

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

10-11 FEBRUARY 2024

SIXTH 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.*

### Jesus Outcast for Us

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live 'outside the camp', outside the villages and towns, outside where nobody lived.

This was the true horror and misery of their disease. They were cut off and isolated from human contact, calling out 'Unclean, Unclean!'

They could neither enjoy human company nor join in communal worship at synagogue or Temple.

Into this situation, Jesus comes on to the scene. A leper appeals to Him to be cured.

Breaking all the taboos, Jesus reaches out and touches the leper. This cures the skin disease. More importantly, this heals the man. What divided him from human society is overcome. He can return to the town, enjoy companionship, and worship God in the local synagogue.

I have said that the leper had to eke out an existence outside his village or town. How does our gospel passage conclude? 'Jesus . . . had to stay outside in places where nobody lived.' *Jesus had* to stay outside in places where nobody lived! Jesus has changed places with the leper!

Of course, Jesus had not contracted the disease but he had broken the Jewish law which forbade touching a leper. That was enough to put him on the outer with the villages and towns of Galilee. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper.

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel.

When we are alienated, cut off, at a distance from other people or God because of some deliberate wrongdoing on our part, or because of our failure to act with courage or compassion in some situation,

that is, when we have sinned and have the sense of being 'on the outside' with God

Our Lord and Saviour willingly takes our place. Where did Jesus end up?

On the hill of Calvary. And where is Mt Calvary?

*Outside* the city, *outside* the city walls of Jerusalem in a desolate place where nobody lived.

On that hill, Jesus experienced all the alienation, all the sense of distance from the Father, all the 'outsider' status which comes from sin, sin committed by anyone, anywhere, at any time, in human history.

He willingly took it all into his own body and human psyche. So much so that he cried out: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

That is the extent, that is the measure, that is the limitless measure to which the Son of God was prepared to go.

He took our place *outside* the awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father.

Why? So that we can live without the dis-locating consequences of sin. So that we might be located in the *right* place, *insiders* with God.

At every Mass, we are in the right place. Here we can call out with the leper, appealing to Jesus to heal us. And Our Lord will reach out and touch us so that we are healed.

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

#### Parishioners:

Susan Quirk	Phil Wareham
June Murphy	Anne Thomas
Brian Carter	Glenda Walsh
Peter Conaghan	

#### 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

**Ivy Hurley**

**Dan Shine**

**Ethel Martin**

**Rae Mayo**

**Dan Brady**

**Judy Houen**

**Len Hutchins**

**Fred Powell**

**Laurino Atzeni**

**Peter Long**

**Tony Cartwright**

**Stephen Watchman**



**Rose May Noonan**

**Brodie John Ramsey**

**Rev James Byrne**

**Fr Peter Collins**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p><b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b></p> <p><b>First Reading:</b> <i>Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46</i> As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R.</i> I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.</p> <p><b>Second Reading:</b> <i>Corinthians 10:31-11</i> Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> <i>Mark 1:40-45</i> The leprosy left him and he was cured.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings:</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent Year B</b> <i>Genesis 9:8-15</i> <i>1 Peter 3:18-22</i> <i>Mark 1:12-15</i></p>	<p><b>BAPTISMS</b></p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our Parish</p> <p><b>Harry Hugh Briskey</b> through the Sacrament of Baptism</p>  <p>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> 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	11.30 AM MASS ASH WEDNESDAY		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9 AM MASS		
SAT	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	9.30AM MASS		
<p><b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b></p>			

## LENTEN PROGRAMS 2024

So far, there will be 3 Lenten groups being offered.

Two groups will follow the program from Wollongong Diocese: "Pietà".

They will be on Mondays at 10am in Parish office, and Fridays at 9.30am (after mass) in the chapel.

A group on Wednesdays at 5.30pm in Parish office will use the Brisbane program "A Resurrected Life".

If other groups wish to meet at a different time and wish to use the parish facilities, please contact the parish office. Alternatively, you are most welcome to form a group to meet in your homes.

If you missed ordering, there may be some extra copies as a few more were ordered of each program.

## 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. A Program Information Night was held on Wednesday,

February 7th at 6pm in the Parish Centre. If you were unable to attend the meeting and wish your child to be a part of the program, please contact a member of the sacramental team: Fr. Brian, Kathy Doherty, Gay Jorgensen, David Wilson and Monica Brennan. or contact the parish office on 4639 4688 or email [monica@sttheresas.org.au](mailto:monica@sttheresas.org.au)

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR 2024

### **For the terminally ill**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

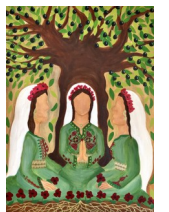


## 2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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.



# St Theresa's Parish



## Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



### 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.



#### FIRST TERM SCHEDULE: 22 JANUARY – 28 MARCH 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	<p><b>Discovering the Lost Tradition of Mystical Christianity</b></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><b>Christian Meditation</b> 4.00 pm -4.45 pm</p>	<p><b>Chrysalis</b> 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm 31 January ff -----</p>	<p><b>Centering Prayer in the tradition of Fr Thomas Keating</b> 10.00 am – 11.00 pm. 8 February ff</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Quadratos</b></p> <p>3.30 – 5.00 pm 8 weekly sessions 1 February – 21 March</p> <p><b>Men Seeking Wisdom</b> 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm</p> <p>For information, contact</p> <p>Robie Jayawardhana <a href="mailto:rjayawardhana@gmail.com">rjayawardhana@gmail.com</a> OR Jason Obst <a href="mailto:Job70644@bigpond.net.au">Job70644@bigpond.net.au</a> OR Peter Nolan <a href="mailto:nolan8@bigpond.com">nolan8@bigpond.com</a></p>	<p><b>Anam Cara</b> (a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition) weekly 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm 12 January 2024 ff</p> <p><b>Walking a Sacred Path of Being</b></p> <p>23 Feb 2024</p> <p>led by Sue Thomas (Spiritual Director, Veriditas Advanced Labyrinth Facilitator &amp; 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**



**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 FEBRUARY/MARCH**

Sunday	<b>11 February</b> Local Launch of Project Compassion @ St Patrick's Cathedral, 9:00am Mass
Monday	<b>12 February</b> 10.00am Monday Lenten Group Parish Office Meeting Room
Monday	<b>12 February</b> 3pm Care & Concern Meeting Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	<b>14 February</b> Ash Wednesday Mass St Theresa's celebrated with Mater Dei in Parish Centre @ 11.30am
Friday	<b>16 February</b> 9.30am Friday Lenten Group in Chapel
Friday	<b>1 March</b> Mass Inif8 10.30am
Wednesday	<b>6 March</b> Council of Priests (Toowoomba)
Friday	<b>8 March</b> International Women's Day

**POSITION VACANT:**

St Anthony's Parish is seeking applicants for the position of Administration Support Officer for up to 20 hrs/wk. Details are available on Seek.com or apply directly at the Parish Office. A full Position Description is available from the Parish Office – [admin@stanthonysparish.com.au](mailto:admin@stanthonysparish.com.au)  
<https://www.seek.com.au/job/73278289>

**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 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ada.boland@svdpqld.org.au)

**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*

