

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

14 JUNE 2020

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

YEAR A

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.

Reflections from *Bread for the Journey* by Henri Nouwen

Jesus Gives Himself to Us

When we invite friend for a meal, we do much more than offer them food for their bodies. We offer friendship, fellowship, good conversation, intimacy, and closeness. When we say, "Help yourself... take some more... don't be shy... have another glass," we offer our guests not only our food and our drink but also ourselves. A spiritual bond grows, and we become food and drink for one another. In the most complete and perfect way, this happens when Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as food and drink. By offering us his Body and Blood, Jesus offers us the most intimate communion possible. It is a divine communion.

The Most Human and Most Divine Gesture

The two disciples whom Jesus joined on the road to Emmaus recognized him in the breaking of the bread. What is a more common, ordinary gesture than breaking bread? It may be the most human of all human gestures: a gesture of hospitality, friendship, care, and the desire to be together. Taking a loaf of bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to those seated around the table signifies unity, community, and peace. When Jesus does this he does the most ordinary as well as the most extraordinary. It is the most human as well as the most divine gesture.

The great mystery is that this daily and most human gesture is the way we recognize the presence of Christ among us. God becomes most present when we are most human.



The parish office will be closed Wednesday 17 June.

ST THERESA'S MASSES ON YOUTUBE—new time slot

Wednesday mass each week is available on our YouTube channel at 9.30 am. Our YouTube channel is available on this link. Just click on the link printed here to access directly. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKTEMLMUB7sC4kfQ4V9oQ7Q>

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there,
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Morgan O'Brien
Sandra Haycox
Sister Patricia MacGinley RSM
HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Francois Frichot Len Pauli
Neville Preece Brian Carter
Moya Schaefer

Friends and Family

Kim Ireland (Kathy Sternes friend)
Peter Brown (Denis Brown's Brother)
Kate Sturgeon (Rita Sturgeon's Granddaughter)
Anna Sellar
(Trish & Terry Sheely's daughter)
Bernadette Welch
(friend of Bette Flamsteed)
Kathleen le Gras
(Sister of Sr Una)

Shona Kraayvanger

(Gabrielle Adam's daughter)
Joe Short (Powell family group)
Indiana Harman
(Ray & Madeline Taylor's Granddaughter)
Louis Gandini (Lina Pervan's brother)
Robert Gandini
(Lina Pervan's brother)
Connie Bamgart (Lina Pervan's friend)
Peter & Elaine Dillon
(Vivienne Price's father & mother)

Patricia Jenkins

(Thel Jelley's cousin)

Simon Riethmuller

(Shirley's son)

Max Shearer

(Grandson - Judy Shearer)

John Mullen

(Helen McNaught's nephew)

Archie Mullen

(Helen McNaught's brother)

Rev. Brian Sparksman

Fr Peter McGrath .CP

John Morgan (Kathy Sternes' Uncle)

Molly Schmidt (Aileen Collins' friend)

ANNIVERSARIES

Ray Lyons Denice Risson
Colette Cooper Ava Mackie
Tony McCosker Lance Atzeni
Tony Logan Deidre Hicks
Paul Mitchell Paul Howe
Colin Howe Bill Darmody
Mary Powell Ellen O'Dea
Agnes Campbell Katie Gleeson
Nancy Preece
John E Duggan
Br John Carroll

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. We cannot gather to receive Christ in the physical form of bread and wine but Eucharist is much more than this. Today gather together with friends and family around a table, share a meal.

'When we gather around the table and eat from the same loaf and drink from the same cup, we are most vulnerable to one another. We cannot have a meal together in peace with guns hanging over our shoulders and pistols attached to our belts. When we break bread together we leave our arms –whether they are physical or mental- at the door and enter into a place of mutual vulnerability and trust.

The beauty of the Eucharist is precisely that it is the place where a vulnerable God invites vulnerable people to come together in a peaceful meal. When we break bread and give it to each other, fear vanishes and God becomes very close." Henri Nouwen

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Gospel

Jn 5:51-58

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



The Eucharist

He was old, tired, and sweaty,
pushing his homemade cart
down the alley, stopping now and then
to poke around in somebody's garbage.
I wanted to tell him about EUCHARIST
But the look in his eyes,
The despair on his face,
The hopelessness of somebody else's life in his cart,
Told me to forget it.
So I smiled, said 'Hi' – and gave him EUCHARIST

She lived alone,
her husband dead, her family gone,
And she talked at you, not to you,
Words, endless words spewed out,
So I listened – and gave her EUCHARIST

The city night,
Lights change from red to green
And back again,
Flashing blues, pinks and oranges.
I gulped in,
Said, 'Thank you, Father,' – and made them EUCHARIST

I laughed at myself
And told myself,
'You, with all your sin and all your selfishness,
I forgive you, I accept you, I love you.'
It's good, and so necessary to give yourself EUCHARIST

My Father, when will we learn –
You cannot talk – EUCHARIST –
You cannot philosophize about it.
YOU DO IT.
You don't dogmatize EUCHARIST
Sometimes you laugh at it,
Sometimes you cry it, often you sing it.
Sometimes it's wild peace, then crying hurt,
often humiliating, never deserved.

