

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

3 - 4 MAY 2025

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.

You know I love you

Some years ago, I noticed a couple with a newborn baby in the front pew. I *observed* the baby, but they could not take their eyes off the infant for the whole Mass. Their way of looking was completely different to mine. It was the *loving gaze* of total commitment and, no doubt, of the deepest desire for the best possible future for their baby.

According to St Luke's Gospel, Jesus bestowed that sort of loving gaze on Peter as he stood warming himself near a charcoal fire in the High Priests Courtyard, the place where he denied our Lord three times: 'I do not know the man'.

In today's Gospel, St Peter is standing near another charcoal fire on which the Risen Lord had prepared breakfast. Balancing his denials, Peter affirms three times: 'Lord, you know that I love you'. This was the dramatic effect of that loving gaze.

You and I are constantly held in that gaze. You and I, like Peter, are thus enabled to repent of our betrayals of our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: 'Lord, you know that I love you'.

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter, he was to feed and shepherd 'My lambs and my sheep'. How do we decide what concrete action will manifest our professed love? The short and sure answer, in the words of Father Richard Rohr, is *to love what God loves*.

And that, my friends, is nothing less than the whole cosmos: 'For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son.' (Jn 3:16,17) We often translate it 'For God so loved the world'. But that is too weak. The Greek word is *cosmos*, the whole of created reality.

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be an inadequate imitation of God's love for the cosmos. How can we concretely show that love?

In the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord says: 'You are the Salt of the Earth.' Salt is a preservative, preventing decay, making food suitable for eating. You must preserve the earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the earth is 'our common home' to use the subtitle of 'Laudato Si', the encyclical by Pope Francis on the environment.

And then our Lord went on; 'You are the Light of the Cosmos'. What can this mean? Think of the most beautiful scene in nature which has ever moved or amazed you.

Perhaps a majestic mountain, or a remarkable stretch of water, or the constellation of stars overarching the night sky.

But neither the mountain nor the water nor the stars are themselves aware of their existence and able to praise God for that very fact. However, *you are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos*. As you will hear in the Mass: 'With [the angels], we too confess your name in exultation, *giving voice to every creature under heaven* as we acclaim: "Holy Holy Holy Lord God of Hosts".'

We are the stardust with loving consciousness called to embody God's love for the cosmos. We become priests of the cosmos for the cosmos.

St Francis of Assisi was a man in love with all created reality. We can hear him singing in the Canticle of the Sun:

**Be praised, My Lord, through all your creatures,
Especially through my lord Brother Sun,
Who brings the day; And you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.**

We may not all be as ecstatic as St Francis, but in the words of the Pope who took his name: 'We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is.'

My dear friends, we are all held in the loving gaze of the One who first loved us (1 Jn 4:19). That is what enables us personally and as a Church, to respond: 'Lord, you know that I love you.' But then we must prove it as Salt of The Earth and Light of The Cosmos!

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RECENTLY DECEASED

*Sr Veronica Littleton
Ros Carlson*

ANNIVERSARIES

Arthur Schneider
Lance Jelley & Les Murphy
Mary Reilly
Thomas Ryan
Peter Meiklejohn
Denise Hodgson
John Brunner & Peta Murphy
Alice Meiklejohn
John Robinson
Eileen Cartwright
Bryan Rafter
May Meiklejohn & Phil Long

HEALING FOR THE SICK




Parishioners

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

Friends and Family

Lawrie Atzeni (Loretta Coman's uncle)
Lachlan Anderson (Loretta Coman's family friend)
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)
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">3rd Sunday of Easter C</p> <p>First Reading: <i>Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41</i> The Sanhedrin tells the apostles not to mention Jesus.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: <i>Ps 29:2,4-6, 11-13. R.v.2</i> I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.</p> <p>Second Reading: <i>Rev 15: 11-14.</i> John hears the voices of angels.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel: <i>John 21:1-19</i> Jesus questions Peter.</p> <p>Next week's readings 4th Sunday of Easter Year C <i>Acts 13:14, 43-52.</i> <i>Rev 7:9, 14-17</i> <i>John 10:27-30.</i></p>	<p align="center">BAPTISM</p> <p>This weekend we welcome into our parish <i>Archer Jude Peters</i> <i>Penelope Mae Peters</i> <i>Edward William Peters</i> <i>Cooper William Logan</i> <i>and</i> <i>Millie Ann Bryant</i> 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.

