

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

9-10 MARCH 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Pope Francis points out that Jesus' answer to Nicodemus in today's Gospel 'disrupts our image of God'. From Jesus' reference to both Father and Son, the Pope says, we learn that God – Father, Son, and Spirit – is 'a God of communion'.

Moreover, we are invited to share in this 'communion of love'! As the Pope suggests, we can recall this invitation every time we make the sign of the cross. 'By tracing the cross on our body,' he says, 'we remind ourselves how much God loved us, to the point of giving his life for us; and we repeat to ourselves that his love envelops us completely, from top to bottom, from left to right, like an embrace that never abandons us.'

As receivers of such love, we are called to also become sharers of it. As well as reminding ourselves that we are loved, the Pope says, when making the sign of the cross we also 'commit ourselves to bear witness to God-as-love, creating communion in his name.'

Flowing from this wonderful image the Pope asks us to reflect: 'do we bear witness to God-as-love? ... do our communities bear witness to this? ... Do we always leave the door open, do we know how to welcome everyone – and I emphasise, everyone – as brothers and sisters?'

After all, the Crucified One was sent 'not to condemn the world' but to save it. A person can condemn themselves only by closing the door to themselves or others, refusing to believe in God's love. Nobody who approaches the door, however tentatively, can be guilty of making that mistake. © Nick Brodie

RECENTLY DECEASED

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

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

Friends and Family

Fr Tim Brennan *msc*

Pauline Fletcher

(Susanne Gilshenen's Friend)

Elke Windley

(Gailene Jurgs' Granddaughter)

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)

The Dowling Family

ANNIVERSARIES

George Wilson Bill Jones
Ivy Butler Max Winter
Breeg Henly-Smith
Elizabeth Crompton
Paul Morton
Margaret Stuart
Patrick Dunne



Fourth Sunday of Lent
9 & 10 March



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

Please donate to Project Compassion.


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 or by calling 1800 024 413.

Photo: Tim Lam/Caritas Australia



St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center">4th Sunday of Lent Year B</p> <p>First Reading: <i>2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23</i> The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: PS: 136: R Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!</p> <p>Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10 When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Glory & praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.</p> <p>Gospel: John 3: 14-21 God sent his son into the world that we might be saved through him.</p> <p>Next week's readings: 5th Sunday of Lent Year B <i>Jeremiah 31: 31-34</i> <i>Hebrews 5: 7-9</i> <i>John 2: 20-30</i></p>	<p align="center">BAPTISMS</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	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		<p><u>ECUMENICAL PALM BLESSING</u></p> <p><i>Date: 24/3/2024 Sunday</i> <i>Time: 8:00am</i> <i>Where: St Stephen's Uniting Church, Neil St Tmba</i> All are warmly welcome to attend the Ecumenical Palm Blessing on Palm Sunday.</p>
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>			

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rosters for the Easter Celebrations are on the table in the foyer. Please write your name down if you are available to help with these ceremonies.





SYNOD OF BISHOPS UPDATE

Fr Nathan Webb is our diocese's contact. Parishes will receive a letter shortly from Fr Nathan regarding the next step in the local process and nominating a local contact person. These resources are part of the next step in the local response.

Synod Resources

Resources can be found on the Australian Synodal Church webpage: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> and on the official website for the Synod 2021-2024: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

[Diocesan Consultation Reflection Guide](#)

[Synod of Bishops - Intercessions for Lent 2024](#)

Toward a Constitutively Synodal Church – Free Online Course

Free Registration for the Third Intercontinental Massive Online Course (MOOC) is now open. The MOOC will address the theme *Toward a Constitutively Synodal Church*. All videos will be facilitated virtually in March 2024 and will be offered at no cost to participants worldwide. Lectures that are pre-recorded and available in Spanish, English, Portuguese, French, Italian, Polish and German can be watched at any time throughout the month of March. For more information or to register, go to formaciononline.bc.edu/en/home/

FUND RAISER

One of St Theresa's parishioners, Charmaine Cridland is representing St Theresa's in walking the Kokoda Track on 5th April to 14th April. This is to raise money for our Winter Shelter 2024 campaign.

If you or your business is in a position to support Charmaine with a tax deductible donation, please go to the link provided and click on Charmaine's bio <https://winter-shelter-toowoomba.raisely.com>

St Theresa's Parish

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST PATRICK



Date: 16/3/24 Saturday
 Time: Doors open 6:30pm
 Where: Cathedral Centre, Neil St Tmba
 Cost: \$50 per ticket



Come and enjoy a great night out to celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick! Tickets will include a meal, a live Irish Band, and plenty of dancing! Book tickets now.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOUSE BOUND PARISHIONERS

The parish would like to compile a list of volunteers who are willing, available and comfortable to visit house-bound parishioners to enable them to receive Holy Communion.

At times the parish office is notified by parishioners who would like a person to come and give them holy communion. When this occurs, it would be useful to have a list of names that can be contacted to ascertain who may be available to offer that service and outreach ministry at that particular time.

If you wish to join this ministry, please contact the parish office Ph 4639 4688 or email office@sttheresas.org.au

ANOINTING AND HEALING MASSES 2024

Following the recent Care & Concern meeting, it was decided that in 2024, there will be one Anointing & Healing mass in August which will be followed by light refreshments and fellowship. Another sacrament of Anointing & Healing will occur in November, the special month of remembrance, during a regular weekday mass either on a Wednesday or a Friday. The specific dates have not yet been decided but the parish will keep you informed when the decisions have been made.

EASTERTIDE MUSIC

Featuring an Easter cantata **The Crucifixion** by Sir John Stainer with supporting items by the choir & *Amity Singers*.

When: Friday 22 March 2024 at 7pm followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre

Where: St James Church, Cnr Russell and Mort Sts, Toowoomba

Cost: \$25 pp school aged children - no charge

Tickets can be pre-purchased from St James Parish Office (4639 1858) or at the door prior to the concert.

Enquiries - 0439 355 089



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>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>led 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>

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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
 0409 662 047

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson
 0451 131 849



NOTICE

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MARCH

Thursday	21 March	National Close the Gap Day
Sunday	24 March	Palm Sunday
Monday	25 March	Chrism Mass @ St Patrick's Cathedral, 5:30pm
Wednesday	26 March	2nd Rite of Reconciliation 6pm St Theresa's
Thursday	28 March	Holy Thursday Mass 6pm
Friday	29 March	Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am Veneration of the Cross 3pm

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2024

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver invite you to celebrate the **65th Anniversary of Religious Consecration of Sr Miriam Lorenz S.S.P.C.** A Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell and Fr Michael O'Brien at 11.30am on Saturday 16 March 2024, in St Patrick's Cathedral, 123 Neil Street, Toowoomba. Please join us afterwards at our convent: 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba, for light refreshments and also to meet Mother Selin, our Mother General. **For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday March 8th. Telephone: (07) 4632 1818.**

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.

Margot Ph: 4699 5222 Or cavanaghpo@gmail.com

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 11 March @ 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