You see EUCHARIST in another's eyes,
Give it in another's hand held tight,
Squeeze it in an embrace.
You pause EUCHARIST in the middle of a busy day,
Speak it in another's ear,
Listen to it from a person who wants to talk.

For EUCHARIST is as simple as being on time
And as profound as sympathy,
I give you my supper,
I give you my sustenance,
I give you my life,
I give you me,



PARISH SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

In the light of a number of restrictions being reviewed regarding CovidSafe practices, we are now allowed to celebrate:

Baptisms - single baptisms with 20 people attending can now be celebrated in the Church

Weddings - can be celebrated with up to 20 people attending

Funerals - can be celebrated with a maximum of 50 people attending

All church services will need to comply with the requirements of the parish CovidSafe Plan



RESOURCE: SAYINGS FOR THE SOUL

Sayings for the Soul: Now I Have Put My Words in Your Mouth: Jeremiah 1:9: Themes for Personal and Communal Meditation offers a mini resource for those who wish to deepen their spiritual journeys through prayer using mantras and sacred sayings. In a time of cultural turmoil and declining religious affiliation, at least in the West, Christians are called back to recover time-honoured approaches to prayer.

Flyer is attached separately from the bulletin.



JOB VACANCY: COLLEGE CHAPLAIN - ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, WARWICK

Assumption College, Warwick, is a welcoming and caring school community where the uniqueness of students is nurtured through holistic education programs.

The role of the College Chaplain is to provide social, emotional, and spiritual support to students and/or staff.

For further details on this role, please visit [SEEK](#) or the [Toowoomba Catholic Schools website](#).

Applications close Sunday, 21/6/20.



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

The Bishop's Office currently has printed copies of the Holy Spirit Seminary 2020 prayer calendar awaiting distribution once churches reopen. In the mean time we ask that you pray for the men studying at Holy Spirit Seminary, especially our own seminarians.

Prayer calendar is attached separately to the bulletin.

FUNDRAISING SCREENING: DANCING AT THE VATICAN

Australian Huntington's Disease Associations across the country are arranging an online screening on 12 June and 14 August of a documentary, "Dancing at the Vatican" which captures the story of a group of sufferers of the very rare, but crippling Huntington's Disease, who travelled around the world with their families to raise awareness about the illness in 2017 and which culminated in an audience with Pope Francis. All funds raised through the film screenings will go towards fighting Huntington's Disease.

To find out more about the documentary visit <https://www.dancingatthevatican.com/about>

Promotional flyer is attached separately to the bulletin.

COVID-19 UPDATE

CONTACT YOUR PARISH
Each parish is required to submit a COVIDSafe Plan to Bishop Robert McGuckin for approval before reopening. Each parish will know how best to serve their community for Masses and Sacraments.

FOLLOW CURRENT LIMITS ON GATHERINGS AND BUILDING CAPACITY
Your local parish will be monitoring people gathering for ceremonies and at all indoor venues the 4 square metres per person applies. Contact your parish if you wish to visit your church.

FOLLOW QLD GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH RULES
Every parish and parishioner is required to follow these rules:
* Physical distancing
* Attendance is recorded for contact tracing
* Hand hygiene
* Respiratory hygiene
* Frequent cleaning and disinfection

BE COMMUNITY MINDED
Stay home if you are feeling unwell or have flu-like symptoms. If you haven't done so, please consider downloading the COVIDSafe app on your phone.

Path to opening churches in our diocese

FIND YOUR PARISH
Visit www.twb.catholic.org.au to find contact details for your parish.

Catholic Diocese of TOWOOMBA

CONTACTS

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Parish Website www.sttheresas.org.au

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Michael Murtagh, Tim Burgess,
Bernadette Zimbwa, Gailene Jurgs, Matt Boyd, David
Wilson, Trish Kennedy-Lee, Lauren Newman,
Monica Brennan.

Finance Committee

Fr. Brian Noonan, Pat Morton, Warren Dredge,
Ray Taylor, Shane Blakeley, Brian Wilson,
Pat Richardson, Alfia Ginardi.

