

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

26—27 APRIL 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

In praise of Pope Francis—21 April 2025

At these times we remember how much our friends have meant to us and all the ways in which we shall miss them. That is so with Pope Francis. In a world that sees refugees and immigrants as a threat, disregards the victims of war, trashes the environment, rewards self-interest and cheapens religious faith, he has wept with those mistreated, pleaded their cause and preached a Gospel of joy. He has faced all the things that make for gloom, done what he could to change them, and remained full of hope. For that we shall miss and grieve him.



I was first struck by how ordinary Pope Francis is. From the beginning he was one of us. He went down the street to the barber, rushed off to Lampedusa to grieve with refugees after drowning, left the popemobile to console a grieving woman, spoke off the cuff at press conferences, and on Holy Thursday washed the feet of a young Muslim woman with tats. His language was earthy too, describing the Church as a field hospital, and telling priests that they were shepherds who should smell like sheep.

He also bought into the huge issues that face the world and Catholic Church. He wrote letters to the world about responding to climate change, pressed to end wars and to welcome refugees. Within the Catholic Church he asked us to go out to people at the edge of the Church and society. His Synods involved reflection and conversation at all levels, going up from local congregations, through dioceses and so to Rome to shape reflection at the universal level, and then back to the grass roots. Above all, he has been a brother to all he met, sharing their way of life, their enthusiasm and their frailties.

Pope Francis often puzzled people by taking seriously the living faith of the Church while taking liberty with traditions. He showed little respect for advice to do things as they had been done from time immemorial. He was not bothered with being misinterpreted or having to correct himself. Some people found this refreshing. Those who longed for a Church in which nothing changed did not approve of it.

At the heart of Pope Francis' actions lay his personal faith. It was perhaps best articulated in the motto he chose as Pope: miserando et eligendo. The quotation speaks of a God who has mercy on us as sinners and chooses us as friends in his service. Familiarity can make these words sound every day. When they shape a person's life, however, they can be freeing and life changing. They certainly lay at the heart of Pope Francis' faith and way of living. They made him bold: he made no claim to virtue and reputation that needed to be defended. Neither did he see his election as Pope to be a burden that he needed to live up to, nor was he anxious that his program should survive beyond him.

He was a sinner gifted and called by God. He was free to acknowledge his mistakes without fuss and did not fear failure. The future lay in God's hands. He could also mix with simple people and disreputable people without fear of stain and find delight and compassion in the encounter.

Jorge Bergoglio saw himself as an unprofitable and joyful servant. And for that we may one day welcome him as a saint. But we shall remember him as our brother.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ 22 April 2025

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pope Francis

17 Dec 1936—21 April 2025

ANNIVERSARIES

Lawrie Jennings
Jocelyn De Pascali
Adam Flynn
Nilla Sternes
Thelma Hill
Francois Frichtot
Margaret McNally
Diana Teagle
Patrick O'Brien
Agnes Beauchamp
Les Caldwell
Peter Smith
William Hutchison

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)

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center">2nd Sunday of Easter C</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Acts 5: 12-16.</i> The Apostles worked many signs</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 117:2-4, 22-27.</i> Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>Rev 1:9-13, 17-19.</i> A figure like a Son of man appears to John, instructing him to write his visions.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: You believed in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>John 20:19-31</i> Doubting Thomas.</p> <p>Next week's readings 3rd Sunday of Easter Year C <i>Acts 5:27-32, 40-41.</i> <i>Rev 15:11-14.</i> <i>John 21:1-19.</i></p>	<p align="center">BAPTISM</p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish</p> <p align="center">Hannah May Ebzery Chloe Jayde Ebzery Oliver Patrick Ian Noon Joey James Noon</p> <p>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		
SAT	6pm VIGIL MASS		
SUN	9.30am MASS		
<p>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</p>			

IMPORTANT REMINDER—SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated in our parish in June.

First Eucharist will be **21st /22nd June** and **Confirmation** will be **Wednesday 25th June.**

Preparation for First Eucharist will commence in 2 weeks.

