

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

15-16 JUNE 2024

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Teaching in Parables

The great seasons of Lent and Eastertide are completed and now we return to the cycle of 'Ordinary Time' and the sequential reading of Mark's Gospel. In Mark Chapter 4, the setting is by the Sea of Galilee and Jesus teaches the crowd that gathers, using a number of parables. Our imagination can be helpful here. The crowd that gathers are probably ordinary peasant farmers and so Jesus uses images that they would be familiar with.

4:3-9 Parable of a man sowing his crop

4:21 Parable of the lamp

4:26-29 Parable of the seed growing by itself

4:30-32 Parable of the mustard seed

Parables were often used in the Old Testament as a way of teaching and their value lay in not explaining them, but rather letting the listener be puzzled by them and search for their meaning. Jesus finishes his parables with the words, 'Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.' (4:9, 23) You might imagine some in the crowd going away scratching their heads, and talking to each other – 'What do you think he is talking about?' Newspapers use a similar technique in some cartoons, which are not just for amusement, but also offer a social or political commentary. Many of Michael Leunig's reflections are the same – inviting you to think.

The first parable today, about the seed, was so puzzling that Matthew and Luke both omitted it from their gospels. I find myself asking – In what way is the reign of God like a farmer sowing seed? It seems to suggest that there is a period of time when the farmer does nothing and just leaves the seed to its own natural processes. During this time, the seed is underground and the earth produces the growth. How is this like the Kingdom? But then, when the harvest comes, the farmer once again gets very active. Could it be that Mark is suggesting that after the time of the initial sowing the seed of the Gospel, then there is a time when it can appear as if nothing is happening? While the seed is quietly and invisibly germinating following its own timetable?

The parable of the mustard seed is just as puzzling. The mustard seed is tiny, and the bush it produces is also just a small shrub, a few metres high, which grows vigorously and could take over a garden. Jesus' listeners would be familiar with this shrub, and the way small birds shelter in it. The parable reminds me of an advertisement on the TV: 'From little things big things grow.'

When considering the parables it is always worth thinking about why Jesus found this a helpful image for his own ministry, both for himself and for his disciples as well as the crowd. Then consider what the parable might mean for the early Christian community of Mark's gospel. What might be a comparable image for Churches today? © Mary Coloe

CHANGE OF SATURDAY MASS TIME

Please note that the Saturday Vigil will now commence at 5pm for the next 3 months.

The regular time will recommence on the 1st Saturday in September .

RECENTLY DECEASED HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Susan Quirk **Anne Thomas**
June Murphy **Glenda Walsh**

Friends and Family

Naser (Mary Tanous's 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

Tony Logan	Deirdre Hicks
Paul Mitchell	Paul Howe
Bill Darmody	Colin Howe
John E Duggan	Mary Powell
Agnes Campbell	Ellen O'Dea
Katie Gleeson	Glenis Mackie
Nancy Preece	Arthur Belot
Carl Muller	Craig Milne
Peter Sewell	Ray Clark
Michael Phelan	
Br John Carroll	

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MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Ezekiel 17: 22-24</i> I have made the small tree great. Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16 Lord it is good to give thanks to you. Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia! Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all. Next week's readings: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Job 38:1, 8-11</i> <i>2 Corinthians 5z; 14-17</i> <i>Mark 4: 35-41</i>	BAPTISMS This weekend we welcome into our parish Zimi Louise Stillman through the Sacrament of Baptism  Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month either during Mass at 9.30am or after Mass at 11.00am 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	5PM VIGIL		
SUN	MASS 9.30AM		
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.			

SAVE THE DATE: ECUMENICAL SERVICE, REFUGEE WEEK

Date: 20/6/24 Thursday

Time: 7:30pm

Where: Online, details to come

All are welcome! Members of the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce (ACRT) are working on an online ecumenical service for Refugee Week. Save the date, details to come.

ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL



The St Vincent de Paul Society is conducting its Annual Winter Appeal. There are envelopes available in the foyer for your gift. Your donation will assist vulnerable people these cold winter months. Thank you.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Date: 21-27/7/24

Catholic Education Week provides an opportunity for all Catholic education communities around Queensland to celebrate and promote the distinctive mission of Catholic schooling. For further information visit the Catholic Education Week website.

CENTENARY- ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL MITCHELL

Date: 2-4/5/25

Next year, St Patrick's School Mitchell will celebrate 100 years. A series of events are planned to mark the occasion, so save the date. Follow the Facebook Event Page for updates.

SESQUICENTENNIAL- ST MARY'S SCHOOL WARWICK

Date: 19/10/24 Saturday

If you would like to be involved, have any memorabilia to share or be a sponsor, please contact the school on (07)(07) 46611872. Follow the school on Facebook for updates.

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new planned giving envelopes are on the table in the foyer for you to take. If you would like to be a member of the planned giving envelope system, please call the office on 4639 4688 or email: office@sttheresas.org.au

INVITATION

Our Toowoomba Missionary Sisters of Service and their local Highways & Byways members, invite you to join us in celebrating two anniversaries – our congregational foundation's 80th, along with the 60th anniversary of our arrival in this diocese.

When: **Sunday, 14th July**

Where: **St. Anthony's parish with Mass at 2pm**

Mass will be followed by afternoon tea.

For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 5th July – text Sr. Pat on 0422 462 678

TOTA PULCHRA ES MARIA:

You are all beautiful!

Talks presented by the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God

When: Monday 1st July – 11am and 7pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parish, 302 North Street, Wilsonton;

12noon Mass followed by a cup of tea.

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.

REUNION: ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE PAST PUPILS NIGHT AT THE RACES

Date: 31/8/24 Saturday

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Toowoomba Turf Club

Preceded by a tour of the college at 3:00pm

Cost: \$49pp Book tickets at TryBooking

Gather your friends and get ready for an unforgettable night of excitement, elegance, and camaraderie! The celebration will focus on the reunion years of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, and 2014. However, the entire St Saviour's College community is welcome to attend.

Toowoomba Catholic Winter Shelter 2024

Dates for 2024:

24/06 – St Thomas More's

08/07 – St Theresa's

22/07 – St Thomas More's

05/08 – St Theresa's

19/08 – St Thomas More's

If you wish to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office 4639 4688

Better Impact Registration QR Code



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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE 2024

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Tim Burgess, David Wilson, Kathy Doherty, Glen/Bernadette Whisson, Greg Hallam, Elizabeth Curtis, Monica Brennan.

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 JUNE/JULY

Friday	21 June	School Term 2 Ends
Monday	24 June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Monday	24 June	Winter Shelter St Thomas More's
Saturday	29 June	Feast Day St Peter & St Paul
Saturday	6 July	Liturgy with Communion Infin8 10.30am All welcome
Sunday	7 July	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Monday	8 July	Term 3 starts
Sunday	14 July	Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday July) (stellemarisaustralia.org)
Sun-Sun	21-27 July	Catholic Education Week

CARITAS PNG APPEAL

Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck the Enga province at 3:00am on 24th May. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape.

Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support partners on the ground and those affected by the devastation. Donations can be made at www.caritas.org.au/PNG or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

Care and Concern

The Care & Concern Team are seeking new members to join their ministry.

Some of the services they provide are

- Visits to the Elderly and Housebound
- Coordinate the Healing Mass Annually
- Provision of Meals for individual parishioners or families as required

The group meets once a month on the second Monday at 3pm in the parish office meeting room. If you are interested in learning about this ministry you are welcome to come along to a meeting.

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 8 July @ 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

