

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

21-22 SEPTEMBER 2024

25th 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

'If anyone wants to be first,' Jesus says quite clearly, 'he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' As Pope Francis paraphrases it: 'Do you want to be first? Serve. This is the way.' Jesus must have surprised the apostles, who were busy arguing about their status. Like children, they were trying to make sense of their social world and relationships. Who was the biggest, the oldest, the first? But, the Pope says, 'the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters.' What we do matters more than what we think we are entitled to. Queen or cardinal, banker or baggage handler, God looks at whether and how we serve others. Service, the Pope explains, 'means to act like Jesus'. We should be givers, not getters. As the Pope also notes, this changes us: 'as our care and availability toward others grows, we become freer inside, more like Jesus.' Which is why Jesus draws the apostles' attention to a child. As the Pope points out, children represented 'littleness,' or dependence. Jesus' followers should focus on serving 'those who need to receive and cannot give anything in return. In welcoming those on the margins, the neglected, we welcome Jesus because He is there.'

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## Season of Creation Reflection

Today's Gospel reveals a fearfulness in the disciples' response to Jesus. Afraid of asking too many questions, they almost seem to prefer being ignorant rather than admit the limits of their own understanding. Strangely, this self-imposed ignorance does not prevent them from posturing for position. What a warning for the Church this episode seems to offer! While this excerpt of Mark's Gospel is often interpreted in terms of the virtue of humility, the other aspect of Jesus' point is easily overlooked. Every Christian is called to be 'last of all and servant of all'. Ours is a faith of humble service. The scriptures repeatedly make the point that faith is always embedded in creation. A mountain, a road, a town, and a house all frame the action in this episode. Because the Church exists wherever its members go our beliefs and prayers are not restricted to church buildings. We take our faith on roads, into our homes and towns, and even up mountains. Given this, our faith compels us to have a special care for all of creation. As Jesus clearly intimates, by humbly serving created things we express our love of the Creator who made them all. © Nick Brodie

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Barry Parker**

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners:

**Noel and Mary Murphy**

**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

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

**Kath Murphy**

**Maud Humphrey**


**Celia Dowling**

**Daphny Butler**

**Margaret Bowden**

**Barry Arnold**

# St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b> <b>First Reading</b> <i>Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20</i> Let us condemn him to a most shameful death. <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>53: 3-6, 8: R</i> The Lord upholds my life. <b>Second Reading</b> <i>James 3: 16-4: 3:</i> Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace. <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia! <b>Gospel:</b> <i>Mark 9: 30-37</i> The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of humanity.. All who wish to be the first must make themselves the servants of all. <b>Next week's readings:</b> <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B</b> <i>Numbers 11: 25-29</i> <i>James 5: 1-6</i> <i>Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48</i>	This weekend we welcome into our parish <b>Avie Bridget Cameron</b> 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	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	MASS 9.30AM		
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.		<b>PARISH OFFICE NOTICE</b> The parish office will be closed. Monday 23 September	

## PRAYERS FOR PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Date: 18/9/24 Wednesday

Time: 12:30pm

Where: Online via Zoom,

The National Council of Churches in Australia invites you to join us as we pray for peace in the Holy Land during the Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel.

For further information please refer to flyer in the foyer.



Register here

## RUMORS: MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER FUNDRAISER

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** are hosting the play, "**Rumors**", a comedy at the Repertory Theatre  
**Tuesday October 1st.**

Doors open at 7.00pm and patrons must be seated by 7.25pm.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by contacting Sisters on 07 4632 1818 or Helen on 0416055976.

All proceeds go to the Missions.

## DIOCESAN ARCHIVES UPDATE

Gabrielle Saide, Diocesan Archivist, wishes to advise that the archives at 68 Lindsay Street Toowoomba is now open for deposits, enquiries and research.

Opening hours are Tuesday 10.30am – 4.00pm and Thursday 10.30am- 4.00pm.

