

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

30 NOV– 1 DEC 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR C

## 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

Advent, Pope Francis suggests, should awaken 'sleepy Christians'. It is a time to stop 'dozing off' into spiritual apathy and indifference.

The Pope encourages us to use Advent to consider how we live our faith. Perhaps we have become too worldly, or spiritually insular? Maybe our prayers have become dull and routine, rather than heartfelt? Whatever the case, now is the moment to reflect on what really matters and act. Not tomorrow, not at Christmas, not after the holidays – Now!

There is an urgency to Advent, which this week's Gospel puts right in front of us. As Jesus says, we must be wakeful and alert! He speaks of things to do – stand, watch, pray – which shows us that the Christian life must be more than passive routines.

Framed by Jesus' call to his disciples, the Pope suggests that Advent should be spent 'looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.' It is, he adds, 'a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.' © Nick Brodie

### Gospel Reflection - The Coming of our Saviour

When my father died some years ago, the light went out of my mother's life: there was an intense longing to be reunited with him. The in-between time was almost devoid of meaning. His life on earth was full of constructive, good activities in many spheres. But for the boys, we sons, there is a sense of things unfinished, of a legacy which has to be worked at before we see the really final working out of the plan of his life.

I think it was exactly the same for the followers of Jesus after his crucifixion and resurrection and then the withdrawal of his physical presence.

The light seemed to go out of the lives of many of the disciples; there was an intense longing to be reunited with him; the time between his earthly ministry and his return in glory at the end of history had to somehow be given a meaning.

For his followers there was a sense of things unfinished, so the meaning came from the disciples working on his legacy, so that they could contribute to the really final working out of the plan of Jesus' life.

It is the same for us. We have to work at translating the legacy of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has, in principle, rescued us from the Power of Darkness. We have to work at translating that legacy into our personal lives, into the life of the Church, into the life of our society.

And don't we at times intensely long for Our Lord to more clearly manifest himself? Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of our society, so clearly cry out for Jesus to come again and rescue us.

In some instances, and to varying degrees, we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. I am thinking of:

- the heroic love of a parent for a child or, the sometimes harder, heroic love of a child for a parent,
- taking a risk with a friendship or your place in work or society, by speaking up where you see an injustice or some degrading of our world,
- being joyful in an over-the-top, extravagant way.

All these signal that the kingdom is already being established on earth. These can give you and me and those we care about hope in the future and faith in the power of unselfish love. They are real foretastes of the real future.

Let us continue to give reasons to each other for our hope and faith that: Christ *has* come, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will* come again. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

### 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.

## 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

Noel McMahon

Craig Page

Ron Ryan

Francis Sewell

Molly Daniel

Joe Short

Antoun Tanous

Stan Gleeson

Tom Howe



Kenneth Powell

Eileen Heenan

Frank Sewell

James Archibald

Noel O'Neill

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p><b>1st Sunday of Advent Year C</b></p> <p><b>First Reading</b> <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i> The day is coming when the Lord will fulfil his promises.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Ps 24: 4-5, 8-9.10. 14.R.v1</i> To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> <i>1 Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2</i> Conduct yourself in a way pleasing to God.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> <i>Luke 21: 25 -28, 34 -36</i> Be ready for the second coming.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings:</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent Year C</b> <i>Baruch 5: 1-9</i> <i>Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11</i> <i>Luke 3:1-6</i></p>	<p><b>BAPTISM</b></p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish <b>Eva Sarah Purcell</b> 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 with Sacrament of Anointing		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	11.15am MASS with Mater Dei School William Morris Centre		
SAT	6pm VIGIL MASS		
SUN	9.30am MASS		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			

**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.

**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.

**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](#)

Register by 28/11/24 by email [sycharhouse@outlook.com](mailto:sycharhouse@outlook.com)





## Launching *The Corner*

Welcome to our first edition of *The Corner*.

The Campbell Street Corner will be a quarterly publication, that will aim to connect our Catholic communities of East Toowoomba, with our wider communities, and provide a place where we can share stories. Each edition of *The Corner* will be an interesting hodgepodge of stories, recipes, places, people, puzzles and a pleasing palette of personalities. The Corner will be a showcase of the good work that we all do in our community. The editorial team gladly welcomes any ideas or contributions - leave in the Suggestion Box in the foyer of St Theresa's or email [Monica@sttheresas.org.au](mailto:Monica@sttheresas.org.au)

We look forward to meeting you 'around *The Corner*'.



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Thank you to our sponsors and supporters for helping us publish our first Edition. We hope you enjoy the read. If you wish to sponsor this publication, please contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Office.

### 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)

### 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 Naylor, the Brisbane Archdiocesan Executive Officer of Council for Ecumenism & Inter-religious Relations.

See flyer on the foyer notice board.



### 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 DECEMBER 2024



#### **FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

In anticipation of the Church's next jubilee, the faithful are asked to pray during the month of December that "the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

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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:**

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**Care & Concern Team**

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 0409 662 047

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**NOTICE**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

**Sat/Sun** 30 Nov/1 Dec First Sunday of Advent  
**Sun** 1 Dec Parish morning tea after mass  
**Wednesday** 4 Dec 9am Mass *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*  
 4 Dec Morning Tea at Cobb & Co  
**Friday** 6 Dec 11.15am End of year school mass in Mater Dei's William Morris Centre

**FINAL MASS**  
**PERANGA CHURCH**



8/12/24 @ 9:00am,  
 Our Lady of the Annunciation Church  
 Peranga.



**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.

**ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

There will be a gospel reflection group during Advent on Mondays at 10am starting November 25 for 4 weeks, in the Parish Office Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome

**SACRED HEART JUMBLE SALE ON AGAIN!**

Date: 8/12/24 Sunday  
 Time: 7:00am-12:00pm  
 Where: Sacred Heart Church, North St Tmba  
 Thank you once again for your generous donations and support of our Jumble Sale last month. We still have many of your wonderful items, so we're hosting another sale. In addition to great bargains, we'll be offering a delicious sausage sizzle, spring rolls, baked goods, and festive treats.

**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