



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

22nd 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.

Francis' Focus

'You put aside the commandment of God,' warned Jesus, 'to cling to human traditions.' One of the sharpest lines in the Gospel, this is a watchword for every Christian generation. 'In today's passage,' Pope Francis says, 'Jesus addresses an important topic for all of us believers: the authenticity of our obedience to the Word of God, against any worldly contamination or legalistic formalism.' As the Pope suggests, 'those challenging him seek to strike at the reliability and authority of Jesus as Teacher.' The religious leaders who questioned Jesus on technical points of ritual had deluded themselves about what was essential. The Pope points out that 'Jesus wants to rouse the scribes and Pharisees from the error they have fallen into.' Christ's sharp words are intended to turn people from 'distorting God's will, neglecting his commandments in order to observe human traditions.' 'Today too,' the Pope reminds us, 'the Lord invites us to avoid the danger of giving more importance to form than to substance. He calls us to recognise, ever anew, what is the true core of the experience of faith, that is, love of God and love of neighbour.' © Nick Brodie

Gospel Reflection

I read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'. It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne. This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil. The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident. Sister said, 'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'. John replied, 'If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!' From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is 'The-devil-made-me-do-it' theology. And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine. For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love. This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred. As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way. The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option. May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart. © Richard Leonard SJ

RECENTLY DECEASED

Will Wildig

(Meg Hicks' Brother in Law)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Noel and Mary Murphy

Dianne Coorey

Susan Quirk

Anne Thomas

June Murphy

Friends and Family

Imogen Atkins (niece of Lelia Fallon)

Mary Relf (Pat Powell's Sister)

Naser (Mary Tanous' brother)

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)

Geoff Doyle (Mary Otto's brother)

Anna O'Toole (Maryanne Long's friend)

Phil Connolly (Glen & Bernadette Whisison'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

Leslie Boland

Kath Noel

Doreen Hoysted

Ned Spies

Maureen Hudson

Bill Ward

Tom Lutton

Bob Triggs

Ray Stein

Bon Mahoney

Fr Merv Ziesing


Aaron Preston

Margaret Thompson

Patrick O'Shea

Michael McQuillan

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading <i>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8</i> You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps: 14: 2-5</i> The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</p> <p>Second Reading <i>James : 17-18, 21-22</i> Be doers of the word.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i> You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.</p> <p>Next week's readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Isaiah 35: 4-7</i> <i>James 2: 1-5</i> <i>Mark 7: 31-37</i></p>	<p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish <i>Samuel Charles Hewitt</i> & <i>Flynn James Hewitt</i></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>
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9.30AM SCHOOL FEAST DAY MASS MATER DEI HALL		
SAT	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	MASS 9.30AM		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>		<p><u>New Noticeboards</u></p> <p>Thank you Mike Taylor for your talent, skill and generosity in constructing our new pinboard notice boards in the Parish Centre foyer.</p>	

DIOCESAN FEAST DAY: MARY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Date: 1/9/24 Sunday

The first day of September is the Feast Day of our diocese's patron, Mary of the Southern Cross.

Time: 9:00am

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba

Bishop Ken Howell will be celebrating Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral to mark the diocese's Patronal Feast Day. All are welcome to attend or watch via livestream. All are welcome to morning tea after Mass.

Did you know

□... The first celebration of the feast was in 1999. The date is significant to our diocese for many reasons; mainly, it's the anniversary of our first bishop taking possession of the cathedral, the birth of our diocese!

Liturgical resources have been sent to parishes, and prayer cards featuring the Mary of the Southern Cross image by Jan Williamson will be available in churches.

The diocese has sponsored the episode of Mass for You at Home that will air on 1 September. You can view it online or tune in to Channel 10 at 6:00am.

Thank you to the team at Diocese of Wollongong who do a great job filming these beautiful celebrations.

PRISON CHAPLAINS

Prison chaplains are needed to service the new Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre, situated near Gatton, which is due to be open in early 2025. This prison will be able to accommodate 1500 men.

Committed Catholic men and women are invited to consider volunteering to assist in this vital pastoral work for four hours on a weekly basis. Chaplains are trained onsite by experienced prison chaplains. In this role you will be registered as a volunteer with Centacare in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and will require, or be able to acquire, a Blue Card, Police Check and complete relevant Safeguarding Training.

