

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

4 - 5 MAY 2024

SIXTH 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.

CORNELIUS, CATHOLICS AND LOVE

We owe much to a Roman soldier. In fact, it may be said we are 'Catholic' because of the encounter between St Peter and Cornelius. Cornelius was a centurion. As the name implies, a centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers in the Roman army. So he was a junior officer in the Empire's armed forces and a pagan to boot. And yet, St Peter found that this man was evidently graced by the Holy Spirit and therefore Peter could not deny him baptism. This incident helped resolve a major controversy in the first decades of the church. Would a pagan have to become a Jew, one of the Chosen People, before becoming a Christian? Peter concluded, on the basis of a vision and this incident, that God does not have favourites amongst the peoples of this world and that any person of any nationality who is in awe of God and lives justly could be baptised a Christian. And thus the early church was able to break out of its Jewish confines. We were not to be a Jewish sect which accepted Jesus as the Messiah. We were to be truly universal ('catholic' in the Greek) able to embrace all those who acknowledge our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. So the great missionary endeavour began to every tribe, every ethnic group, speakers of every tongue throughout the earth. And there were two main messages. First that Jesus of Nazareth had had the victory over death, and we are able to share in that victory. That is the faith of Easter which we have just celebrated. The second great message involved understanding what 'love' really entails. The word 'love' in English covers such a multitude of experiences as to be devoid of meaning until we know the context. Does it refer to the passionate embrace of two lovers, or a preference for chocolate over nougat? Our Lord gives us the core meaning. 'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.' Of course, for most of us the closest experience consonant with that gospel is the experience of a parent at the bedside of a chronically ill or badly injured child who is dying. A mother or father would willingly substitute themselves for that child facing death. This is the true core meaning of 'love' according to Our Lord. Every other form of love grades away from this most perfect human expression of loving. Of course Jesus not only preached this message, but lived and died it. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends. He laid down his life for those – for us – whom he called friends'. Though totally innocent of any crime or sin he took on all the horror of a tortured death as if he were a criminal or sinner, rejected by society, even experiencing estrangement from his Heavenly Father: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' He took this experience on himself, really the experience of humanity, and emerged the Victor, the conqueror of death on Easter Sunday. And he did so on behalf of us whom in today's gospel He calls his 'friends', those with whom he wishes to share that victory. 'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.' This is the reality, this is the message of the gospel for the peoples of every tribe, every nation, every language. It is a message which has resonated and reverberated down the centuries from Cornelius to those gathered here. It is the message entrusted to us as members of the one holy Catholic and apostolic church. More importantly, it is entrusted to us as friends of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

RECENTLY DECEASED

Errol Powell (Brother of Brian)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Phil Long Susan Quirk
Phil Wareham Anne Thomas
June Murphy Glenda Walsh



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
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
Lance Jelley Les Murphy
Mary Reilly Thomas Ryan
John Brunner Peta Murphy
Fred Heenan Adele Whisson
Joseph Mullen Delma Wells
Peter Meiklejohn
Alice Meiklejohn
Denise Hodgson
John Robinson
Eileen Cartwright
Bryan Rafter
May Meiklejohn
Pam Edmondson

Parish Council Report from 2nd May meeting will be communicated

weekend 11-12 May

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center">6th Sunday of Easter Year B</p> <p><i>Acts 10: 25-26,34-35,44-48</i> The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>PS. 97: 1-4</i> The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.</p> <p>Second Reading 1 John 4: 7-10 God is love.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: John 15: 9-17 No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.</p> <p>Next week's readings: The Ascension of the Lord Year B <i>Acts 1: 1-11</i> <i>Ephesians 1: 17-23</i> <i>Mark 16: 15-20</i></p>	<p>This weekend we welcome into our parish <i>Tilly Maree Hewitt</i> through the Sacrament of Baptism</p>  <p align="center">BAPTISMS</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>			

GUEST SPEAKER: FR STEVE FLETCHER

Date: 17/5/24 Friday
Time: 7:00pm-9:30pm
&

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




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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2024



For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



St Theresa's Parish

STOCKTAKE/UPDATE PARISH KEY REGISTER

If you have a key for the Church or Parish Office could you please contact the office by phone, email or in person as we are updating the parish key register. We require the system, rank and issue numbers that are on the key.

Phone 4639 4688 Email: office@sttheresas.org.au

If you no longer need your key could you please contact the office.

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.

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

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!

SPRED Theatre Night

Date: 8/5/24

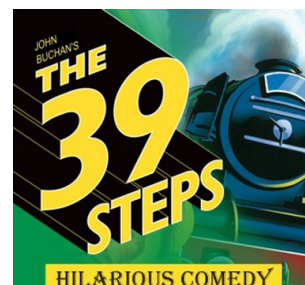
Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre, Margaret St, Twmba

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 MAY

Monday	6 May Labour Day Office Closed
Tuesday	7 May Parish Office Closed
Wednesday	8 May Parish Office Closed
Sunday	12 May The Ascension of the Lord Mothers Day
Sun-Sun	12-19 May Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Monday	13 May Prayer Service at St Theresa's 9am
Tuesday	14 May World Communications Day
Sunday	19 May Mater Dei School/Parish Mass
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

