunday of Advent:</u>	<i>Sunday 24 December</i>	8.00am Mass
<u>Christmas Eve:</u>	Sunday 24 December	3.45 pm Carols
<u>Christmas Day:</u>	Monday 25 December	4 pm Vigil Mass
		7.00am Mass

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT

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

CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS



Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Date: 1/12/23 Friday

Time: 6:30pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

Best of Hans Zimmer

Date: 1/12/23 Friday

Time: 8:30pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Toowoomba. Buy your tickets now to discover the music of Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Hans Zimmer at the Cathedral under the gentle glow of candlelight.

Find out more about the concerts by visiting the tickets link. [Candlelight: Best of Hans Zimmer - Toowoomba | Fever \(feverup.com\)](#)



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.

This weekend we remember our loved ones through the Scrolling of Names at our 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 he flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



St Theresa's Parish

CONTACTS

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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,

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
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NOTICE

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NOVEMBER /DECEMBER

Wednesday	22 November	Releasing of Memories Liturgy 10.00am
Saturday	25 November	Diocesan Pastoral Council, Toowoomba
Friday	1 December	School year ends Catholic Schools
Saturday	2 December	Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday	2 December	St Theresa's Catholic Prayers and Communion 9.30am Infin8
Sunday	3 December	Season of Advent begins
Friday	8 December	End of School Year State Schools
Sunday	10 December	Spanish Mass 5pm
Friday	15 December	Infin8 St Theresa's Healing Mass 10.30am Catholic Residents - Christmas Theme
Wednesday	20 December	Advent Reconciliation Liturgy 6pm
Monday	25 December	Christmas Day



Consolation Message
*Day by day, we will let go of this loss,
But we will never let go of our love*

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

