

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

23-24 NOVEMBER 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

'History teaches us,' Pope Francis reflects, 'that kingdoms founded on the force of arms and on the abuse of power are fragile and sooner or later collapse.' Jesus makes clear that his kingdom is not the usual worldly one with which Pilate was familiar. Rather, as the Pope puts it, Jesus 'did not come to dominate but to serve. He did not come amid signs of power, but with the power of signs.' In our celebration of Christ the King, therefore, we should focus on aligning ourselves and the Church with the values of Jesus' kingdom.

As the Pope suggests, one characteristic of this kingdom is that it is 'liberating, there is nothing oppressive about it.' Jesus, he adds pointedly, 'treats every disciple as a friend, not as a subject.' The Church, therefore, should be a place of welcome.

The Church should also be a place of transparency and truthfulness. As the Pope says, 'when Jesus reigns in the heart, he frees it from hypocrisy, he frees it from subterfuge, from duplicity.' If we really 'live under the lordship of Jesus,' the Pope points out, then we cannot 'live double lives.' Telling Pilate that he bears witness to 'the truth,' Jesus invites us to do likewise. © Nick Brodie

## Gospel Reflection

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER - SPRED RECIPE BOOK

SPRED has been operating in the Diocese of Toowoomba for close to 40 years – a ministry of belonging, fostering the spiritual life of adults living with intellectual disabilities. The recipe book is a collection of sweet and savoury treats collected from volunteers and families over the years.

This fundraiser will assist SPRED in maintaining essential resources used to create this successful ministry.

Copies are \$10 each. Call the SPRED office on 4632 8427 or email [spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au) to order.



## RECENTLY DECEASED

### 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

Andy Flamsteed

Alexander Blackie

Ken Whitelegg

Noreen Carroll

George Preece

Ken Merritt

Peter Coman

Anne O'Connor

Matthew Thompson

Bruce Luck

James Brady

Anne Sutton

Michael Walsh

Patricia Parsons

# St Theresa's Parish

## MASSES

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

## READINGS

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

**First Reading** *Daniel 7:11-14*  
Vision of the son receiving kingship, dominion and glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 92: 1-2.5. R.v1*  
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**Second Reading** *Revelation 1:5-8*  
The Lord is the Alpha and the Omega.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *John 18: 33-37*  
Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.

### Next week's readings:

**1st Sunday of Advent Year C**  
*Jeremiah 33:14-16*  
*1 Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2*  
*Luke 21: 25 -28, 34 -36*

## 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.



## 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.



## 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

### NAVIGATING THE SOUL'S STORMS: OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DISCOURAGEMENT

Date: 7/12/24 Saturday

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Cost: \$25pp [Register by 2/12/24](#)

A one-day formation event with guest presenter and Jesuit priest Fr Robin Koning SJ, hosted by the Brisbane Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation. Our spiritual lives are not always full of joy, peace and light. We can feel discouraged, as though God is absent, and not be attracted to spiritual things. These experiences of spiritual desolation are a normal part of the spiritual life and can be important times for spiritual growth if handled wisely.

*This event is hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane's [Adult Formation](#) team.*

For more information, contact our team at [formation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:formation@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS

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.

### 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. .



#### HOW OUR CHURCH IS CHANGING

Date: 10/12/24 Tuesday

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm

Where: St Ignatius Church, 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong. Also available online, see flyer.

What will be the washup now for the Church after the final session of the Vatican Synod on Synodality? What might change for us? Have other Christian Churches taken an interest in it? Will it have any implications for our relations with these Churches? Presented by Bishop Shane Mackinlay, who was a member of both sessions of the Roman Synod on Synodality. Joined by leading Ecumenist Margaret Naylon, the Brisbane Archdiocesan Executive Officer of Council for Ecumenism & Inter-religious Relations.

See flyer on the foyer notice board.

#### **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."



**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**

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**RCIA**

Coordinator: David Wilson  
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**NOTICE**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27 Nov</b> Parish office closed from 10am
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27 Nov</b> Lay Led Liturgy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29 Nov</b> Lay Led Liturgy
<b>Sat/Sun</b>	<b>30 Nov/1 Dec</b> First Sunday of Advent
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1 Dec</b> Parish morning tea after mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4 Dec 9am Mass</b> <i>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick</i>
	<b>4 Dec</b> Morning Tea at Cobb & Co

***Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick***

This Sacrament of healing will be part of the regular weekday mass on **Wednesday 4 December at 9am.** Everyone is welcome.

**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*

