

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

19—20 APRIL 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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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

HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS 27 March 2016

"Peter ran to the tomb" (Lk 24:12). What thoughts crossed Peter's mind and stirred his heart as he ran to the tomb? The Gospel tells us that the eleven, including Peter, had not believed the testimony of the women, their Easter proclamation. Quite the contrary, "these words seemed to them an idle tale" (v. 11). Thus there was doubt in Peter's heart, together with many other worries: sadness at the death of the beloved Master and disillusionment for having denied him three times during his Passion.

There is, however, something which signals a change in him: after listening to the women and refusing to believe them, "Peter rose" (v. 12). He did not remain sedentary, in thought; he did not stay at home as the others did. He did not succumb to the sombre atmosphere of those days, nor was he overwhelmed by his doubts. He was not consumed by remorse, fear or the continuous gossip that leads nowhere. He was looking for Jesus, not himself. He preferred the path of encounter and trust. And so, he got up, just as he was, and ran towards the tomb from where he would return "amazed" (v. 12). This marked the beginning of Peter's resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope: he allowed the light of God to enter into his heart, without smothering it.

The women too, who had gone out early in the morning to perform a work of mercy, taking the perfumed ointments to the tomb, had the same experience. They were "frightened and bowed their faces", and yet they were deeply affected by the words of the angel: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (v. 5).

We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are – so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancour and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the centre of our lives.

We see and will continue to see problems both within and without. They will always be there. But tonight it is important to shed the light of the Risen Lord upon our problems, and in a certain sense, to "evangelize" them. To evangelize our problems. Let us not allow darkness and fear to distract us and control us; we must cry out to them: the Lord "is not here, but has risen!" (v. 6). He is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down.

This is the foundation of our hope, which is not mere optimism, nor a psychological attitude or desire to be courageous. Christian hope is a gift that God gives us if we come out of ourselves and open our hearts to him. This hope does not disappoint us because the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts (cf. Rom 5:5). The Paraclete does not make everything look appealing. He does not remove evil with a magic wand. But he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, conquered death and conquered fear. Today is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love (cf. Rom 8:39).

The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. [This] is so necessary today. However, we must not proclaim ourselves. Rather, as joyful servants of hope, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love; otherwise we will be only an international organization full of followers and good rules, yet incapable of offering the hope for which the world longs.

How can we strengthen our hope? The liturgy of this night offers some guidance. It teaches us to remember the works of God. The readings describe God's faithfulness, the history of his love towards us. The living word of God is able to involve us in this history of love, nourishing our hope and renewing our joy. The Gospel also reminds us of this: in order to kindle hope in the hearts of the women, the angel tells them: "Remember what [Jesus] told you" (v. 6). Remember the words of Jesus, remember all that he has done in our lives. Let us not forget his words and his works, otherwise we will lose hope and become "hopeless" Christians. Let us instead remember the Lord, his goodness and his life-giving words which have touched us. Let us remember them and make them ours, to be sentinels of the morning who know how to help others see the signs of the Risen Lord. Christ is risen! And we have the possibility of opening our hearts and receiving his gift of hope. Let us open our hearts to hope and go forth.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Ellen Morrissy *Ray Clark*
Frank Jones *Jack West*
Laurie Mackie *Bryan Kenny*
Charles Canavan
Joyce Penhaligon
Daniel Schaumberg
Joyce McCormack
Katherine Holdup
Colleen Johnstone

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners:

Noel Murphy *June Murphy*
Neil Lynch *Susan Quirk*
Anne Thomas *Kathy Herbert*


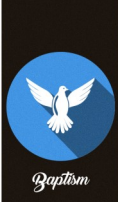

Friends and Family

Jeanette Grant (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)



