



"Let us Give Thanks..." Santa Teresa 10th Anniversary Mass held on 2 October 2019



Archbishop Mark celebrated Mass in the Santa Teresa chapel to mark the 10th year anniversary of the opening of the Centre. He was joined by Fr Dan Ryan, Vicar for Clergy; Fr Chris Gleeson SJ, Centre Director from 2008-2010; staff and guests. It was wonderful to have Aunty Joan Hendriks with us and for her to give the Welcome to Quandamooka Country. Over the past ten years, more than 30,000 guests have come and spent time at Santa Teresa.

Reflecting on the Gospel from the feast day of our patron, St. Therese, Archbishop Mark thanked the staff who have made the Centre a place of welcome and quiet, where all can become small in the eyes of God, so that God can do great things in and through us. Just as God used a young unknown Carmelite nun who died at age 24 to become one of the best known and loved saints of the 20th century and a Doctor of the Church, so too, God can use our smallness to transform lives and build a better world. For the many blessings of these 10 years, we give thanks.....



## Final Parish Reflection Day for 2019



Taking Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: 'Rejoice and Be Glad' as our inspiration, there is one final reflection day focused on our 'Call to Holiness' in 2019.

♦ **Saturday 30 November 9am-3pm**

Cost is \$30 per person (includes lunch box and morning tea)

Please register at: <https://ebab.weebly.com>  
(booking and payment 7 days prior)





## Natural Beauty draws us to the Creator



This photo captures a beautiful sunrise over Moreton Bay, looking out from the Centre. Each day there is an ever-changing kaleidoscope of stunning images that display the grandeur and splendour of the Creator.

Visitors are literally gobsmacked as they encounter this natural beauty and allow the peacefulness of the idyllic setting to soothe and renew their spirits. 'Grounds are amazing. Felt I was on holy ground the entire time' (*Christian Meditation retreatant*)

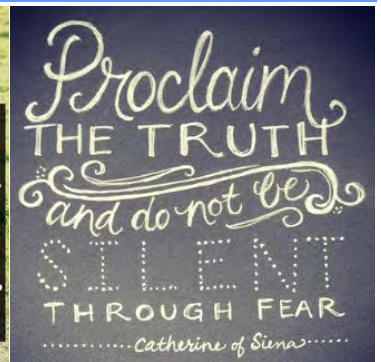
## Painting and Roofing completed



The Centre is looking very fresh and clean after completion of exterior painting of the buildings, the Chapel, the Bathersby room, Cenacle dining room, Moongalba, the main corridor and the entrance foyer. We are grateful for the Archdiocesan funding for this major maintenance work and the replacement of the Chapel roof to ensure that the Centre is well maintained.



## Wisdoms from St. Catherine of Siena, mystic, lay woman, author, Doctor of the Church



## Relics of St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, to visit the Centre in 2020



Santa Teresa will welcome the relics of St. Therese and her parents, recently canonised saints, Louis and Zelie Martin, on Wednesday 12 February as part of a national pilgrimage in 2020. This visit will provide an opportunity to reflect on the example and inspiration of these holy people.



## 4 Reasons for making the effort to go on a retreat

- ◆ Accept Jesus' invitation to come away and spend some time with him
- ◆ Take a break from your busy life, slow down, rest and be rejuvenated
- ◆ Shut down the info overload by creating some spaces for silence and quiet reflection
- ◆ Fall in love with the Scriptures by allowing them to interact with your circumstances



Contact us soon to organise your 2020 stay with us.

Whether it is a day, an overnight, a weekend or an extended stay, come and experience the beauty and peace of this special place.

Blessings,  
Mike Humphrys (Coordinator)