

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

6 - 7 APRIL 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

'In reality,' Pope Francis points out, 'Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact,' the Pope adds, 'he represents all of us a little bit.'

But Thomas does not only represent us with his explicitly articulated doubt. Rather, Thomas highlights our tendency to walk away. Thomas had absented himself from the community. Returning, he seems a touch transactional: Show me the proof, then I'll commit!

As Pope Francis highlights, Jesus answers Thomas' doubt 'in front of everyone, in the community.' It was, the Pope suggests, as if Jesus was telling Thomas that 'if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in our community, with the others, and don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them.' Be open to encounter, not closed to possibilities.

This, evidently, is a lesson for us too. Every Christian generation is called to find the Risen Christ together. We belong with each other, with Christ forming a mystical unity out of our diversity.

In this, the story of Thomas has another lesson for the Church. We Christians are called to be a welcoming people. 'Let us ask ourselves,' the Pope suggests, 'if in the name of Jesus' wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy but welcoming everyone.'

After all, despite his attitude Thomas was still included and welcomed by the community whose testimony he doubted. Even more pointedly, Our Lord opens his exchange with the doubter with some clearly welcoming words: 'Peace be with you.'

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## JOURNEYING TOGETHER



This year's Paschal Candle highlights the mission of the Synodal Church, to journey together as a people of God deeply rooted in tradition, and with our hearts and minds focused on listening to what the Spirit of God is saying in our times.

The blue depicts the breath of the spirit giving life to every decision and action of the Church and of our lives.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Bevin Barsby** (Infin8 Resident)  
**Doug McWha**  
(Mt Lofty Nursing Home Resident)

## 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

**Eymard Hannon OLSH**

**Kath Butler**                      **Annie Clark**

**Alan McNaught**                **Terry Quinn**

**Merna Wagner**                **Fran Dalton**

**Roslyn Lean**


**Thomas Hannon**

**Laurie Shanahan**

**Kathleen O'Neill**

**Barry O'Neill**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center"><b>2nd Sunday Year B</b></p> <p><b>First Reading:</b> <i>Acts 4: 32-35</i> The whole group was united, heart and soul.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>PS: 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24</i> Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> <i>1 John 5: 1-6</i> Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> <i>John 20: 19-31</i> After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings:</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter Year B</b> <i>Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19</i> <i>1 John 2: 1-5</i> <i>Luke 24: 35-48</i></p>	<p><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		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	MASS 9.30AM		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>		<p><b><u>Parish Office Hours</u></b></p> <p><i>Thursday 11 April Office Closed</i></p> <p><i>Friday 19 April Office Closed</i></p> <p><i>Thursday 25 April Office Closed</i></p>	

## 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)

## **NOMINATE NOW FOR THE TMBA SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Nominations close 5/5/24 @ 5pm.  
Find out more <http://tinyurl.com/mt9mvaw>

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024



### **For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: FR JACK MACGINLEY

*Date: 28/4/24 Sunday*

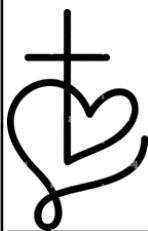
*Time: 10:00am*

*Where: St Mary of the Angels Church, Tara*

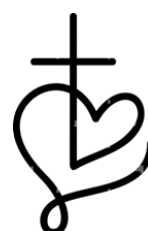
All are welcome to come celebrate with Fr Jack MacGinley as he retires from Tara Parish and active ministry. The community are thankful for Fr Jack's service to Tara and surrounds for over 39 years. Fr Jack will celebrate his final Mass at Tara which will be followed by refreshments at the undercover basketball area at the school (please bring a plate of finger food to share).

## St Theresa's Parish

### THANK YOU



A personal thank you to all volunteers for the various ministry roles over the Easter Triduum ceremonies. Without your help, ideas and assistance, I would not have been able to facilitate liturgies which enhanced the spiritual life of our parishioners. A special thank you to many people who took on the role of co-ordinating the liturgies in my absence. I truly appreciated having time with my family.



