

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

27-28 JANUARY 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

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

According to Pope Francis, 'Jesus did not mince words'. Any way you look at it, Christ's proclamation was a turning point in history with phenomenal ramifications. The moment has arrived! The Kingdom of God is close! There is Good News to be heard!

This was Jesus' message about himself. 'He was the salvation,' the Pope notes, who entered human history in a powerfully new way.

When we look at this Gospel, Jesus also had another component of his message: the way of discipleship. Its elements are straightforward: repent, believe, follow. As the Pope elaborates, Jesus 'invites us to recognise ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward everyone; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others.' This is how we can change our lives to follow more closely the one in whom we believe.

And, as the Pope further suggests, each phase of our life 'has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord.' Therefore, we should be open to welcoming Jesus again and again in new places and situations. Whether in our parishes, homes or workplaces, our lives are full of encounters that can change us and those we meet. This is the way. © Nick Brodie

Australia Day Reflection - South Land of the Holy Spirit

Australia is a place to which people have been attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in their society of origin.

De Quiros, the Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit.

I am convinced that 'Australia' is a work of the Holy Spirit. One of whose most distinctive works at Pentecost was the breaking down of ethnic and language barriers between people.

Australia is a place where that Pentecostal impulse is creating a new society. Have we responded to the Holy Spirit perfectly? No. Treatment of the earliest inhabitants of this land was shameful, and is not yet fully remedied as the Lord of the Sermon on the Mount desires.

But, we could pause for a moment and thank God

For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare.

For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this South Land of the Holy Spirit.

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RECENTLY DECEASED HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Susan Quirk

June Murphy

Brian Carter

Peter Conaghan

Anne Thomas

Glenda Walsh

Friends and Family

Christine Gilshenan

(Susanne Gilshenan's Sister)

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)

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

Ken Murphy Carol Martel

Kent Schaefer Patti Brady

Patricia Shine

Michael Fogarty

William McAuffiffe

Laurie Schneider

John Thompson

Helen Richards

Allen Blakeley



Moya Schaefer

Sean Carroll

John Cartwright

Kath Mulheran

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MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p style="text-align: center;">4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</p> <p>First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R.v.9 If today, you hear his voice harden not your hearts.</p> <p>Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 Repent, and believe the Good News.</p> <p>Next week's readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B</p> <p><i>Job 7:1-4. 6-71</i> <i>1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23</i> <i>Mark 1:29-39</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BAPTISMS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9 AM MASS		
SAT	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	9.30AM MASS		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">We are fortunate and blest to live in our country Australia.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

LENTEN PROGRAMS 2024

This year, we are offering two resources for individual reflection or group sharing. One program is from Brisbane Archdiocese : "A Resurrected Life" and the other is from Wollongong Diocese: "Pietà". Order forms for the books will be available next week and orders will need to be in by 29 January to enable online orders to be made for books to arrive before 14 February which is Ash Wednesday. If you wish to be part of a Lenten group or are willing to organize a Lenten group, please write your name and available times on the sheet provided in the foyer

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish in May and June.

Confirmation will be Thursday 30th May and First Eucharist will be 1st /2nd June.

All children in year 4 or above including secondary students are invited to be part of the program. Program Information Night is Wednesday, February 7th at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Monica will be at the parish centre from 5.30pm.

Invitation letters and flyers are in the foyer, please take one if you are interested.

Our sacramental team members are Kathy Doherty, Gay Jorgensen, David Wilson and Monica Brennan. If you have any enquiries, please contact a member of the team or contact the parish office on 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au

2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The **World Day of Prayer** service this year will be held on **Friday 1st March 2024 at 10am** at **Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner Street.**

This year's theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another In Love" Ephesians 4:1-3 and the service has been prepared by Christian Women in Palestine.

You are invited to a **planning meeting** being held at **Middle Ridge Uniting Church** on **Friday 2nd February at 10am.** Please RSVP to mruc@bigpond.com if you will attend the planning meeting.

Margaret Spinks from Middle Ridge Uniting Church is the contact person for this year. Please consider supporting this community as St Theresa's were well supported when we held the World Day of Prayer.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY HIGH TEA



St Mary MacKillop Parish Highfields is having a High Tea Fundraiser on Friday 8 March from 11.45am-3.30pm at the Highfields Cultural Centre. Cost \$85/ticket.

