

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

19-20 OCTOBER 2024

29th 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

One Sunday morning during Mass, the congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men proclaimed, 'Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!'

Immediately, the choir fled, altar servers fled, and most of the congregation fled. Within a few minutes, out of the two hundred strong congregation only ten people remained where they were. The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the priest and said, 'OK Father, I got rid of all the fence sitters, how about we make a start'.

It's nice to see the priest in the story remained in the Church! I would like to think that faced with such an extreme moment like this I would have the courage of my convictions, but I must admit I have my doubts.

Each Sunday by coming and celebrating the Eucharist we implicitly, and explicitly, state that we want to become like Christ. As the Gospels repeatedly tell us if we follow him in his saving love for the world then, like him, we must confront injustice, defend the rights of the poor and the oppressed to dignity, give and forgive, heal and reconcile. By saying this, we are clearly not looking for a smooth ride through life.

In concert with the whole Church what most of us have done is domesticate the hard edges of Jesus' teachings to suit our comfortable existences. And then we get a Gospel like today's. The sons of Zebedee want the best seats in the house without knowing what the admission price is going to cost. They want the glory without the gore.

Jesus teaches them, and later all the other apostles, that for his Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, requires of us to drink a cup of suffering and be baptised in a river of sacrificial love. We can't dress this teaching up, or put a good spin on it. There is no resurrection without the cross. No gain without the pain. For most of us this challenge means doing whatever we can politically and socially to bring the values of the Gospel to bear on our different spheres of influence. But Jesus also links this challenge to the act of service. And in this regard some leaders in the Church give us mixed messages and let us off the hook.

Whatever of the patrimony of the past, today's Gospel reminds us that bishops, priests and deacons should be excellent models of the humility of service. The leadership Jesus advocates is not monarchical or tyrannical, it is being the least, and being a servant.

The Second Vatican Council taught that leaders in the Church should be outstanding in humility, charity and simplicity of lifestyle. Some leaders are just this. Others have domesticated the hard edge of the Gospel.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that we recover a love for the hard teachings of Jesus, even though they demand so much of us, and that we have the courage to call our leaders to do likewise. These teachings are, after all, what makes us different from the Gentiles, and sort out who is actually sitting on the fence. © Richard Leonard SJ

CHANGE IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From next week, the Parish office will be closed on Tuesdays.

On Thursdays the office will only be staffed for 4 hours and hours of operation will vary. Please phone before you arrive to confirm the office is open.

Office Hours: Monday 8.30am-5pm; Wednesday (after 9am mass)9.30am-5pm;
Friday (after 9am mass)9.30am -5pm

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Keenan
Merle Pigott
Jane Risson
Sr. Marletta Black pbvm
Christopher McAuliffe
Nancy Murphy
Kay Peart
Terry O'Brien
Norm Higgs

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MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading <i>Isaiah 53: 10-11</i> Through suffering, the Lord offers his life.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 32:4-5.18-20.22 R.v22</i> Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.</p> <p>Second Reading <i>Hebrews 4: 14-16</i> Jesus faced the same temptations as us.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Mark 10: 35-45</i> Whoever aspires to greatness must serve the rest.</p> <p>Next week's readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Jeremiah 31: 7-9</i> <i>Hebrews 5:1-6</i> <i>Mark 10: 46-52</i></p>	<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>  <p><i>Let us pray for those involved in the 2nd session of the Synod</i></p>  <p>For a synodal Church communion participation mission</p>
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM MASS		
SAT	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	MASS 9.30AM		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet





Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME



Envelopes are available if you wish to donate to the Catholic Missions in the foyer. St Theresa's parish will have a visit from a Catholic Mission Ambassador over the 2/3 November weekend.

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.



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ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Parishioners who have ordered these books will be notified when they have arrived. We will have extra books from the Brisbane diocese if anyone is still interested.

There will be a gospel reflection group during Advent on Mondays at 10am starting November 25 for 4 weeks. If more parishioners would like to meet at another time, please contact Monica at the parish office to organize another time for a group session.

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.

ST STEPHEN'S CONCERT SERIES - BRIGID COLERIDGE

Date: 25/10/24 Friday

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Where: St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

The Cathedral of St Stephen is presenting a very special recital with leading Australian violin virtuoso Brigid Coleridge. Accompanying her will be pianist Stewart Kelly.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this special event and secure your seats here: <https://bit.ly/4h475eK>

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 lifestyle in every way."



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Parish Pastoral Council

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

Friday	1 Nov Parish Trivia Night Parish Centre 5.30pm
Saturday	2 Nov Liturgy with Communion Infin8 @ 9.30am. All welcome
Sat-Sun	2 - 3 Nov Catholic Mission Ambassador visit
Thursday	7 Nov Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6pm
Sat-Sun	9 -10 Nov Scrolling of Names
Friday	22 Nov 10am Releasing of Memories

COLLECTION 26/27/28th SUNDAYS
ORDINARY TIME

Unavailable at this time



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 11th November 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.