### MISSIONARY SISTERS OF SERVICE (MSS) 80 YEARS SINCE FOUNDATION

*Date: 14/7/24 Sunday*

*Time: 2:00pm*

*Where: St Anthony's Church, Memory St Tmba*

It is with great joy that the MSS Sisters commemorate the 80th anniversary of their foundation in 2024. All are welcome to join the Sisters in the Toowoomba Diocese for Mass, followed by afternoon tea. To find out more about celebrations across the country and keep up to date with the MSS Sisters.

### XAVIER SCHOOL OF MISSION: A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN OUR UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICE OF SYNODALITY AND MISSION

During the Xavier School of Mission, the Holy Spirit Seminary opens its doors to a community of leaders for a shared formative experience of faith and ongoing preparation for mission.

*This year has a special focus on the Word and Synodality with the theme of One Word, Emerging Voices: Is Mission the Key to a Synodal Church?*

**Teaching team:** We are delighted to have speakers who were in Rome participating in the Synod conversations. **Bishop Shane Mackinlay, Dr Sandie Cornish, and Ms Kelly Paget** will share their experiences of the Synod and how the connection between synodality and mission.

Voices from Catholic Education, Youth Ministry and Cultural Communities will also share their vision of the relationship between the themes of the Synod and the mission of the Church.

**Experiential Dimension:** Each day begins and ends with *experiences of prayer*. Each day, *the Eucharist* is celebrated and a variety of *spaces for joint sharing and learning* are opened for participants. There is an opportunity for *offsite encounters* as we experience different expressions of the church on mission as well as an open invitation to an evening *Panel Presentation* to break open the theme

The cost to attend the Xavier School of Mission will be \$650.00 (concession rates available where needed, so please contact us for more details). This cost includes lunch and dinner each day but does not include accommodation. Local motel information is available on request.

Contact us now for registrations and for more information at the website of the Holy Spirit Seminary: <https://www.seminary.catholic.net.au/xavier-school-of-mission> or email [xaviercentre@acu.edu.au](mailto:xaviercentre@acu.edu.au) or [seminary@qld.catholic.net.au](mailto:seminary@qld.catholic.net.au).

### THANK YOU: PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion 2024 has come to an end following six weeks of parishes, schools, organisations and individuals donating and taking part in hundreds of events across the country. Around 1,700 schools take part each year, with the Caritas Australia team also having spoken at 350 Masses across Lent.



With that in mind, Caritas Australia extends a heartfelt thank you to all staff, volunteers, and community members involved in making Project Compassion a success

### MULTI-FAITH EVENT: NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE - SOCIAL FLOURISHING

*Date: 18/5/24 Saturday*

*Time: 9:00am-1:30pm*

*Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, Neil Street Tmba*

Multi-Faith Multicultural Centre PLLCA is once again hosting a peace conference. The guest speaker is Professor Edwina Pio. She is the Director of Diversity and a Professor of Diversity at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. Register for free at Humanitix.

For more information, please email to [events.mfmcc@gmail.com](mailto:events.mfmcc@gmail.com)

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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 APRIL/MAY**

Monday	<b>8 April</b> The Annunciation of the Lord
Monday	<b>15 April</b> School Term 2 Starts
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)
Saturday	<b>4 May</b> Prayer Liturgy with Communion 10.30am Infin8
Monday	<b>6 May</b> Labour Day
Sunday	<b>12 May</b> The Ascension of the Lord Mothers Day
Tuesday	<b>14 May</b> World Communications Day

***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**

**SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Rediscovering Our Soul:** 20 April 9am –2.30pm  
Register via TryBooking

**Connecting to the Source of the Aramaic Jesus' Wisdom & Guidance:** Tuesdays 23/4/24 until 18/6/24 9.45am - 12.30pm. Register via TryBooking

**Come to the Light:** Sychar, Wednesdays starting 24/4/24 from 9.45 - 11.30am. Please contact Peter Nolan, facilitator, directly at [nolan8@bigpond.com](mailto:nolan8@bigpond.com) or 0421 127 461

**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 at St Anthony's. Parish Centre. (Grade 7-12 people) PH: 4636 0461*