Liturgy Team

Fr. Brian Noonan, Jan Mayo, Peter Kenny, Libby
Rosentreter, Monica Brennan, Gay Jorgensen.
Suzanne Cavanagh, Elizabeth Stewart.

Musicians

Norma Kenny, Kathy Sternes, Elizabeth Stewart,
Libby Rosentreter.

Baptism Team:

Cath Kelly, Jenny Ryan, Tracy George, Bernadette Hede,
Alison Daniel, Anne Anderson, Jan Watkins, Maureen
Burke, Angela Irvine, Mary Otto, Jane Burgess,
Catherine Cooper.

Sacramental Team:

Monica Brennan, Angela Martlew, David Wilson,
Gay Jorgensen.

Consolation Team:

Fr Brian Noonan, Lyn McRae, Peter Kenny,
Bette Flamsted, Pam Merritt, Alf Mason, Moya Schaefer,
Josephine Nolan, Liz Phelan, Monica Brennan

Welcome & Hospitality Team:

Paul & Kathryn Marangelli,
Maureen Burke.

Family Groups:

Contact Parish Office 4639 4688

Care & Concern Team

Coordinator: Pamela Merritt

RCIA

Coordinator: David Wilson



NOTICE

DAILY MASSES ON LINE

St Theresa's East Toowoomba—Mass Wednesday
Available at 9.30am through our youtube channel—St Theresa's
East Toowoomba. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCKTEmLMUB7sC4kfQ4V9oQ7Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKTEmLMUB7sC4kfQ4V9oQ7Q)

Archdiocese of Brisbane - [https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/
multimedia/web-cast-schedule/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast-schedule/) **8 am Mass daily**

Diocese of Townsville – www.tsv.catholic.org.au or
[youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV](https://www.youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV) **10am Mass daily**

Diocese of Rockhampton – www.rok.catholic.net.au or

[Youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton](https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton) **12noon Mass daily**

Diocese of Cairns - www.cairns.catholic.org.au OR [YouTube Chan-
nel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) Diocese of Cairns **5.30pm Mass daily**

Archdiocese of Sydney – www.stmarycathedral.org.au

9am Mass daily – at the Cathedral.

See website for other parish masses

Archdiocese of Melbourne – www.melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

1pm Daily Mass Monday-Friday – any changes of times can be
viewed on website.

8am Daily Mass Saturday

SUNDAY MASSES ON LINE

Toowoomba Diocese – www.twb.catholic.org.au

9am Mass each Sunday available through direct link via home
page on web site OR search youtube – Catholic Diocese of
Toowoomba OR Facebook- Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

Archdiocese of Brisbane - [https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/
multimedia/web-cast-schedule/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast-schedule/) **8am and 10am Mass each Sunday**

Diocese of Townsville – www.tsv.catholic.org.au or

[youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV](https://www.youtube.com/user/SacredHeartCathTSV) **10am Mass each Sunday**

Diocese of Rockhampton – www.rok.catholic.net.au or

[Youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton](https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton) **9.30am Mass each Sunday**

Diocese of Cairns - www.cairns.catholic.org.au OR [YouTube Chan-
nel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) Diocese of Cairns **10am and 5.30pm each Sunday**

Archdiocese of Sydney – www.stmarycathedral.org.au

10.30 am Mass each Sunday -at the Cathedral. See website for
parish masses.

5pm Liturgy of the Hours – Vespers and Benediction

Archdiocese of Melbourne – www.melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

11am Mass each Sunday

PLANNED GIVING ST THERESA'S

We have had a number of enquiries from parishioners
asking how they can pay their Planned Giving contributions.

One way is to make a Direct Deposit if you wish.

The bank details are listed below.

CBA: Arch Diocese of Brisbane

BSB:064 786 Account Number: 100014392

Please reference your envelope number if you have one.

If you have transferred funds to the
account listed last week, can you

please contact Janet at the office

PH: 4639 4688

**OTHER RESOURCE SITES WHICH CAN BE
ACCESSED DURING THIS TIME OF ISOLATION****MyParishApp**

Visit myparishapp.com to download our parish app.

1. Download myParish App
2. Select St Theresa's Toowoomba after opening the App
and you will receive the bulletin, messages and other useful
resources.

LiturgyHelp

LiturgyHelp have created free access to individual and
family prayer resources for Catholics in social isolation.

1. Go to liturgyhelp.com/aus/pray. Once you are have
gone to this site, follow the directions to create a login.
2. Liturgyhelp also have a facebook page which you can
access if you are a facebook user.