

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

27-28 APRIL 2024

FIFTH 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.

Spiritual Drink

One of the prayers of the Mass I most like to recite aloud is the one over the chalice of wine:

'Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.'

I like it for several reasons. For starters, we don't offer grapes – simply fruit of the earth. We offer wine – work of human hands. The Creator wants us to bring the result of our human ingenuity, resourcefulness, hard work to the central action of the Mass.

Nature humanised by our labour is the prelude to the gracious action of God whereby the wine becomes 'our spiritual drink'. What is this spiritual drink? This drink was first offered at the Last Supper which is usually depicted as a Passover meal.

There is a Jewish belief that the Passover cup of wine 'absorbs' the life story of the freeing of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. It is that life story of liberation by God which is drunk at the Passover.

We might say that at the Last Supper the cup of wine absorbed the life story of the Divine Liberator, Jesus of Nazareth. To drink from this chalice would be to drink the life story of Jesus of Nazareth. But more than the life story – the very life itself.

Over the chalice of wine, Jesus said 'This is my blood.' What can this mean? There are many dimensions, but here is a good starting point. For Jewish people, as for many others, the method of slaughtering an animal is to slit its throat. As the blood drains out, so does the life. So blood and life are inseparable. So when Jesus says 'This is my blood', He is saying 'This is my life-force. This is my very life. This is my total self given unreservedly to you.' To drink of this blood would be to imbibe spiritual drink indeed.

When we do that in Holy Communion, the life of Jesus, the life of the Risen Lord, courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We are so familiar with today's Gospel in that respect. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning.

But if we stop with that image we fall far short of understanding God's ultimate purpose in the grafting, watering, pruning, tending. It is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a marvellous wine.

Our Heavenly Father wants to produce a truly full-bodied wine at the consummation of all history: a wine which has absorbed our life stories mingled most intensely with the life story of Jesus a wine which is full-bodied because every-body who shares in the resurrection body of Jesus contributes their distinctive character to the vintage of the end of time.

Then we will have become with and in the Risen Lord the Spiritual Drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Carter

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Phil Long

Susan Quirk

June Murphy

Glenda Walsh

Phil Wareham

Anne Thomas

Friends and Family

Naser (Mary Tanous' brother)

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

(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

Francois Frichot

Margaret McNally

Diana Teagle

Patrick O'Brien

Agnes Beauchamp


Les Caldwell

Peter Smith

William Hutchison

Arthur Schneider

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>5th Sunday of Easter Year B <i>Acts 9: 26-31</i> He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey. Responsorial Psalm: <i>PS: 21:26-28, 30-32</i> I will praise you, Lord in the assembly of your people Second Reading 1 John 3: 18-24 His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia! Gospel: John 15: 1-8 All who live in me, and I in them bear much fruit. Next week's readings: 6th Sunday of Easter Year B <i>Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48</i> <i>1 John 4: 7-10</i> <i>John 17: 11-16</i></p>	<p>BAPTISMS 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>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</p>	

GUEST SPEAKER: FR STEVE FLETCHER

Date: 17/5/24 Friday
 Time: 7:00pm-9:30pm
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Date: 18/5/24
 Time: 9:00am-11:30am

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Tmba

Cost: \$10 per person

Fr. Steve Fletcher Is a member of the Missionaries God Love Brothers who seek to bring the fire of God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the world. He has a passion to see the church alive in the power and gifts fulfilling the call of Jesus to go make disciples of all nations. See flyer in the foyer for further details.

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



PRAYER CALENDAR

A Prayer Calendar from the Holy Spirit Seminary has been distributed to parishes. Please pray for our Bishop, Priests, Seminarian and those considering a path to priesthood

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.



St Theresa's Parish

SISTERS OF LIFE VISIT: MADE FOR LOVE

Mass followed by talk

Date: 29/4/24 Monday

Time: 5:30pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba

Mass/Adoration followed by afternoon tea

Date: 30/4/24 Tuesday

Time: 12:00pm

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Tmba

Find out what it means to live from your deepest identity and meet Sr Marie Veritas, Sr Miriam Bethel and Australia's very own Sr Mary Grace and Sr Rose Patrick O'Connor. All events are free and no registration required.

EMPLOYMENT: PASTORAL CARE POSITION AT TOOWOOMBA HOSPICE

The Toowoomba Hospice seeks a part-time Emotional and Spiritual (Pastoral Care) Team Coordinator. Are you an enthusiastic person with loads of patience, tolerance and a great work ethic? This might be the job for you.

See the position document in the foyer for details and how to apply.

Applications close 30/4/24

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

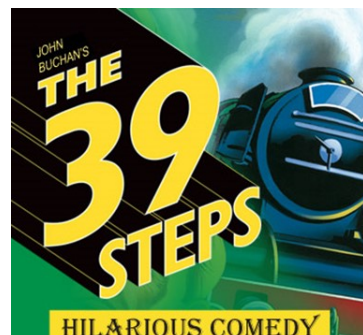
Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre, Margaret St, Twmba

Tickets \$25.00 Available now from the SPRED Office

Mon-Thu 9am - 3.30pm

cnr Hume and Jellicoe Streets.

PH: 4632 8427



THREE SAINTS FESTIVAL

Date: 5/5/24 Sunday

Time: Mass 1:00pm, Food and entertainment from 3:00pm

Where: St Joseph's Church Stanthorpe

When Sicilian culture and Catholic tradition come together, it creates a beautiful day of celebrations, good food and dancing. Come for the whole day or just the evening, but be ready to eat and dance and eat some more! Traditional Italian Sweets, Roasted Chestnuts, a Gourmet BBQ and bar with live entertainment will follow the traditional Mass, Rosary and procession of the Three Saints, capped off with a spectacular laser light show. All are welcome.

For more information, visit [Three Saints Stanthorpe Facebook](#), email threesaintsstanthorpe@gmail.com or contact St Joseph's Parish, Stanthorpe on 07 4681 2157.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Administration Officer at St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas More's. This is a permanent part-time position.

As this role is spread over 2 locations, you may like to consider applying for any of the following:

1. St Patrick's Cathedral, 123 Neil St, Toowoomba (12hrs /2 days)
2. St Thomas More's Parish, 71A Ramsay St, South Toowoomba (12hrs /2 days)
3. Combined 1 & 2.

Position Description is available by contacting St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Office on 4637 1500 or admin@stpats.org.au Applications close 10/05/2024.

CONTACTS

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Parish Secretary:

Janet Weier
Ph.: 4639 4688
e-mail: office@sttheresas.org.au

Church: Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

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 APRIL/MAY

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	14 May World Communications Day
Friday	24 May Feast Day - Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia
Sunday	26 May National Sorry Day The Most Holy Trinity

MOTHER'S DAY CENT SALE

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Mother's Day Cent Sale in St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil St on Saturday May 11. The doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. A delicious afternoon tea will be served, and cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free. There are many excellent prizes and the mul-tidraw includes a meat tray, fruit and vegetable trays, a flower arrangement and much more. All proceeds go to the Missions.

Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

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

