

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

26-27 OCTOBER 2024

30th 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

To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin.

Bartimeus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimeus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimeus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path.

In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift. © Richard Leonard SJ

Francis' Focus

'Jesus hears,' Pope Francis says, 'and immediately stops. God always listens to the cry of the poor.'

The story of Jesus' encounter with blind Bartimeus shows this to be true. Shouting for aid, Bartimeus evidently irritates many of those following Jesus. To an extent, this is understandable. They wanted to see and hear from Jesus, after all, and Bartimeus was disrupting the procession.

But Jesus hears the cry of one who, as the Pope puts it, is 'full of faith, a faith that is not afraid to insist.'

As the Pope points out, Bartimeus keeps his prayer simple. He honours the Lord and then asks first for mercy and only secondly for sight. In light of this, the Pope suggests that we take Bartimeus' prayer as our own and use it to reflect on the authenticity of our prayer life. Are we 'content with making a formal greeting every now and then,' or is our prayer regular and heartfelt? Are our prayers 'anaemic, superficial, made up of rituals, without feeling and without heart,' or do we honestly share our experiences and worries with God? Do we try to silence others, or do we try to listen to them in the spirit of the One who hears us all?

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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

Estelle Stein Ella Conaghan
George Keryk Jesse Fullerton
Bernice Herbert Michael Quinn
Veronica Power Labiba Haleem
Jack Lalor Jack Murphy
Matthew Dunne George Preece
Dale McGaw
Monica Mahoney
Peter Boland
Dennis Thompson
Sr Mary Thompson

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading <i>Jeremiah 31: 7-9</i> The Lord declares himself a father to Israel. Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 125 R.v3</i> The Lord has done great things for us; We are filled with joy. Second Reading <i>Hebrews 5: 1-6</i> The Lord himself calls those who are to serve. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Mark 10: 46-52</i> Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus Next week's readings: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Deuteronomy 6: 2-6</i> <i>Hebrews 7:23-28</i> <i>Mark 12: 28-34</i>	BAPTISM This weekend we welcome into our parish Walter Andrew Thompson 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.			



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.

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.

A drinks bar will be available.

Beer \$6/stubby

Wine \$6/glass

Soft drinks \$2/can

Tea and coffee will be available for no cost.

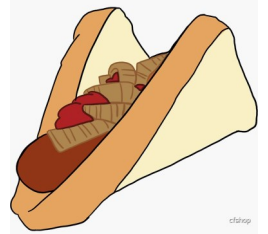
Patrons are welcome to bring nibblies for their table.

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



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.

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.

LIVING FROM WITHIN THE LAND OF HOPE

Date: 16/11/24 Saturday

Time: 9:00am for 9:30am start - 2:30pm

Cost: \$35.00 [Register through TryBooking](#) (see flyer for payment details)

Facilitated by Patrick Oliver, the day will be a blend of input and reflection time with an opportunity towards the end of the day for group sharing. However, the accent is upon creating a contemplative space for the Spirit to work within us, and to teach us what we need to know to enable us to live from a place of hope in the midst of troubling times.

DANCING WITH LIFE

Date: 5/12/24 Saturday

Time: 10:00am

Where: Sychar House of Prayer and Spirituality, 69 Margaret St Tmba

Feel the freedom to express yourself through music and movement, increase your vitality, connect more deeply with yourself and others, and feel rejuvenated while having fun in a group environment. No steps to copy or perfect. No

right or wrong, No expectations! [See flyer for details](#)

Register by 28/11/24 by email sycharhouse@outlook.com

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.

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

Let us pray for those involved in the 2nd session of the Synod



MELBOURNE CUP HIGH TEA:

DIGNITY PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Date: 3/11/24 Sunday

Time: 2:00pm-4:30pm

Where: St Anthony's Parish, Memory St Tmba

Come for High Tea and some Melbourne Cup fun. All money raised will go to support the Dignity Project, which helps refugees and asylum seekers living in the Toowoomba area. There will be Trivia, Multi-draw Raffle, Phantom Call, Sweep, High Tea Provided and Bar to purchase drinks. For catering purposes, please RSVP to justice@twb.catholic.org.au or 4636 1737 by 29th October. Entry by donation. Bring your friends.

See flyer in the foyer for details.

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.

