

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

22-23 JUNE 2024

12TH 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.*

**Don't miss the signs.** *'Who is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'*

Although we call this season, 'Ordinary Time' there is nothing 'ordinary' about the dramatic scene of today's Gospel. Until this scene, Jesus has been teaching and healing in Galilee beside the large lake, but now he decides to cross the lake, which will take him into the land of the Gentiles. This scene is rich in symbolism and presumes that the listeners are familiar with the Old Testament. For listeners today this will need much explaining. Mark calls the Lake, 'the Sea' reminiscent of the primordial Sea that existed at the beginning of creation. The Sea is frequently symbolic of evil and chaotic powers. In the creation story of Genesis 1 God speaks a word over the sea to bring order and life from this chaos. In Mark's gospel, the Sea is like a geographical barrier between the word of the Jews, on the western side, and the Gentiles on the Eastern side. When Jesus crosses the Sea to go to the Gentiles there is a struggle, as in this gospel and then again in Mark 6:45-52. When Jesus travels in the other direction, the journey is easy (5:21). It is as if when Jesus tries to take his mission to the Gentiles the powers of evil rise up against him. The description of Jesus asleep in the boat echoes the description of Jonah. Jonah was missioned by God to travel away from the people of Israel to the Gentiles in Nineveh, and Jonah fled from this mission. The mighty storm in the Jonah story eventually brought Jonah to Nineveh to preach to the gentiles there. These parallels may reflect the struggles Mark's community is experiencing as it brings the gospel to the wider Roman world. It is thought that Mark was written for a Gentile audience in the late 60's when there was great persecution of Christians by the Emperor Nero. The language Jesus uses is very strange. Jesus rebukes the wind and the sea; he speaks to them as if they were personal forces. This is the language of an exorcism. Mark uses the word 'rebuked' when Jesus casts out demons (1:25). This miracle is therefore presented as an exorcism. Jesus has power over the forces of chaos and the demonic. The disciples' question is the whole point of this episode; *'Who is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?'* In the Old Testament, the one who has mastery over the sea is God. The words of today's Psalm speak of this power – 'God stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed.' In this miracle, Jesus demonstrates that he has God's power to still the storm and hush the sea. The disciples don't get it! All the signs point to the fact that Jesus is God in their midst. Mark presents Jesus mainly in human terms, and only rarely does this Gospel give a hint that Jesus is something more. What looks like a miracle is in fact a major demonstration of Jesus' identity for those who can read the symbols, and see the signs. In the letter to the Corinthians, we find today one of only two places in the New Testament that speaks of a 'New Creation'. This offers a very rich and contemporary possibility for interpreting the significance of the Jesus event. Far too often, the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, is spoken of in terms of a model of 'fall' and reparation where the Genesis story is taken literally. The dominant model of redemption has been that of Anselm with Jesus making restoration to an angry, insulted God. This model has little relevance in today's world where the story of the universe stretches back millions of years. The New Testament has many different images that try to make sense of Jesus for their different audiences. In recent weeks, I have noted some of these: new birth as children of God, atonement sacrifice, and today 'new creation'. Last century Teilhard de Chardin came to understand that the Risen Christ reveals the ultimate destiny of all creation, but this destiny has now become present and active in the entire cosmos (see Romans 8:16). Teilhard saw that in Christ, all time and all God's creative processes had their beginning and end. 'The prodigious expanses of time that preceded the first Christmas were not empty of Christ, for they were imbued with his power.' (*The Hymn of the Universe*. London: Collins, 1970, 168.) In the Gospel, Jesus' disciples miss the signs and their faith crumbles. As our knowledge of the universe expands today, can we see in this the signs of God? Can we see the signs of God in our own lives?

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Simon Riethmuller**

**Ann Thompson**

## 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)

**Max Shearer** (Grandson - Judy Shearer)

**John Mullen** (Helen McNaught's nephew)

**Fr Peter McGrath .CP**

**Molly Schmidt** (Aileen Collins' friend)

**The Dowling Family**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Bill Ryan**

**Bob Caskey**

**Craig Bosley**

**Carl Muller**

**John Ganzer**

**Eric Copas**

**Sheila Strickland**

**Peg Jones**

**Aileen Stacey**

**John Ganzer**

**Deborah Gordon**

**James Flood**

**Rhonda Greensill**

**Kay Barnett**

**Carolyn Wilson**

**Betty Hughes**

**Margaret Rowland**

**Sestelia Ruffini**



**Moya Meneely**

**Kevin d'Abadie**

**Robert Powell**

**Albert (Roy) Wilkinson**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p><b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>  <i>Job 38: 1, 8-11</i>                      Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Ps 106: 23-26, 28-31</i>                      Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> <i>2 Corinthians 5: 14-17</i>                      All things are made new.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>                      Alleluia, alleluia!                      A great prophet has appeared among us;                      God has visited his people.                      Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> <i>Mark 4: 35-41</i>                      Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings:</b>  <b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b>  <i>Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2 ; 23-24</i>  <i>2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15</i>  <i>Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43</i></p>	<p><b>BAPTISMS</b></p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish  <b>Vivienne Mary Lane</b>                      through the Sacrament of Baptism</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <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> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS FR WILL BRENNAN		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	5PM VIGIL		
SUN	MASS 9.30AM		
<p><b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b></p>			

## 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 .**

## 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](mailto:office@sttheresas.org.au)

## 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.](#)

# St Theresa's Parish

**Fr Will Brennan will be celebrating 9am Mass at St Theresa's on Wednesday 26 June**

## PETER'S PENCE

*Date: 30/6/24*

Catholics around Australia are being encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal on the Sunday after the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Donations to the appeal, which goes back to Medieval times, support Pope Francis' mission from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace.

Peter's Pence also aims to support a range of charities which bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees and migrants.

Resources for parishes seeking to take part in the appeal can be found here: [English \(obolodisanpietro.va\)](https://www.obolodisanpietro.va)

## 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 80<sup>th</sup>, along with the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our arrival in this diocese.

**When: Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**Mass will be followed by afternoon tea.**

**For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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



## 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.





**CONTACTS**

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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**

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

**MINISTRY IN ACTION: SPRED APPEAL**

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT (SPRED) is a vital and vibrant ministry within the Toowoomba. For over 30 years, SPRED has been a beacon of hope and a source of spiritual growth for countless individuals. SPRED is a ministry of inclusiveness and evangelisation that meets people where they are. Staff, volunteers, and SPRED Friends journey together in faith, love, and respect.

To help the diocese continue to support SPRED's work, please consider a donation to this year's Ministry in Action Appeal. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

**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*

