

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

22—23 FEB 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Gospel Reflection

Some years ago I was at an annual parents' dinner for a Catholic school for profoundly disabled children.

A well-known local politician, whose child was in the school, was asked to speak. This is what he said:

'I would like to pay tribute to the staff at this school. Only parents and teachers know what a joy and a heartbreak it is to have a profoundly disabled child. I always wanted the perfect child, but where is the perfection in my son David? We are told that God looked at the world and it was perfect, but my son cannot understand things as other children do. David cannot remember facts and figures as other children do. David walks with difficulty and cannot speak. How can God be filled with joy at David?'

The audience was shocked by this pained question from an anguished father.

'I believe', the father continued, 'that when God allows a world in which David can now live for 50 years, perfection is found in the way people react to children like him.'

'Just recently David and I were walking in our local park. Some boys had been there most of the day playing cricket. They were serious about this competition. David was very excited and I knew he wanted to join in. David has terrible physical co-ordination, but I approached one of the boys on the pitch and asked if David could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his mates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "Things are tight, we have to get six runs to win but we'll try and give him a bat". David smiled broadly. After scoring three more runs the next boy got out. David was put up the batting order and called to the wicket. I helped him get out there.'

'Everyone knew that it was all but impossible for my son to help them win the game. He didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. The bowler, however, sent down a soft ball so David could at least make contact. The second similar ball came and David swung clumsily and missed it. One of David's team mates came up to him and together they held the bat and faced the bowler waiting for the next ball.'

'As the ball came down, David and his teammate swung at the ball and together they hit a strong ground shot to the boundary. At his captain's urging David stumbled up the pitch as quickly as he could. Never in his life has David run so fast. He came back for a second run as the fielder saved the ball from being four runs and so the team was screaming for a third run. The fielder could have thrown the ball to David's stumps and got him out. On the winning third run, however, he threw the ball to the other end where the other batsman was safely home. The keeper casually sent it up to David's end, just as David was completing the third, winning run.'

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'those boys showed me why God always looks at creation and knows it is very good.'

Jesus said, 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that? Be kind, be merciful, forgive and do not condemn, for the measure you give out is the measure you will receive'. © Richard Leonard SJ

JUBILEE OF DEACONS 21-23 February

That deacons may serve well the ministries of the word, the altar and charity which are inseparably joined together as one in the service of God's redemptive plan.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Chiesa (Aileen Collins' sister)

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Merv Otto **Noel Murphy**

Susan Quirk **Anne Thomas**

Dr. Rob Rimmer **June Murphy**

Friends and Family

Jeanette Grant (Susanne Gilshenan's friend)

Ann Lowe (Susanne Gilshenan's friend)

Imogen Atkins (niece of Lelia Fallon)

Catherine Castelli (Pat Powell's sister)

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)

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)

Ros Carlson (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)

Kate Hopkins (friend of Good Samaritan College)

Marty Heysen (Meg Hicks' brother-in-law)

ANNIVERSARIES

Marjorie Carter **Glad Herbert**

Margaret Murphy **Kathleen McGarry**

Tony Jones **Chris Relf**

Connie McGilvray **Winifred Relf**

Alexandra Wright **Bryan Connole**

Frank Heeney **Maurine Allport**

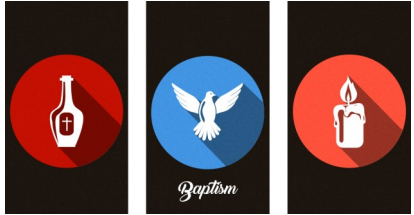

Christopher Flynn **Ian d'Abadie**

Fiona Darmody

M.B. (Babe) Kalinowski

Rev. Fr. Brian O'Dwyer

Nahla (Maksimous) Basely

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</p> <p>First Reading <i>1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23.</i> David spares Saul.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 102:1- 4, 8.10, 12-13</i> <i>R. v.8</i> The Lord is kind and merciful.</p> <p>Second Reading <i>1 Corinthians 15:45-49</i> Jesus is the new Adam.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; Love one another as I have loved you Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Luke 6: 27-38</i> Love your enemy.</p> <p>Next week's readings: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C <i>Sirach 27:4-7</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:54 – 58</i> <i>Luke 6: 39 – 45</i></p>	<p>BAPTISM</p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish Adeline Pearl Currie through the sacrament of Baptism</p>  <p>Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am or during Mass at 6pm vigil or 9.30am Sunday</p> 
TUE	NO MASS		
WED	9am Lay led Liturgy		
THU	NO MASS		
FRI	9am Lay led Liturgy		
SAT	6pm VIGIL MASS		
SUN	9.30am MASS		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025



The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish in June. **Confirmation** will be **Wednesday 18th June** and **First Eucharist** will be **21st /22nd June**. All children in year 4 or above including secondary students are invited to be part of the program. **Program Information Night** was held on **Wednesday, February 19th at 6pm** in the Parish Centre. If you missed this meeting and wish to be involved in the program please contact the parish office or a member of the sacramental team.

