

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

2-3 NOVEMBER 2024

31st 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.

The Dual Command

In this Gospel passage, Jesus does not command us to love 'God'! Speaking to a Jewish audience, he says: 'You shall love the Lord, your God'.

That is, very specifically 'the Lord' who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. So, the love which Jesus commands is a responsive love, responding to a relationship already initiated by Divine Love.

Don't try to manufacture some emotion of love for God, God in the abstract. First, cast your mind to something for which you can be grateful:

perhaps as elementary as your life itself: you may never have been loved into existence;

perhaps some particular person or incident which strikes you as an undeserved gift;

perhaps for the beauty and grandeur of some aspect of nature which elates you;

perhaps some liberation from a situation in which you had seemed to be drowning. Recognising the divine creative Spirit at work in those or a myriad of other ways allows you to be particular and to respond with love with your whole personality:

'Heart, mind, strength, soul'.

And then, when we recognise these moments in our lives as moments when God loved us in a particular way, often in a foundational way, we have good reason to love ourselves.

After all, if God found us so loveable as to give us the gift of life, of a person, of beauty in creation, of rescue from some engulfing predicament, why shouldn't we love ourselves?

We don't have to sign up for some course in *self-help* or *self-esteem*. We can love ourselves because God esteems us and God has helped us become more . . . more what?

The answer is, the sort of person who can fulfil the command: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

What does this involve? Not simply the negative: 'Don't do to another what would be hateful for yourself', a minimalist starting point. And not some vague commitment to 'changing the world'. In issuing the command, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself', Jesus the Jew was quoting from the Book of Leviticus, 19:18.

In the immediately preceding verses, the Jewish people were instructed not to strip vineyards and orchards bare, but to leave something for the poor. They were instructed not to steal or engage in fraud, nor to exploit labourers who needed their wages.

In other words, Jesus had in mind a context of very particular people in very particular situations. That is the way in which we are to demonstrate love for our neighbour.

Of course, 'who is our neighbour' must be answered very differently in the 21st century compared with that time of Jesus. We are global citizens in a world without frontiers. The neighbour is clearly much more than the next door neighbour. We are aware as never before of the situation facing people half a world away, and we have the capacity to help in that situation. The neighbour could be in a village in Tanzania!

Jesus brought these two decrees from his Jewish tradition and fused them into the one command: 'There is no command greater than these.' This fusion guards us against religious fanaticism which ignores social justice, and political activism which ignores the God dimension.

When we try to fulfil the dual command issued by Jesus Christ, we become humane Christians, Christian humanists who may hope to hear Our Lord's words at the end of this Gospel passage: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Murphy

(funeral Monday 18 November 11am)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Noel Murphy

John Erbs

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 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

Mary Franzmann Warren Smith

Mike Boyd



Grace Jones

Doreen Dunne

We remember

All Souls' day 2nd November



MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading <i>Deuteronomy 6: 2-6</i> Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength. Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51, R.v2</i> I love you Lord, my strength. Second Reading <i>Hebrews 7: 23 - 28</i> The priesthood of Christ lasts forever. Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia! Gospel: <i>Mark 12: 28 –34</i> The wise scribe asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment. Next week's readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>1 Kings 17: 10-16</i> <i>Hebrews 9:24-28</i> <i>Mark 12: 38-44</i>	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.		 <p>We recall the Saints who inspire us. <i>All Saints' Day 1st November</i></p> 	



This weekend, we welcome Kevin McMahon, a Catholic Mission Ambassador to speak to us.
 Thank you Kevin for your time and dedication to this organization.
 Envelopes are available if you wish to donate to the Catholic Missions in the foyer.



BJ PERRETT DIACONATE ORDINATION LIVESTREAM

Date: 15/11/24 Friday
 Time: 10:00am

Where: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/daconate2024/>
 Our diocesan family is invited to celebrate the ordination to the diaconate of BJ Perrett via live stream.
 Please pray for BJ in the lead-up to this special occasion.



SACRED HEART PARISH TOOWOOMBA JUMBLE SALE

Date: 3 and 24/11/24 Sunday
 Time: 7:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parish, North St Wilsonton

Join us in supporting our parish at the upcoming Jumble Sale at Sacred Heart. If you have any unwanted items at home, please consider donating them to the parish office by November 1. On the sale days, we'll also have delicious sausage sizzle and baked goods available.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL

This is the last weekend for donations to this Appeal.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St Theresa's Parish community is looking for a **Parish Secretary** to work **10 hours per week**, days and hours negotiable.
Applications to: Fr Brian Noonan (briannoonan@bigpond.com OR brian.noonan@sttheresas.org.au)
Applications close: Wednesday 20 November



ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Parishioners who have ordered the Wollongong books will be notified when they have arrived. We had an issue with our first order but we should receive another set of books next week.
We 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.

SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Books by Patrick Oliver for Sale in the Foyer:

Patrick Oliver is a renowned Brisbane spiritual director who has accompanied people in their faith journeys for 35 years or more. Some of Patrick's books are for sale in the foyer. Titles available are: "**Listening Prayerfully to our Dreams**" \$20, "**The Freeing of God**" (3 separate volumes) \$20 per book - "**Vol 1 Matthew**", "**Vol 2 Mark**" and "**Vol 3 Luke**" and "**No Agenda but Love**" \$10. Cash payment is required. Should you wish to purchase a book but do not have the cash on you, please write your name and contact details on the accompanying sheet and either bring your payment to the office during opening hours during the week or place your payment marked with your name, in the box provided, next weekend. Payment will need to be made by the end of November. .

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](#)

PRAY AND PAINT

Date: 23/11/24 Saturday & 7/12/24 Saturday

Time: 10:00am - Lunch

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba

Cost: \$25pp

[Register via TryBooking](#)



Led by Meryl Tracey and Sr Di Phillips, Pray and Paint is a wonderful opportunity to bring together visual art and a reflective heart. You are invited to reflect upon your best loved scripture scene and to listen for the interpretation that comes from that reflection. Then, you will be guided in painting a representation of what that scene stirs in your heart.

Tea/Coffee etc will be available throughout. Art supplies are included. BYO Lunch and please wear or bring appropriate clothing to change into or bring an apron.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2024

For those who have lost a child

The prayer intention for the month of November is for
"all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter."

October: For a shared mission



St Theresa's Parish

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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

NOVEMBER

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	15 Nov BJ Perret's Ordination to the Diaconate
Friday	22 Nov 10am Releasing of Memories

2025 Columban Calendars

Anyone interested in a Columban calendar please contact the office by 18 November.
\$10/calendar

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.