WINTER SHELTER PLANNING MEETING

The next Winter Shelter Planning Meeting

Tuesday, 6 May

6.00pm

St Theresa's Parish Office

55 Curzon St, Toowoomba

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

2025 Daily Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests

We have limited copies in the church foyer. If you miss out and would like a printed copy or an electronic copy emailed to you, please contact the parish office. 07 4639 4688 or sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

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.

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 providing up to 10 guests an opportunity for a meal, a hot shower and a warm place to sleep for the night. This year, we will be hosting 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.

To find out more contact:

Matt Boyd on cityboyd03@gmail.com or phone 0427 058 655.

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.

Campbell St Catholic Corner

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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.



Good Samaritan
College
success through industry

Francis' Focus © Nick Brodie

Considering Peter's return to fishing, Pope Francis reminds us that Peter had long since left it behind to follow Jesus.

The episode shows us how easy it is to return to comfortable routines. 'It can happen to us too', Francis says, 'that, out of tiredness, disappointment, perhaps out of laziness, we forget the Lord and neglect the great choices we have made, to settle for something else.' Each of us faces the temptation to return to our fishing at some point.

But without Jesus in our lives our nets will always feel empty.

Sometimes being busy distracts us from what really matters. Perhaps, Francis says, 'we forget prayer, letting ourselves be wrapped up in our own needs.' Sometimes, he adds, 'we neglect charity, with the excuse of daily urgencies.'

Here Peter's swim is instructive. Professionally, it makes little sense. He reached Jesus first, yes, but had to return to the boat for some fish! Yet, as Francis reminds us, in plunging into the water Peter shows us that 'love goes beyond usefulness, convenience or duty.' Peter swam for joy!

What we might ask ourselves now, then, is: how can I respond to the call: 'It is the Lord!' Dare we dive in and swim, like Peter, and 'put out to sea again with Jesus'?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS EVENT

Sunday, 11th May

8:30am - 4:00pm

Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo (Brisbane)

A day for young men from Toowoomba and the surrounding areas at Holy Spirit Seminary.

Join us for prayer, Mass and a recreational activity with the seminarians.

For further information and RSVP contact Deacon BJ Perrett

0499 102 073 or bjperrett@twb.catholic.org.au

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Wednesday, 4th June at 12:00pm

St Stephen's Uniting Church, 51 Neil St Tmba
also

Wednesday, 4th June at 6:30pm

Lifeworks Uniting Church, 615 Boundary St Tmba

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Christians come together to pray for their unity. This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 1-8 June and hosted by the Uniting Churches. All are warmly welcome to attend.

REUNION: ST MARY'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

Saturday, 31st May—St Mary's College is holding a reunion for anyone who attended the college in the sixties. If you or anyone you know is interested, please email rossfallon@bigpond.com. This will be a lunchtime event & further details will be provided via email.

MAY IS DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

You are not alone. The Catholic Church in Australia is committed to helping people who are experiencing domestic and family violence.

In a message of support for a campaign against violence against women in November 2023, Pope Francis said, "But where there is domination, there is abuse! It is not love that demands prisoners. The Lord wants us to be free and in full dignity."

Women, children and young people are overwhelmingly affected by domestic and family violence. Men can also be affected by domestic and family violence, and it is important that we see the signs as well. Domestic violence occurs between former and current intimate partners. Family violence is between family members, such as parents and children or siblings.

You can find resources on the QLD Govt website www.qld.gov.au and search [Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month](#)

In Toowoomba, Protea Place will be holding a candlelight vigil on Tuesday, 13/5/25.

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.

See Parish Church Bulletin Board for more Information

- ⇒ World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity – 4 June
- ⇒ Abrahamic Faiths Gathering – 7 May
- ⇒ **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**

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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

MAY

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.
Friday	9 May Mater Dei Mother's Day liturgy
Sunday	11 May Mothers' Day
Monday	12 May Care & Concern meeting 3pm

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.

**CHANGE OF DATE: FEAST FOR FREEDOM FUNDRAISER**

The Feast for Freedom fundraiser, a pot-luck dinner hosted by The Dignity Project, at the St Anthony's Community Centre has been postponed. The dinner is now rescheduled for Saturday 17 May 2025,

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. 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

Care & Concern Meeting

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*