Invitation letters and flyers are in the foyer, please take one if you are interested.

Our sacramental team members are Kathy Doherty, Gay Jorgensen, David Wilson and Monica Brennan. If you have any enquiries, please contact a member of the team or contact the parish office on 4639 4688 or email monica@sttheresas.org.au

Francis' Focus

'To go beyond instinct, to go beyond hatred,' Pope Francis suggests, is fundamental. However bad it gets, Jesus calls on us to see those who wrong us as God sees them: as creatures loved into existence, still capable of good. Understandably, we find this challenging. But, as the Pope points out, Jesus faced such situations himself and shows us what turning the cheek really means. By not trading strike for strike, Jesus avoids becoming like those who struck him in the first place. Jesus does not give in to injustice. Rather, he reveals it. During his Passion, as the Pope explains, Jesus 'asks for an account of the wrong done to him.' He calls it out, gently but firmly. 'With his question,' the Pope affirms, 'Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed *with kindness*.' In any conflict, whether personal or international, we are therefore called to unmask the absurdity of hatred by being the 'one who has a greater inner strength,' to use our voice rather than fists, or gestures rather than words. Ultimately, as the Pope declares: 'Turning the other cheek does not have to mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice.' It means transforming the moment to bring light to the darkness. . © Nick Brodie

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES

[All parishes within the Toowoomba Diocese](http://twb.catholic.org.au) are changing to twb.catholic.org.au email addresses. Many are already actively using their new email address. The website and directories are currently being updated. Please check with your local parish to see if they've made the change yet. St Theresa's new email address is sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au



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 our next publication (March/April 2025), please take an advertising flyer from the noticeboard in the foyer or contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES

Over the last year we have had members of our community retire from their various ministries. We thank them for the many years of service and support they have provided.

St Theresa's is looking for volunteers for the various ministries below:

- Weekly money counters**—Monday or Wednesday
- Church linen washing persons**—usually for a 3 month period
- Monthly Sunday roster organizer**
- Sound desk operators**

Please contact the Parish office or see Fr. Brian, Monica or Cheryl if you can help.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 *Theme : Pilgrims of Hope*

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE LVIII WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1st JANUARY 2025

Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace

II. A cultural change: all of us are debtor

7. I have repeatedly stated that foreign debt has become a means of control whereby certain governments and private financial institutions of the richer countries unscrupulously and indiscriminately exploit the human and natural resources of poorer countries, simply to satisfy the demands of their own markets. [10] In addition, different peoples, already burdened by international debt, find themselves also forced to bear the burden of the "ecological debt" incurred by the more developed countries. [11] Foreign debt and ecological debt are two sides of the same coin, namely the mindset of exploitation that has culminated in the debt crisis. [12] In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice. [13]



LENTEN GROUPS 2025

There will be **2 Lenten groups** following the Wollongong program.

- 1. Monday at 10am** in the **Parish Office meeting room** and **2. Wednesday at 5.30pm** at **39 Collins St.**

Anyone can join these groups. There is a sheet in the foyer to write your name if you wish to be part of a group

If anyone else in the parish wishes to offer another group time, please contact the Parish Office.

There are some spare Wollongong Diocese books if you didn't order one and now wish to purchase one.

Please contact the parish office if you want a book. Cost \$10.

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Date: 15/3/25 Saturday Time: 6:30pm

Where: Cathedral Centre, Neil St Tmba Cost: \$50pp

Come and enjoy a great night out to celebrate the Feast Day of St Patrick! Tickets will include a meal, a live Irish Band, and plenty of dancing! Book tickets [through TryBooking](#) or contact the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Office on 07 4637 1500.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2025 World Day of Prayer – The Cook Islands.

World Day of Prayer is an International ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. This year's theme is 'I made you wonderful' with bible readings from

Psalm 139: 1-18,

this service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands.



2025 service in our area will be held at South Toowoomba Baptist Church, 279 Geddes Street, Centenary Heights
Fay Wilson and Jenny Hartley

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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

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Wednesday 26 Feb Fr. Brian's hand surgery
Wednesday 26 Feb Lay Led Liturgy
Thursday 27 Feb **Parish Office Closed**
Friday 28 Feb Lay Led Liturgy
Monday 3 March Monday Lenten group 10am
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday mass 9am. Mater Dei Yr 3-6 attending
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday liturgy 10am Mater Dei Prep-Yr2 attending
Wednesday 5 March Wednesday Lenten group 5.30pm starts at 39 Collins St, Mt Lofty.



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Effective from Monday
10 February
Monday : 9am - 4pm
Tuesday : **CLOSED**
Wednesday : 11am – 4pm
Thursday : 11am – 4pm
Friday: 10am— 4pm

DATE CLAIMER

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT Friday 23 May 2025
5.30pm Sausage Sizzle available
6pm start



Care & Concern Meeting 2nd Monday of the Month

Care & Concern Meeting
Monday 10th March 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

