

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

16-17 MARCH 2024

FIFTH 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

'Today's Gospel invites us to turn our gaze to the crucifix,' Pope Francis once said, adding that it 'is not an ornamental object or clothing accessory.' Rather, it is something more: 'a religious symbol to contemplate and understand.' This is a theme to which the Pope has repeatedly turned. On another occasion he reminded his listeners that the image of the crucified Jesus is something newcomers first encounter: 'In churches, in the homes of Christians, even worn on their persons,' a cross is meant to symbolise the faith of those who display it.

That being the case, it is beholden on us as individuals and communities to show what being a follower of Jesus really means. Jesus responded to Philip and Andrew by speaking of the grain that dies to yield a good harvest and of the follower who serves. As Jesus' words suggest, real understanding comes from the witness of service and self-sacrifice.

Whenever people encounter a crucifix or cross, therefore, they should also see signs of servant discipleship. Whether in our churches, homes or daily lives, we are all called to be authentic bearers of the cross. We should strive to offer the world what the Pope characterises as 'the witness of a life that is given in service, a life that takes upon itself the style of God – closeness, compassion and tenderness.'

'The important thing is that the sign be consistent with the Gospel,' says Pope Francis. Whenever or wherever people display a cross, they should also themselves be living signs of 'love, service, unreserved self-giving.' © Nick Brodie

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul Jorgensen (Neal's Brother)

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

Alec Koltermann

John Waldron

Tracey Leonard

Marilyn Northeast

Noreen McGarry

Maureen Murfet

Joachim Kayiba

Leo Roessler

Archie Kretchmann

Peter Kalinowski



Fifth Sunday of Lent
16 & 17 March



Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

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.

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St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center">5th Sunday of Lent Year B</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Jeremiah 31: 31-34</i> The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>PS: 50:3-4</i> Create a clean heart in me, O God.</p> <p>Second Reading <i>Hebrews 5: 7-9</i> He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>John 13: 20-30</i> If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.</p> <p>Next week's readings: Palm Sunday Year B <i>Mark 11: 1-10</i> <i>Isaiah 50: 4-7</i> <i>Mark 14: 1-15</i></p>	<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish Ellie Christine Vietheer 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	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>			

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.*



EASTER CEREMONIES 2024

Monday 25th March Chrism Mass 5.30pm St Patricks's Cathedral

Wednesday 27th March 2nd Rite of Reconciliation liturgy for Lent 6pm St Theresa's Parish Centre

Thursday 28th March Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm St Theresa's Parish Centre
Combined with Mary MacKillop Parish Highfields



Friday 29th March Stations of the Cross 10am St Theresa's Parish Centre
Veneration of the Cross 3pm St Theresa's Parish Centre

Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil 6pm St Theresa's Parish Centre

Sunday 31st March Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am St Theresa's Parish Centre



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>

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CARE AND CONCERN

Visiting parishioners is a core ministry of our Care & Concern team. If anyone would like a social visit to brighten their day on a monthly basis, please contact the parish office Ph: 4639 4688 or let Damian Carroll know.
All ages are welcome

BENEDICTUS: A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Date: 15-22/3/24

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

As part of the Cathedral of St Stephen's 150th anniversary celebrations, Alan Edgecomb of Purple Moon Photography is holding a photographic exhibition of 68 photographs from the last 15 years at the cathedral. You might recognise Alan snapping photos for The Catholic Leader.

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>-----</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, 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	27 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
Saturday	30 March Easter Vigil 6pm St Theresa's Parish
Sunday	31 March Easter Sunday Morning, 9.30am St Theresa's Parish

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

There will be a collection taken up on Good Friday for the Holy Places in the Holy Land at the Veneration of the Cross Service at 3pm.
 Envelopes are available in the foyer.

Praying with the Liturgy

A Liturgical Retreat

**When: Saturday 20 April 2024
 9:00 am - 12:30pm**

**Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary
 Cnr Earnshaw Rd & Approach Rd, Banyo
 Flyer is in the foyer for more information**

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.

ECUMENICAL PALM BLESSING

*Date: 24/3/2024 Sunday
 Time: 8:00am*

Where: St Stephen's Uniting Church, Neil St Tmba
 All are warmly welcome to attend the Ecumenical Palm Blessing on Palm Sunday.

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 8 April @ 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

