

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

13-14 JULY 2024

15TH 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.

HOMILY

Many centuries ago the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was an uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jews won, they could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews had to leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. Problem was that no one wanted to debate the Pope. The only volunteer was a poor, simple, old man named Moishe who opened the door to the synagogue each Friday night. Not being used to words Moishe asked for only one addition to the debate – that neither side be allowed to talk. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the Pope sat opposite each other. The Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his hand in a circle around his head.

Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

Later, the Pope explained what happened: 'I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that we believe in the same one God. Then I waved my hand around my head to show that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was present right here. I pulled out the bread and wine to show that God has given us the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything. What could I do?' Meanwhile, Moishe explained to the Jewish scholars how he won the unwinnable debate. 'Well', said Moishe, 'First he said that the Jews had three days to get out of Rome. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' 'And then what clinched the debate?' asked the Rabbi. 'I don't know', said Moishe. 'It was strange. He took out his lunch, and I took out mine!' Life always depends on how we read the signs!

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the twelve apostles that they should embody three signs: simplicity of lifestyle, dependence on others and hospitality. These instructions are such a contrast to what most of us value today, where it is often the rich and powerful, the independent and the inhospitable who are thought to be the best leaders. For Jesus, however, the one truly sent in his name is the one who knows that another's worth comes from who they are, not what they have. It doesn't matter whether we're rich or poor. It's the way we use our money for others which reveals whether our wealth possesses us or not. For Jesus, being 'a rock and an island' was not a sign of strength but one of fear and despair. A strong Christian is the one who rejoices in our dependence on each other, and is always grateful for the interconnectedness of life. For Jesus, making room for others, especially toward those in legitimate need and even when it makes a large claim on us, is a pre-eminent sign of his Kingdom.

The Christian life is about reading the signs of the times. May our Eucharistic signs of his presence amongst us, the bread and wine, change us today, to match it with the best in being simple in lifestyle, happily dependent and extravagantly hospitable with our time, talent and energy for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

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RECENTLY DECEASED HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Leo Lenihan

Susan Quirk

June Murphy

Anne Thomas

Glenda Walsh

Friends and Family

Imogen Atkins (niece of Lelia Fallon)

Mary Relf (Pat Powell's Sister)

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 Bangart (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

Jim Monahan

Noel Gainey

Bernie Brock

Bill Brock

Bayley McNamara

Catherine Long

Sr Mary Francis RSM

Lance Sinclair



John Ede

John Luck

Eric Jensen

Reg Clark

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MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Amos 7: 12-15</i> Go Prophecy to my people. Responsorial Psalm: Ps:84: 9-14 Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Second Reading Ephesians 1: 13-14 Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia! Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13 He called the Twelve, and began to send them out. Next week's readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Jeremiah 23: 1-6</i> <i>Ephesians 2: 13-18</i> <i>Mark 6: 30-34</i>	BAPTISMS This weekend we welcome Colton James William Easing into our parish 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.			

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Penance – First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on Wednesday 21st August 2023 at 6pm. Children who are baptised, in Year 3 or older, are welcome to participate in the program in preparation for the sacrament. A Parent Information night for parents/ carers will be held on Wednesday 17 July 2023 at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Only parent/parents need to attend the information night. Information letters and enrolment forms are available in the foyer, distributed to Year 3 students at Mater Dei or through the parish office. Our sacramental team members are Kathy Doherty, Gay Jorgensen, David Wilson and Monica Brennan. If you have any enquiries, please contact a member of the team or contact the parish office on 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: NATSICC SPIRITUALITY AND FORMATION RETREAT

Date: 9-12/9/24

Where: St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong NSW

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) Spirituality and Formation Retreat is open to all, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and those that work in Ministry alongside First Nations Peoples. The retreat will provide an opportunity to pray, heal and grow in faith with one another whilst surrounded by the peace and stillness of country NSW. Moving away from the conference mindset, participants will experience the sharing of faith with one another and have ample time to reflect upon their own faith Journey. Further details at [NATSICC's website](#); registrations will open shortly.

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.



What's on at SYCHAR



The new timetable for Term 3 is available on the notice board in the foyer. The flyers for the various workshops are also displayed near the timetable. Please support our House of Prayer and Spirituality.

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QUO VADIS FOR MEN 2024

Date: 2-4/8/24 Friday to Sunday

Where: Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost: See site for options

The annual Quo Vadis for Men weekend provides the opportunity to experience study, prayer and discernment whilst living on-site at the Holy Spirit Seminary. Experience dynamic talks, engaging small group discussions, and transformative prayer experiences through the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, personal prayer, and a guided retreat. [Click here to find out more and book tickets.](#)

JUMPERS AND JAZZ IN JULY FESTIVAL WARWICK - ST MARY'S CHURCH EVENTS:

Jazz Masses 20/7/24 @ 5:00pm & 28/7/24 @ 8:30am. Morning Tea at Assisi Place 20-27/7/24 @ 9:30am-12:00pm. Church Tours 18-28/7/24 9:30am-4:30pm.

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.](#)

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

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

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

***THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our successful Winter Shelter night on Monday and breakfast on Tuesday
If you provided food in a container, your containers are available for collection in the Parish Centre kitchen.***

Dates for 2024:

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 JULY 2024

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Monica Brennan, Tim Burgess,
 Elizabeth Curtis, Kathy Doherty, Greg Hallam, Gerard
 Hore, Julie Ratelli, David Rogan, Martin Stinson,
 Bernadette/Glen Whisson Dave Wilson.

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 JULY/AUGUST

Sunday **14 July** Sea Sunday (2nd Sunday July)
 (stellemarisaustralia.org)
 Wednesday **17 July 6pm** Parent Information Night for
 the Sacrament of First Reconciliation
 Sun-Sun **21-28 July** Catholic Education Week
 Sunday **28 July** Mater Dei School led Parish Mass
 Sat **3 Aug** Prayer Liturgy with Communion
 Infin8 10.30am
 Wednesday **14Aug** Anointing & Healing Mass,
 10.00am St Theresa's Parish Centre

SYNODALITY: OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Presentation by Xavier Centre, Brisbane
 Featuring Myriam Wijlens and a response by Bishop
 Tim Norton SVD
Date: 24 July 2024
Time: 6pm-7.30pm (food and drink will be served
 from 5.30pm)
Venue: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earn-
 shaw Road, Banyo
 Flyer has been placed in the foyer. Please register using
 the information on the flyer.

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're
 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*