If you are interested in joining the Chaplaincy Team, please contact any of the following people for further information:

Josephine Nolan, Chaplain at Southern Qld Correctional Centre Ph: 0421 270 461

Judy Norris, Director Pastoral Ministries, Centacare Brisbane Ph: (07) 3324 3193

Deacon Russ Nelson, Prison Chaplain, Brisbane Ph: 0427 743 534

St Theresa's Parish

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION: FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

Date: 1/9/24 Sunday

Each year on Fathers' Day, we ask parishioners to support our "Fathers" - our beloved clergy. The Priests Retirement Foundation provides assistance such as social welfare, maintenance, necessities of life and relief from poverty as priests may need in infirmity, sickness, incapacity, old age or other necessitous circumstances.



Please use QR Code provided or envelopes available in the foyer to make a donation to this worthy cause.

BATTLE OF MEEWAH COMMEMORATION

Date: 12/9/24 Thursday

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Where: Tobruk Memorial Drive, Toowoomba

The Battle of Meewah was part of the frontier wars, the battle for land that took place across our vast continent. It was significant because it demonstrated great courage and valour as well as diplomacy. This annual event commemorates this historically significant story of shared history. It is a story led by a love of land and people whilst also honouring one of the many forgotten or untold stories of valiant First Nations resistances.

See flyer in the foyer for more information.

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Date: 13-16/9/24 Friday to Monday

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm daily

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba

All are welcome to come and experience the cathedral in an explosion of colour! Displays created by local Catholic schools and ministries exploring the theme "One Earth, One Community".

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](https://www.natsicc.org.au); registrations will open shortly.

SEASON OF CREATION DEVOTIONAL

Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN), a commission of QCT have produced a Season of Creation Devotional. The devotional will be available as an app, pdf and printed book. The new Season of creation Devotional contains a reflection, prayer and verse for each day of Season of Creation. The devotions are illustrated by beautiful photographs featuring the Australian landscape, flora and fauna.



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)*

About the Devotional

The devotional was developed by Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN). QCEN sought contributions from a wide range of people, from different denominations and backgrounds, from all over Australia. The variety gives the devotions an incredible depth. At the same time, although each devotion is different, they all manage to portray a sense of awe at the wonder of creation. The devotions remind the reader of the interconnectedness of creation, of the peace we can feel when being in nature, and the beauty that is all around us.

How to Access the Devotional

By App using the Apple Store or through the Google Store - Free, just search for Season of Creation.

By PDF through the QCT website – Free go to <https://qct.org.au/images/QCEN/SoCDevotionsScreenVersion.pdf>

In printed form – a limited number of books have been printed and are available for \$10 each plus postage.

Contact admin@qct.org.au to order your copy.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



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 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 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	1 Sept Priest's Retirement Appeal
Sunday	1 Sept Father's Day
Sunday	1 Sept World day of prayer for Creation
Sunday	1 Sept - 4 Oct Season of Creation
Sun-Sat	1-7 Sept National Child Protection Week (www.napcan.org.au)
Saturday	7 Sept Saturday Vigil starts 6pm
Sunday	8 Sept Safeguarding Sunday
Friday	13 Sept Mass Infin8 10.30am
Friday	13 Sept School Term 3 Finishes
Sunday	29 Sept World Day Migrant & Refugees Sunday

BUS TRIP TO MARIAN VALLEY

Celebrating 'Our Lady's birthday'
 There will be a bus travelling to Marian Valley
Date: Saturday 7 September
Time: 7.30am
Where: Leaving St Pat's Cathedral, Neil St side
Cost/person: \$50
 If you are interested in going on the trip
 please contact Theresa Blatchley Ph: 0434 528 904



SCAM ALERT: FAKE CATHOLIC CARE LOANS

We've recently become aware of a Facebook Scam offering loans on behalf of an organisation that is pretending to be CatholicCare. Their Facebook page has used CatholicCare Sydney's videos and images to look more like their organisation.
 Please be aware that CatholicCare Social Services (Toowoomba) is not associated with any such organisation. They will never ask you to share your passwords, bank, superannuation, Centrelink, or other financial details via Facebook or another website.
 When in doubt, please call CatholicCare directly on 1300 477 433 for further information. .

Care & Concern Meeting

Care & Concern Meeting Monday 10 Sept @ 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

