

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

9-10 NOVEMBER 2024

32nd 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

We would normally hear or read the second half of this week's gospel as a stand alone example of generosity and faith – often without the section that immediately precedes it. Whilst the actions of the widow are certainly worthy of comment, when we read it in the context of the condemnation that immediately precedes it, the widow's offering is placed in a different light. Jesus condemns the scribes who parade their wealth and seek trappings of earthly power and glory: being recognised and greeted as they walk the streets; taking the front seats in synagogue; and expecting to be seated in the place of honour at banquets. Whilst parading their wealth and feasting at banquets, they are also swallowing up the property of widows – taking advantage of those in need. We often hear widows and orphans named in the scriptures as those in need. Widows and orphans (and strangers in the land) are marked out for special attention in the Torah. They are named as deserving of special care – the lost and broken of society. So despite holding a special place in Jewish Law and tradition, the widows are being taken advantage of by the scribes, who are taking over their property for their own gain. One of the duties of the scribes was to administer the proper payment of Temple taxes. The treasury referred to in the passage is the Temple treasury. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. We usually read praise into Jesus' comments about the widow's offering, but it can also be read as moral outrage at the system that demands this woman pay all that she possesses to the Temple. © Greg Sunter

Francis' Focus

After denouncing the flamboyant religiosity of the scribes, Jesus watched people putting money into the treasury. He saw rich people putting in 'a great deal', probably because such donations were clearly meant to be noticed. But, as Jesus tells his disciples, a 'poor widow' gave more. As Pope Francis points out, 'she does not pray to make herself seen, she does not show off her faith.' Trusting God and acting humbly, Jesus notices her. Yet there is another aspect to this incident, which plays out against Jesus' description of ostentatious scribes as 'men who swallow the property of widows.' The contrast between pious scribes and the poor widow could not be greater. Jesus is not only praising humility; he is reacting to injustice. As the Pope points out, Jesus 'denounces the exploitation of this woman.' After depositing those tiny coins, she 'must return home without even the little she had to live on.' The Pope challenges us to take this Gospel fully to heart. We are all called to be humble, but also to work for justice. 'This is a warning for all time and for everyone, Church and society,' he says. We must 'never take advantage of one's role to crush others, never make money off the backs of the weakest!' God will remember every penny ever given, but also those unjustly taken. © Nick Brodie

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul O'Leary

Barry Lindemann

(funeral Thursday 14 November 1.30pm)

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

Gwen Savage **Gregory Thompson**

Marie Sheridan **Ron Cartwright**

Denis Downs **Peter McKeering**

Janet Taylor **Vera Ruffini**

Michelle Bender **Viv Cuskelly**

Fr. Tom Breen

Robert Watson

Lil Kenny


Isaac Murphy

Kirsty Mae Hudson



11th NOVEMBER

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B First Reading <i>1 Kings 17: 10-16</i> Elijah and the widow at Sidon.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 145: 7-10. R.v2</i> Praise the Lord, my soul!</p> <p>Second Reading <i>Hebrews 9: 24 - 28</i> Christ will appear again to bring salvation.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Mark 12: 38-44</i> The widow's mite.</p> <p>Next week's readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B <i>Daniel 12:1-3</i> <i>Hebrews 10:11-14,18</i> <i>Mark 12: 38-44</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM</p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish Angus Michael & Fraser James McVinish, George Oliver Castor & Isabella Beatrice Travia through the Sacrament of Baptism.</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>
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9AM MASS		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9AM LAY LED LITURGY		
SAT	6PM VIGIL		
SUN	MASS 9.30AM		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			



BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT TEAM.

Thank you to all the people who came and enjoyed a fun night full of laughter and fellowship last Friday night for our inaugural Trivia Night.

A special thank you to our chief organisers Greg Hallam and Elizabeth Curtis from the parish.



BJ PERRETT DIACONATE ORDINATION LIVESTREAM

Date: 15/11/24 Friday

Time: 10:00am

Where: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/deaconate2024/>

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

Thank you from Joann Hodal to all the parishioners who supported this most worthwhile cause which gives people dignity and respect at difficult times



FINAL MASS PERANGA CHURCH

8/12/24 @ 9:00am,

Our Lady of the Annunciation Church
 Peranga.



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

The Wollongong books have arrived. They are now available to those parishioners who ordered them.
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 Thursday

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! RSVP Thursday 28 November. [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



CONTACTS

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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

Sat-Sun	9 -10 Nov Scrolling of Names
Thursday	14 Nov 1.30pm Funeral Barry Lindemann
Friday	15 Nov BJ Perret's Ordination to the Diaconte
Friday	15 Nov Parish Office Closed
Friday	15 Nov 9am Lay led Liturgy
Monday	18 Nov 11am Funeral Mary Murphy
Friday	22 Nov 10am Releasing of Memories Liturgy

2025 Columban Calendars

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

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR CATHOLIC AND
 ANGLICAN RECONCILIATION**

Date: 14/11/24 Thursday

Time: 7:00pm

Where: St James' Anglican Church, 145 Mort St Tmba
 All are warmly welcome to attend this annual prayer ser-
 vice, which is an initiative between the Anglican Dio-
 cese of Brisbane, the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane
 and the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba.

[See flyer in the foyer for details.](#)

**WORKSHOP: HOW TO BE A BETTER
 BYSTANDER TO RESPOND TO DOMESTIC AND
 FAMILY VIOLENCE**

Date: 23/11/24 Saturday

Time: 12:30pm (starting with lunch)

Where: St Mark's Anglican Church, 55 Albion St War-
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Anyone can be a bystander to domestic and family vio-
 lence: in your family, workplace, school, church or
 when you are out and about. Join the conversation to
 learn, discuss and practice ways to be a better bystander
 when responding to this violence. Presented
 by Queensland Churches Together.

[See notice in the foyer for details.](#)

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.*

