

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

16-17 NOVEMBER 2024

33rd 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.

Francis' Focus

As Pope Francis points out, the story Jesus tells in this week's Gospel passage is 'not a discourse on the end of the world, but rather an invitation to live the present well.' We are told 'to be vigilant and ever ready for when we will be called to account for our life.'

The Pope reminds us that Jesus is speaking about more than specifics. The dimming sun, darkening moon or falling stars need not be taken as literal descriptions of the future. Rather, Jesus is giving us a true prophetic insight: all created things will pass and Christ will gather his people in glory.

The key to this passage, as the Pope explains, is that human history has meaning through Christ. 'Human history, like the personal history of each of us,' he says, 'cannot be understood as a simple succession of meaningless words and facts.'

What Jesus wants us to know, the Pope suggests, is 'that the history of peoples and that of individuals have a purpose and an aim to fulfil: the definitive encounter with the Lord.' Therefore, as the Pope puts it, we should reflect on 'whether the Word of the Son of God has illuminated our personal existence, or whether we turned our back to it.' After all, it is when things seem gloomiest that we should turn towards the light. © Nick Brodie

Gospel Reflection

The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God.

Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world. The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. On top of this, the Roman Emperors were reaching new heights (or depths) in their persecution of the followers of Jesus.

In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope. Although we can understand the context in which it was originally written, we are also challenged to apply its message of hope and perseverance to our own lives.

Historical Context – 70 CE

In 66 CE a Jewish revolt against Roman occupation began in Caesarea and soon spread to most of the country. By the year 68 the sheer weight of Roman numbers had stamped out a lot of the rebellion. The leaders of the revolt rallied again in Jerusalem and in the year 70 the Roman armies laid siege to the city for several months. Finally, Titus, the emperor Vespasian's son, led an assault on the city and the Romans ransacked and burnt the entire city. The treasures of the Temple were looted and the Temple itself – the very centre of Jewish religion – was destroyed.

Living the Gospel – People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope. © Greg Sunter **Greg Sunter** has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team.

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 Ellen Dunne

Toni Abrahams

Ellis Kinsley (Mick) Gray

Pat Mulhall

Katherine Drew

Vera Leach

Eugene Clark

Kass Bourke

John Mullen

Sr Lucian Donovan

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9AM LAY LED LITURGY
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9AM MASS 10AM Releasing of Memories
SAT	6PM VIGIL
SUN	MASS 9.30AM
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.	

READINGS

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Daniel 12:1-3*

At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 15: 5.8-11. R.v1*

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

Second Reading *Hebrews 10: 11-14,18*

Jesus has made one offering for all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 13: 24-32*

Watch for the signs of the coming of the kingdom.

Next week's readings:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33-37

NOTICES

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



FINAL MASS PERANGA CHURCH

8/12/24 @ 9:00am,

Our Lady of the Annunciation Church Peranga.



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FUNDRAISER: CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC), a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya, is organizing a fundraiser to help the marginalised youth in the slums by selling Christmas Cards. By purchasing a packet of 10 cards and envelopes for \$15, you're not just getting beautiful Christmas cards designed by young Kenyan artists but also making a significant difference in the lives of marginalised youth in Nairobi slums.

The inside message is written by Srs Maureen Mohen and Kathy Kettle. Your support will go a long way in empowering these young individuals. All proceeds from the sales go towards the vocational training program.

See flyer on the notice board in the foyer.



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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.

CENT SALE FUNDRAISER FOR MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Cent Sale.

St Patrick's Cathedral Centre,

123 Neil St on Saturday November 30.

The doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start.

A delicious afternoon tea will be served, and cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets.

Children aged 12 and under are free.

There are many excellent prizes and the multidraw includes a ham, a homemade Christmas cake, a hamper, fruit and vegetable trays. All proceeds go to the Missions.

Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.



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

Monday	18 Nov 11am Funeral Mary Murphy
Wednesday	20 Nov Council of Priests' Meeting in Warwick
Thursday	21 Nov Parish office closed until 2pm
Friday	22 Nov 10am Releasing of Memories Liturgy
Wednesday	27 Nov Parish office closed

2025 Columban Calendars

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

CHRISTMAS GIFTING TREE

An initiative by the Parish Pastoral Council in conjunction with the St Theresa's Vincent de Paul conference. This year we have a Christmas Tree in the foyer with tags tied to the branches. Each tag has the gender and age of child requiring a Christmas gift. Please take a tag, buy an appropriate gift and return it to the tree, **unwrapped**. We will then give the gift, paper etc to the parents of the child/children so that they can wrap it and have the joy and pleasure of giving their child a gift.

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 Warwick

Anyone can be a bystander to domestic and family violence: 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 2nd Monday of the Month

Care & Concern Meeting
 Monday 10th February 2025 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. (Grade 7-12 people) PH: 4636 0461

