

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

23-24 MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD

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.*

## Gospel Reflection

'Let us ask for the grace to be amazed', reflects Pope Francis. 'A Christian life without amazement', he warns, 'becomes drab and dreary'. Palm Sunday is about so much more than an annual waving of branches.

Whether our faith has become what the Pope styled 'dull from habit', or we find ourselves 'trapped in our regrets', or 'crippled by our disappointments', or easily inclined to 'take refuge in legalisms', the Pope suggests we return our gaze to Jesus' self-sacrifice and allow ourselves to be amazed.

'Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again,' the Pope says, 'for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realising that we are loved.'

When we allow ourselves to embrace this fact our lives will be changed. As the Pope points out, many of those who welcomed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem quickly abandoned him. They were, he suggests, 'following an *idea* of the Messiah rather than *the* Messiah'. Their public demonstrations seem to have proved self-oriented and shallow. 'To admire Jesus is not enough', the Pope declares.

'We have to follow in his footsteps, to let ourselves be challenged by him; to pass from admiration to amazement.' This, he says, enables us to really 'know that we are not alone: God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word.'

'And with the grace of amazement', the Pope adds, 'we come to realise that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded, in drawing close to those ill-treated by life, we are loving Jesus.' © Nick Brodie



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)  
23-24 March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

**Please donate to Project Compassion**

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



## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Ruth Gaffney**

## 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

**Tom Dowling**

**John Herbert**

**Helen Lyons**

**Bert Jelley**

**Denise Kennedy**

**Joe Leonardi**


**Roger Ley**

**Steve Barnett**

**Bishop Michael Putney**

**Andrew Roy**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center"><b>Palm Sunday Year B</b></p> <p><b>First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7</b> I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm: PS:21: 8-24</b> My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?</p> <p><b>Second Reading Philippians 2: 6-11</b> He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore god raised him on high.</p> <p>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!</p> <p><b>Gospel: Mark 15: 1-39</b> The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings:</b> <b>Easter Sunday Year B</b> <i>Acts 10: 34, 37-43</i> <i>Colossians 3: 1-4</i> <i>Mark 16 1-7</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>BAPTISMS</b></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 RECONCILIATION LITURGY 6PM		
THU	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6PM		<p align="center"><b>Parish Office Hours</b></p> <p><i>Friday 29 March Office Closed</i> <i>Monday 1 April Office Closed</i> <i>Wednesday 3 April Office Closed</i> <i>Thursday 11 April Office Closed</i> <i>Friday 19 April Office Closed</i> <i>Thursday 25 April Office Closed</i></p>
FRI	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 10.00AM VENERATION OF THE CROSS 3PM		
SAT	EASTER VIGIL 6PM		
SUN	EASTER SUNDAY MASS 9.30AM		
<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 25<sup>th</sup> March** Chrism Mass 5.30pm St Patricks's Cathedral  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation liturgy for Lent 6pm St Theresa's Parish Centre  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm St Theresa's Parish Centre  
 Combined with Mary MacKillop Parish Highfields.  
*Communion under both species will be offered.*

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** Stations of the Cross 10am St Theresa's Parish Centre  
 Veneration of the Cross 3pm St Theresa's Parish Centre

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** Easter Vigil 6pm St Theresa's Parish Centre

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am St Theresa's Parish Centre



## Toowoomba Gospel Choir presents an evening to unite in celebration of the Risen King



**A Very Gospel Easter**  
**When:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm  
 More info and tickets at  
[toowoombagospelchoir.com.au](http://toowoombagospelchoir.com.au) or  
 See flyer in foyer for further information



# St Theresa's Parish

## FUND RAISER

One of St Theresa's parishioners, Charmaine Cridland is representing St Theresa's in walking the Kokoda Track on 5<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> 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>

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGH THE CBD

**Good Friday 29 MARCH, 2024 7.30am**

We gather on the steps of St Patrick's Cathedral to carry the cross around a variety of key locations in the CBD.

Each stop is a 'station' and we will pause, read a reflection and pray.

The reflections will help us be in solidarity with some of the many injustices in our world.

We will return to the Cathedral for our final 'station' around 9am.