Session 1 after school at Mater Dei school, **starting Tuesday 6 May**

Session 2 after school in the St Theresa's Parish Office, **starting Wednesday 7 May**

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 at sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au.

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.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF The Bishop's Flood Appeal

St Therasas raised a total of \$2,777.85

The Good Friday Appeal

St Therasas raised a total of \$504.80

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES

St Theresa's is still looking for volunteers for the various ministries: Weekly money counters (Mon or Wed), Office Administration, 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

Please return any donations over the next couple of weeks so they can be forwarded onto Caritas.

Campbell St Catholic Corner

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FEB-APRIL 2025



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



Enjoy the read and children remember to count the eggs.



Message from Bishop Ken Howell upon the death of Pope Francis Pope Francis' pontificate has been one of humility, compassion, and inclusivity.

Together with the priests, religious and lay faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba I join my prayers upon learning the sad news of the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. His Holiness dedicated his life to serving God and the Church with unwavering faith, compassion, and humility. As we mourn this great loss, let us also celebrate his remarkable legacy not just as the head of the Catholic Church, but as a world leader.

May we find comfort in our shared faith and the hope of eternal life.

I find myself this morning remembering my two meetings with Pope Francis. The first was as a newly ordained bishop in 2017 attending a program of formation in Rome following my ordination. The Pope spoke briefly with us all and met us with warmth and great interest. The second was the occasion of the Australian Bishops visit to Rome in 2019. The Pope spoke with us for almost two hours where we discussed many matters with him in a very casual and relaxed meeting.

This is a great example of his style as Pope. He welcomed every person he met with warmth and with a deep respect of the dignity of every human person. It was here that his light shone out, especially in his respect and care for the marginalised. He preached that Christ came for all people, especially those on the peripheries of society, and it was here that he showed particular care and deep interest in their lives.

Pope Francis was obviously deeply moved by some of the terrible conflicts happening in our world. He regularly called for peace, and we could tell that his heart was broken by the senseless killing of the innocent, and the destruction of their homes and family lives.

So much can be said about this humble and sincere servant of Christ. Pope Francis showed us how to be "holy" in the very best sense of that word. He was deeply in love with Jesus whom he served with great devotion, and he showed this in the way he loved the Church and worked tirelessly to share the fullness of the Gospel message.

May he rest in the peace of the Christ whom he both loved and served with energy and devotion.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Romans 6:8

The Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

REQUIEM MASS for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis

Celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell
Monday, 28 April 2025,
at 10:00am

St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba.

All are warmly invited to attend.

The Mass will also be livestreamed on Facebook and the diocese's website.

MEN ALIVE: GROWING GOOD MEN

Date: 27-29/6/25 Friday-Sunday

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. See flyer on the notice board for details.

CONDOLENCES FOR POPE FRANCIS

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is making available an email address

condolencebook@catholic.org.au

for anyone wishing to write messages of condolence following the death of Pope Francis.

This might be useful to help Catholics express their grief. The ACBC will find an appropriate and respectful way of passing them on to the Nuncio.

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
- ⇒ Liturgy & Music Conference 1-3 October 2025
- ⇒ Pavi update – Great news.
- ⇒ TOOWOOMBA MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES SUNDAY 4 MAY – SEE MAP INCLUDED.

CONTACTS

NOTICE

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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



MAY

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

Saturday 3 May Federal Election

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 Labour Day Public Holiday
Office Closed

Tuesday 6 May St Vincent de Paul meeting, 4pm

Wednesday 7 May Parish Morning Tea, 9.45am at Cobb & Co.

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.



THEATRE NIGHT FUNDRAISER:

PASTORAL CARE & SRS OF ST PETER CLAVER

Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre, Margaret Street Toowoomba

On the Wallaby: 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 in the Great Depression.

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

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

Care & Concern Meeting 2nd Monday of the Month

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Monday's at 3.00pm

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

