

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

13-14 APRIL 2024

THIRD 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

By Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

'To look is not only to see,' the Pope points out, adding that 'it is more; it also involves intention, will.' When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as 'a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.' Jesus' wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus' invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. 'By inviting the disciples to touch him,' the Pope suggests, 'Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain "at a distance".' Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.

Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, 'eating, when we do so together, among family or friends ... becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.'

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus' action had a deeper meaning about Jesus' continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!

Gospel Reflection

By Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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

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

John White **Sadie Dredge**

Flo Madden **Peg White**

Bill Shore **Pat Herbert**

Eileen d'Abadie

Ruth Connole

Fr Tony O'Keefe

Thérèse Seeber

David Anderson



Glen Perkins

Ellen Morrissey

Frank Jones

Laurie Mackie

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center">3rd Sunday Year B <i>Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19</i> You have killed the prince of life; God, however raised him from the dead. Responsorial Psalm: <i>PS: 4: 2, 4, 5, 9 R</i> Lord, let your face shine on us. Second Reading 1 John 2: 1-5 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia! Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48 It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead. Next week's readings: 4th Sunday of Easter Year B <i>Acts 4: 8-12</i> <i>1 John 3: 1-2</i> <i>John: 10: 11-18</i></p>	<p align="center">BAPTISMS This weekend we welcome into our parish Edward Gordon Garske & Maggie Mae Garske through the Sacrament of Baptism</p>  <p align="center">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>			

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

All are warmly welcome to the following local prayer services.

St Theresa's Church, Cnr Curzon & Campbell Sts Tmba

Date: 13/5/24 Monday

Time: 9:00am

St Anthony's Church, Memory St Tmba

Date: 14/5/24 Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm



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

THEATRE NIGHT FUNDRAISERS SUPPORTING LOCAL MINISTRIES

Enjoy a performance of "The 39 Steps" by the Toowoomba Repertory Theatre and support the work of Pastoral Care and SPRED. "The 39 Steps" is a parody play adapted from the 1915 novel by John Buchan and the 1935 film by Alfred Hitchcock. Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python, and you have a fast-paced whodunnit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre. Don't miss this much-loved gem, packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an old-fashioned romance, and a good old spy chase!

Pastoral Care Theatre Night

Date: 30/4/24 Tuesday

Time: 7:30pm

Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre, Margaret St Tmba

Purchase tickets directly through Pastoral Care, see flyer in foyer for details.

SPRED Theatre Night

Date: 8/5/24

Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre, Margaret St, Twmba

Tickets \$25.00 Available now from the SPRED Office

Mon-Thu 9am - 3.30pm

cnr Hume and Jellicoe Streets.

PH: 4632 8427



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.

PALMS AUSTRALIA DISCOVERY INFORMATION SESSION

Date: 26/4/24 Friday

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Where: Social Justice Commission, Cathedral Centre, Neil St Tmba

Palms Executive Director, Soraya Kassim, will be hosting a Discovery information session in Toowoomba. Meet Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about Assignments Abroad, please see flyer in the foyer.

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.

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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	15 April School Term 2 Starts
Friday	19 April Toowoomba Show Holiday (Parish Office Closed)
Sunday	21 April World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Thursday	25 April Anzac Day (Parish office Closed)
Saturday	4 May Prayer Liturgy with Communion 10.30am Infin8
Monday	6 May Labour Day
Sunday	12 May The Ascension of the Lord Mothers Day
Tuesday	14May World Communications Day

CANCELLED

Praying with the Liturgy

A Liturgical Retreat

When: **Saturday 20 April 2024**

9:00 am - 12:30pm

Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary

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 or 0421 127 461

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 13May @ 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