Please join us to listen to inspiring women from our local community while enjoying a glass of bubbles and a catered high tea. Funds raised will be donated to a local charity that supports women and to support our local parish. Bookings close Monday 4th March.

The poster in the foyer also has the QR code for access to book tickets.



BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY



When: Sunday 11th February. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Bus departs Neil St, outside Cathedral @ 7:30am

Cost: \$40pp

For bookings: Contact Theresa on **0434 528 904**



FIRST TERM SCHEDULE: 22 JANUARY – 28 MARCH 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	<p>Discovering the Lost Tradition of Mystical Christianity</p> <p>Seven sessions drawing inspiration from Richard Rohr's "The Naked Now".</p> <p>9.45 am for prompt 10.00 am start until 12.30 pm. 6 Feb – 19 March (Flyer available)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Christian Meditation 4.00 pm -4.45 pm</p>	<p>Chrysalis 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm 31 January ff</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Centering Prayer in the tradition of Fr Thomas Keating 10.00 am – 11.00 pm. 8 February ff</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Quadratos</p> <p>3.30 – 5.00 pm 8 weekly sessions 1 February – 21 March</p> <p>Men Seeking Wisdom 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm</p> <p>For information, contact</p> <p>Robie Jayawardhana rjayawardhana@gmail.com OR Jason Obst Job70644@bigpond.net.au OR Peter Nolan nolan8@bigpond.com</p>	<p>Anam Cara (a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition) weekly 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm 12 January 2024 ff</p> <p>Walking a Sacred Path of Being</p> <p>23 Feb 2024</p> <p>Iled by Sue Thomas (Spiritual Director, Veriditas Advanced Labyrinth Facilitator & Trainer) 9.00 am for 9.30 am start until 2.30 pm.</p> <p>(Flyer available)</p>

ACBC RESOURCE: TO WITNESS AND TO ACCOMPANY WITH CHRISTIAN HOPE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a document to assist priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering euthanasia. In preparing the document, the bishops consulted widely with a range of people, including theologians, ethicists, liturgists and medical doctors. The bishops have also worked with the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The document has been posted online at: <https://bit.ly/WitnessandAccompany>

DATE CLAIMER - FR. RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World.

When: Wednesday 13 March 2024,

Where: Hanly Room St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane
Further information & registration details available mid January
Any enquiries contact Liturgy Brisbane on (07) 3324 3314



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR 2024

January: For the gift of diversity in in the Church

During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasised "the gift of different charisms with the Christian community."



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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 FEBRUARY

Friday	2 February Mater Dei Opening Liturgy 11.15 William Morris Centre
Saturday	3 February Prayer Liturgy with Communion Infin8 10.30am
Sat/Sun	3-4 February Mater Dei Teachers' Commissioning Ceremony during Masses

XAVIER SCHOOL OF MISSION

When: Sunday 9 - Friday 14 June 2024

Where: Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost: See website for costs

The Xavier School of Mission aims to equip and form leaders in evangelisation at the service of the Dioceses of Queensland and beyond. It is a dynamic and flexible resource that places the Church's mission to evangelise at the heart of Holy Spirit Seminary's formative process.

RETREAT INVITATION

You are invited to a Retreat in March 2024

Refresh your faith

Please join a retreat organized by St Vincent de Paul, but open to all parishioners, in the new year

Challenging, stimulating, contemporary

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March

The venue will be in Crow's Nest with opportunity to stay overnight, otherwise travel from home for one or both days.

More information will be provided at the end of January. Claim these dates NOW.

Ph: 0418 352 969 ada.boland@svdpqld.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEDIA CONGRESS

The Australian Catholic Media Council invite you to 'save the date' for the 2024 Australian Catholic Media Congress to be held in Sydney 28-30 August. More details about the venue and program, including speakers, will be made available early next year. Held every three years (except during COVID), the Congress is aimed at anyone working in the field of communications and media at any level – from parishes and schools to dioceses and agencies.

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 12 February 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