Please join us as we walk with Jesus.

**Any queries ring David on 0428 130 895 | [dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au)**

*(Note: please wear good walking shoes, suitable clothes for the weather and bring a water bottle for your own comfort.)*

## 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

## 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.

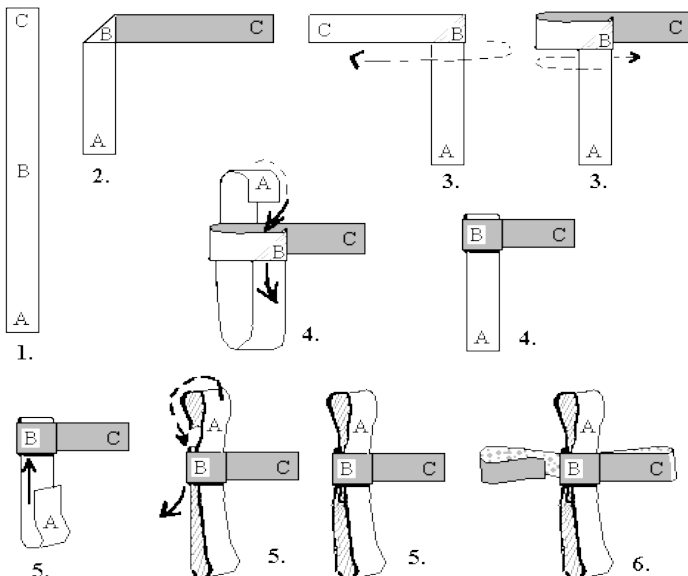
If you wish to join this ministry, please contact the parish office Ph 4639 4688 or email [office@sttheresas.org.au](mailto:office@sttheresas.org.au)

## 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.

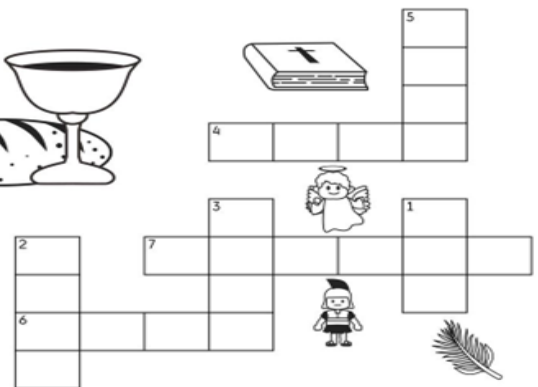
### **Palm Weaving: Cross (style no.1)**

Basic instructions as told to Anita Visoky by Mike Melfi in April 2000. Mike learned to weave crosses at St.Rocco School in Cleveland, OH in the late 1920's or early 1930's.  
Additional illustrations by Cindy Salvareola (Feb 2002).



### **Easter Crossword**

Use the clues to fill in the correct answers on the grid.



### **DOWN**

1. Not Old
2. A type of tree with fan-shaped leaves
3. A grave or crypt
5. Wishing for a good outcome

### **ACROSS**

4. A feeling stronger than liking someone
6. A young sheep
7. Pack-Animal

**CONTACTS**

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**Office:** 55 Curzon Street, Toowoomba

**Parish Website** www.sttheresas.org.au

**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 MARCH/APRIL**

Monday	<b>25 March</b> Chrism Mass @ St Patrick's Cathedral, 5:30pm
Wednesday	<b>27 March</b> 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 6pm St Theresa's
Thursday	<b>28 March</b> Holy Thursday Mass 6pm
Friday	<b>29 March</b> Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am Veneration of the Cross 3pm
Saturday	<b>30 March</b> Easter Vigil 6pm St Theresa's Parish
Sunday	<b>31 March</b> Easter Sunday Morning, 9.30am St Theresa's Parish
Saturday	<b>6 April</b> Prayer Liturgy Infin8 10.30am
Sunday	<b>7 April</b> Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter)
Monday	<b>8 April</b> The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday	<b>19 April</b> Toowoomba Show Holiday (Parish Office Closed)
Sunday	<b>21 April</b> World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Thursday	<b>25 April</b> Anzac Day (Parish office Closed)

**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.

**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*

