

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

12-13 OCTOBER 2024

28th 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.

Gospel Reflection

John Calvin, one of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff!

Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven.

The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him.

Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God. We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him.

For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel.

We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus. The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people. © Richard Leonard SJ

RECENTLY DECEASED 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

Samy Boulis (Sam Tanous' brother-in-law)

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Flynn

Pauline Coll sgs

Anthony Risson

Carmel Mitchell

Agnes Clark

Cliff Schneider

Dot Bice

Fred Powell

Laurie Neeson



Catherine Dowling

Mervyn Erbacher

Nora Hannon

Pat Otago

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading <i>Wisdom 7: 7-11</i> In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing. Responsorial Psalm: 89: 12-17 R Fill us up with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy! Second Reading <i>Hebrews 4: 12-13</i> The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia! Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30 Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me. Next week's readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Isaiah 53: 10-11</i> <i>Hebrews 4: 14-16</i> <i>Mark 10: 35-45</i>	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 LAY LED LITURGY		
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.		Let us pray for those involved in the 2nd session of the Synod 	

ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS

The year is rolling along and Advent starts 1st December – about 9 weeks away. Both Diocese of Wollongong and Brisbane have created Gospel reflection booklets for 2024-2025 Year C Advent season.

EVANGELISATION BRISBANE has produced “*Hope Reigns*”. *Hope Reigns* is a new **25-day reflection resource** that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups. Our guest writer Br. Damien Price cfc (Christian Brother of the Oceania Province) has written heart-warming and mission-oriented daily reflections. Each weekday is tailored for individual reflection and includes a short scripture text, a reflection, some questions to ponder and a concluding prayer. With small groups in mind, we have purposefully reformatted the Sunday reflections to make this resource more open to use in an Advent small group setting. Each Sunday has a longer format including small group prompts, an opening prayer, the Gospel reading, a Sunday reflection, discussion questions and a closing prayer. **Cost - \$6/book**

WOLLONGONG'S PROGRAM is “*The Light*”. *The Light* is a beautiful 88-page book of daily reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2024) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world.

The Light is more than just a guide; it is a beacon of hope and renewal, leading you through the enduring narratives of Advent and Christmas that have touched the hearts of the faithful across generations. Whether you are looking to deepen your understanding, find spiritual solace, or celebrate the essence of the seasons, this book is an invaluable companion for your spiritual path.

The Light also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Hunt, Van Dyck, Breenbergh, Giordano, Luini, Raphael, Stom and Bellini, with enlightening “Artwork Spotlight” reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. **Cost - \$6/book**

More information and an order form is in the foyer for you to register to buy one or both and multiple copies can be ordered. **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND YOU CAN ORDER THE BOOKLETS.**

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office Ph 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL

During the month of October, Joann Hodal is generously giving of her time to organise the collection of items which she will then make into the domestic violence packages from St Theresa's. Thank you Joann for the tremendous gift of your time and energy for these precious packages of dignity.

Toiletries, toothpaste and personal hygiene items etc are ideal donations. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to place your donations into or they can be left at the parish office during office hours.

We thank you all sincerely for your continuing support for this community outreach project.

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.

2024 WALK OF HOPE

Date: 28/10/24 Monday

Time: 7:45am start walk

Where: Walk starts at Frogs Hollow, Queens Park to Town Hall

All are welcome to join this year's Walk for Hope, honouring and remembering everyone touched by breast cancer. Those unable to join the walk are welcome to attend the ceremony at Town Hall at 8:00am. Wear pink.

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



VOLUNTEERS WANTED: ST VINCENT'S CARE SERVICES

St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home), 227 Spring Street, Toowoomba, is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

Communion ministry on Tuesday mornings (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)

Rosary Groups Tues, Wed & Thu (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)

Assist residents to play Bingo on a Thursday morning (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)

1-on-1 Social visits Monday to Friday (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)

If you have some time to spare, your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORY LECTURE

Date: 22/10/24 Tuesday

Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Where: Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane

Cost: \$10 in person, \$5 live stream. Register with QRcode

This year's lecture is titled "You are My Flesh and Blood: The Ecology of God" at the guest speaker is Archbishop Mark Coleridge.



SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Where: 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

SIMPLICITY: THE ART OF LETTING GO

Date: Six Tuesdays starting 15/10/24

Time: 9:45am for 10:00am start - 12:30pm

[*Register through TryBooking*](#)

The sessions offer a compelling call to live with greater mindfulness, inspired by the timeless wisdom of the Franciscan Tradition. We will be encouraged to shift from seeking security in external things to finding peace within, allowing for a more authentic and meaningful spiritual life.

UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD PODCAST PRESENTS

KNOWN

Womens' Day Retreat Saturday, 2nd 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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2024

October: For a shared mission

When bishops and laypeople meet for the second part of the Synod on Synodality during October, the faithful are asked to pray that "the Church continues to sustain a synodal life-style in every way."



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Fr Brian Noonan, Monica Brennan, Elizabeth Curtis,
 Kathy Doherty, Greg Hallam, Gerard Hore, Julie Raitelli,
 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

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Tuesday 15 Oct Feast day of St Teresa of Avila
Wednesday 16 Oct Lay led liturgy 9am
Wednesday 16 Oct Jubilee mass 11am
 St Patrick's Cathedral
Friday 1 Nov Parish Trivia Night Parish Centre
 5.30pm
Sat-Sun 9-10 Nov Scrolling of Names
Friday 22 Nov 10am Releasing of Memories
 Liturgy

COLLECTION 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Unavailable at time of printing



**DATE CLAIMER – PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT –
 FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

St Theresa's Parish will be holding a Family Trivia
 Night.

When: Friday 1st November in the Parish Centre.

Time: 5.30pm for 6pm start

Where: Parish Centre

Cost: \$10/person over 10years OR \$80 for a table of 8
 A Sausage Sizzle will be operating \$2/snag and a drinks
 bar will be available.

Tea and coffee will be available for no cost.

Patrons are welcome to bring nibblies for their table.
**NOMINATE YOURSELF OR A WHOLE TEAM.
 FORMS ARE IN THE FOYER ON THE TABLES.**

LOOK FOR THE YELLOW PAPER

Bookings can also be made through the parish office
 PH: 4639 4688

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING

Date: 6/11/24 Wednesday

Time: 5:45pm

*Where: St Anthony's Community Centre, Memory St
 Tmba*

The evening will begin with a short presentation by
 each faith group on: "The concept of God".

A light dinner will follow the presentation.

All welcome to attend.

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.*