Phone number is 4632 7484. Email is [dioarch@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:dioarch@twb.catholic.org.au)

## REUNION: ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR

Date: 28/9/24 Saturday

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba

Last Year's Reunion of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir from the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s was such a fantastic success it is on again! If you know of anyone who was a member of the Junior Choir during those years, would you kindly let them know of this and ask them to make contact with either Shelley Schweikert

on 0402 319 929 or Sr Margaret Norris on 0427 623 598 to find out the details.



## St Theresa's Parish

### **JUBILEE OF ORDINATION MASS**

*Date: 16/10/24 Wednesday*

*Time: 11:00am*

*Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba*

Bishop Ken Howell warmly invites all parishioners to celebrate milestone Jubilees of Ordination for some of our priests at a special Mass. Fr Kerry Costigan will mark 60 years of Ordination. Frs Jim Cronin and John Maher will mark 50 years of Ordination. Frs Jamie Collins and Michael O'Brien will mark 25 years.

### **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE**

*Date: 5/10/24 or 26/10/24 (Both Saturdays)*

*Where: Mt Carmel Parish Coorparoo or All Saints Parish Albany Creek*

*Make a Joyful Noise!* offers a valuable formation opportunity for singers, conductors, cantors, organists, pianists, guitarists and all involved in music ministry. Bring your whole music team to help all appreciate the vital role of music in vibrant, uplifting and welcoming parish worship. (Discounted parish tickets available)

Please refer to flyer in the foyer for further information.

### **ENGAGING YOUR FAITH**

*Date: October 2024*

*Where: Online*

"Engaging Your Faith" is a series of short online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, and issues in Science and Religion



### **BUS TRIP: MARIAN VALLEY**

Opening and Blessing of the Devine Mercy Chapel

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Bus departs: 7.30am Neil St Toowoomba – Outside St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Office

Cost: \$50 RSVP: Theresa 0434 528 904

### **Universal Sisterhood Podcast Presents**

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Womens Day Retreat Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

9am to 5.30pm 8.45am Registration Holy Name Parish, Toowoomba

**REGISTER VIA <https://www.trybooking.com/CSMKN>**

Contact Jane Naug on 0437 233 314 with any inquiries RSVP 21/10/2024

### **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.

#### ***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.



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

**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024



### **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.



# St Theresa's Parish

## CONTACTS

### Parish Priest:

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**Office:** 55 Curzon Street, Toowoomba

**Parish Website** [www.sttheresas.org.au](http://www.sttheresas.org.au)

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Monica Brennan, 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, 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/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sunday	<b>1 Sept - 4 Oct</b> Season of Creation
Sunday	<b>29 Sept</b> World Day Migrant & Refugees Sunday
Saturday	<b>5 Oct</b> Liturgy with Communion Infin8 @ 10.30am all welcome
Friday	<b>1 Nov</b> Parish Trivia Night Parish Centre 5.30pm

### COLLECTION 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Envelopes:	\$ 245.00
Loose:	\$ 369.70
Direct Debits:	\$ 1 229.50
Tap & Go:	\$ 25.00
Direct Deposits	\$ 155.00
Total	\$ 2 024.20



### ORGAN FIREWORKS

*Date: 23/9/24 Monday*

*Time: 10:00am*

*Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba*

*Cost: Free*

St Patrick's Cathedral and Organ Society of QLD  
present an organ recital featuring Brisbane organist  
Dr Steven Nisbet OAM.

### RUMORS: CROWS NEST PARISH FUNDRAISER

*Date: 25/9/24 Wednesday*

*Time: Doors open at 7:00pm, seated by 7:25pm*

*Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre,  
Margaret St Tmba*

*Cost: \$25 per person,*

*all/text 0418 152 073 to purchase*

Enjoy a night of laughs at the theatre and support Crows  
Nest Parish to help upgrade their First Aid  
facilities. *Rumors* by Neil Simion (Comedy). The  
deputy mayor of New York has shot himself, but it's  
only a flesh wound. Still it sets off a series of chaotic  
events, lies and rumors.

Note, due to the age of venue, we are sorry to advise  
that there are no disabled toilet facilities. Access to  
auditorium is via two steps.

### Care & Concern Meeting

*Care & Concern Meeting Monday 14th October @ 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*