HAPPY
Easter
HE IS RISEN

St Theresa's Parish

| MASSES | | READINGS | NOTICES |
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| MON | NO MASS | <p align="center">Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Acts 10:34, 37-43</i> Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R.v. 24</i> This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>Colossians 3:1-4</i> Set your heart on the greater gifts.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>Luke 24:1 — 12</i> The women find the tomb empty.</p> <p>Next week's readings 2nd Sunday of Easter Year C <i>Acts 5: 12-17</i> <i>Rev 1:9-13, 17-19</i> <i>John 20:19-31</i></p> | <p align="center">BAPTISM</p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish Campbell John McCartney through the sacrament of Baptism</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p align="center">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 MASS | | |
| THU | NO MASS | | |
| FRI | 9am MASS Anzac Day | | |
| SAT | 6pm VIGIL MASS | | |
| SUN | 9.30am MASS | | |
| <p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p> | | | |

2ND COLLECTION EASTER WEEKEND

Bishop Ken has asked that a second collection be taken up at this Easter Vigil and Sunday masses to support our Western diocesan parishes with their flood recovery. The donations can be made using cash via the collection baskets, using eftpos via the atm machine in the foyer at the end of mass or a direct deposit into the St Theresa's account which will then be transferred to the Bishop's Flood Appeal account.



The St Theresa's account details for the direct deposit is

Name: St Theresa's
BSB: 064-786
Account No: 100028684
Reference: Flood Appeal

Francis' Focus © Nick Brodie

The joy of Easter, Pope Francis reminds us, is a call 'to experience the risen Christ and to share the experience with others.' Like the women finding the tomb empty and telling the disciples, or Peter running to the tomb when he heard the news, we are called to respond to the message with action! We are meant to become bearers and sharers of hope: He is Risen!

As the Pope suggests, sometimes this means that we have 'to roll away the stone from the tomb where we may have enclosed the Lord.'

We need to be open to being changed.

'A Christianity that seeks the Lord among the ruins of the past and encloses him in the tomb of habit', the Pope declares emphatically, 'is a Christianity without Easter.' Every year, therefore, we should take up anew this opportunity to follow our Lord with joyful hope. Each Easter is an opportunity to proclaim Christ Risen in our own time and place.



MEN ALIVE: GROWING GOOD MEN

Date: 27-29/6/25 Friday-Sunday
Where: Emu Gully, Helidon Spa
Cost: \$490.00 Father & Son Pair

A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. Growing Good Men is an experientially-based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10).

See flyer on the notice board for details to book tickets and to find out more.

Campbell St Catholic Corner

EDITION #2
FEB-APRIL 2025



Thank you to our sponsors and supporters for helping us publish our second Edition.



MATER DEI
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enjoy the read and children remember to count the eggs.



DATE CLAIMER PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 23 May 2025

5.30pm Sausage Sizzle available for 6pm start
\$10/person. Primary school students free
Sausage sizzle and bar available, 8 to a table.
Individuals welcome to attend and join to make a table.

See Parish Church Bulletin Board for more Information

- ⇒ Engaging Your Faith Online Lecture Series
ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/
- ⇒ Tony Alonso – Brisbane May 2025. Internationally renowned Composer, Theologian & Recording Artist
- ⇒ Ignite Youth National Catholic Conference 2025
- ⇒ TOOWOOMBA MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES
SUNDAY 4 MAY – SEE MAP INCLUDED.

THEATRE NIGHT FUNDRAISER: PASTORAL CARE AND SRS OF ST PETER CLAVER

Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre,
Margaret Street Tmba

Enjoy a night out at the theatre and support Pastoral Care or the Sister of St Peter Claver.

On the Wallaby: Nick Enright's ebullient musical play traces the misfortunes of the O'Brien family, waterside workers in Port Adelaide. It is inspired by the stories of homeless men 'on the wallaby' who roamed Australian roads during the Great Depression.

29/4/25 (Tuesday) @ 7:10pm supporting Pastoral Care.
Call 07 46166415 to book tickets and find out more.

7/5/25 (Wednesday) @ 7:10pm supporting Sisters of St Peter Claver. Call 0416 055 976 to book tickets and find out more.

TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

For the past two years, St Theresa's Parish and St Thomas Moore's Parish have been participating in the Toowoomba Winter Shelter program. Last year, they opened the doors every second Monday night to provide up to 10 guests an opportunity for a meal, a hot shower and a warm place to sleep for the night. This year, they have been approached to host guests every Friday night for 13 weeks, alternating between the two locations.

This is an opportunity for the wider Catholic community to participate and support. In an open letter to parishes within reasonable distance of St Theresa's and St Thomas More's Parishes, people are given practical ways to support.

To find out more contact:
Matt Boyd on cityboyd03@gmail.com or
phone 0427 058 655.

Pilgrimage of the 7 Churches in Toowoomba



Visita Iglesia

April 19th, 2025
8:30 A.M to 12:00 P.M

The Visitation of the Seven Churches is a centuries-old Roman Catholic tradition in which the faithful visit seven churches inspired by the St. Philip Neri Tradition.

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| Sacred Heart Church: | 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM |
| Holy Name Church: | 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM |
| Lourdes Church: | 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM |
| St. Anthony Church: | 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM |
| St. Theresa Church: | 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM |
| St. Thomas More Church | 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM |
| St. Patrick's Cathedral: | 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM |

Afterwards, we'll have some light snacks at the Cathedral.

This event is open for everyone. See you!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The St Vincent de Paul Society welcomes Mark Copland as Membership and Development Officer. Mark will

be a familiar face to many across the diocese.

You can contact Mark on ph 07 46995222
and mark.copland@svdpqld.org.au

Another familiar face is Fr Jamie Collins. [Watch Mark's chat with Fr Jamie](#) in his capacity as Vinnie's Spiritual Director for the Toowoomba Diocese. You can also watch Mark's chat with [Josephine Mardinin from Holy Angels Conference](#) and [Bob Frost from St Anthony's Conference](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Retreat,
Stanthorpe.

22-24 August 2025. Details to follow soon.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Your generosity through Project Compassion this year empowers some of the world's most vulnerable people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. Thank you so much for being part of Project Compassion 2025! Please return any donations over the next couple of weeks so they can be forwarded onto Caritas.

St Theresa's Parish

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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, Frances Andrews.

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



NOTICE

APRIL/MAY

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| Saturday | 19 April | 6pm Easter Vigil 6pm |
| Sunday | 20 April | 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass with baptism |
| Monday | 21 April | Easter Monday Public Holiday Office Closed |
| Wednesday | 23 April | Mater Dei school Term 2 begins |
| Friday | 25 April | ANZAC Day Public Holiday Office Closed |
| Thursday | 1 May | Combined meeting PPC & Finance committee 5.30pm-6pm |
| Thursday | 1 May | Parish Pastoral Council meeting 6pm |
| Friday | 2 May | Infin8 Liturgy 9.30am |
| Sunday | 4 May | Tmba Marathon—Campbell St Closed. Limited access to parking for 9.30am Mass. No disabled access to Parish Centre. |
| Monday | 5 May | Labor Day Public Holiday Office Closed |



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday : 9am - 4pm

Tuesday : **CLOSED**

Wednesday : 11am – 4pm

Thursday : 9am – 2pm

Friday: 10am— 4pm

I Will Lift My Eyes – An Evening Concert with Tony Alonso

All are invited to an uplifting concert by internationally renowned USA Catholic composer & recording artist Tony Alonso. Tony will be joined by St Laurence's College students and a Combined Parishes Choir.

6.30 pm – 8:00 pm, Friday 16 May 2025

St Laurence's College, South Brisbane • \$20.00.

Tickets: email liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au or see flyer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES

St Theresa's is still looking for volunteers for the various ministries: Weekly money counter (Mon or Wed), Sound desk operators, Sunday Roster organizer.

Parishioners are always welcome to join other ministries not listed. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

Pavi Update

Great news for Pavi. See insert in bulletin

Care & Concern Meeting 2nd Monday of the Month

Care & Concern Meeting

Monday 14th April 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

