

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

10 - 11 MAY 2025

4th 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.*

From some time back, I thought Cardinal Robert Prevost was a rough chance to be elected Pope. But I was surprised when I woke early to the news of his election as Pope Leo XIV. I was also delighted. He is US-born but is a genuine citizen of the world and the kind of polyglot that presumes.

His father was of Italian-French background and his mother had Spanish heritage, which is why he looks Latin. He's spent much of his ministerial life in Peru, and for some years was the Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine.

This took him to every part of the world, including Australia which he visited several times.

It was Pope Francis who tapped him, surprisingly, for the crucial role of Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, which oversees the appointment and management of bishops around the world.

This too gave him a bird's-eye view of the global Church and a sense of how the Roman Curia works.

It also gave him a profile among the Cardinal electors.

In the role, he quickly acquired a reputation as approachable, modest, pastoral, non-ideological, reasonable and firm – qualities he had shown as Prior General of the Augustinians.

My own brief dealings with him left me impressed.

He struck me as a man who could listen and who was hard to fluster, a good driver in heavy traffic.

His rise to bishop, cardinal and pope has been rapid; so too was his election.

But he isn't a man to rush things; he has an air of calm about him. That will serve him well as Pope.

He will continue basic trajectories of the Francis pontificate, but he will be his own man. In some ways he's a Francis creation, but he isn't a Francis clone.

The choice of Leo as his papal name is intriguing.

I presume it looks back to Pope Leo XIII at the end of the 19th century who led the Catholic Church's engagement with the modern world.

It may also look back to Pope Leo I known as the Great.

He was Pope in the chaotic fifth century as the Western Empire decayed and new barbarisms threatened.

In our own chaotic time as new barbarisms appear, the Church cannot retreat into a self-protective world.

Pope Leo XIV looks to be the Spirit's surprising choice to lead a new engagement and to bring fresh hope not just to the Church but to the world.

Echoing the Psalmist, we pray: "May the Lord preserve him and give him life and make him blessed upon the earth".



CARDINAL Robert Prevost, the Chicago-born prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops under Pope Francis, was elected the 267th pope and took the name Pope Leo XIV on May 8.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Mary Wagner**

(Funeral Friday 16 May 10.30am St Pats)

**Robie Jayawardhana**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Fred Heenan Margaret Fletcher**

**Br. Joseph Mullen Mary Ryan**

**Pam Edmondson Minnie Spies**

**Adele Whisson Moira Long**

**Delma Wells Vicki Spanjol**

**Peg O'Brien Leo Flynn**

**Caitlin Ryan Maryanne Otto**

**Pat Doyle George Hooyer**

**Johannes Van Der Veen**

**Mons. Edward Concannon**

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners

**Noel Murphy**

**June Murphy**

**Neil Lynch**

**Susan Quirk**

**Anne Thomas**

**Kathy Herbert**

**Greg Logan**

### Friends and Family

**Lawrie Atzeni** (Vivienne Ruffini's brother)

**Lachlan Anderson** (Vivienne Ruffini'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**

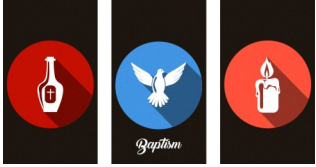
**Molly Schmidt** (Aileen Collins' friend)

**The Dowling Family**

**Samy Boulis** (Sam Tanous' brother-in-law)

**Kate Hopkins** (friend of Good Samaritan College)

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

MASSES		READINGS	NOTICES
MON	NO MASS	<p align="center"><b>4th Sunday of Easter C</b></p> <p><b>First Reading:</b> <i>Acts 13: 14, 43– 52</i> Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch. .</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <i>Ps 99:1-3, 5. R.v.3</i> We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</p> <p><b>Second Reading:</b> <i>Rev 7: 9, 14-17</i> John sees people of every race before the throne.</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, Alleluia I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> <i>John 10:27-30</i> The gift of eternal life.</p> <p><b>Next week's readings</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter Year C</b> <i>Acts 14:21-27</i> <i>Rev 21:1-5</i> <i>John 13:31-35.</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>BAPTISM</b></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 MASS		
SAT	6pm VIGIL MASS		<p align="center"><b>2025 Daily Prayer Calendar for Seminarians and Priests</b></p> <p>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</p>
SUN	9.30am MASS		
<p><b>If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.</b></p>			

## TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM—NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

### Toowoomba Winter Shelter Program Needs your Help

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 provide support. Listed in the table to the right are the various roles and times required for volunteering. Please consider offering your support. by using the QR Code in the Church Foyer or by contacting Matt Boyd.

To find out more contact:  
Matt Boyd on  
[cityboyd03@gmail.com](mailto:cityboyd03@gmail.com) or  
phone 0427 058 655.

Role	Time	What is required	People required
Trailers	1pm-2pm	Unpacking trailers Connecting washer / shower to power, water and drainage	2-4
Church Set-up	2:30pm 3:30pm	Arranging chairs to create individual areas; making beds and preparing for guests	6
Catering	Before 5pm	Preparing food and dropping it at Church	3-4
Serving	5pm-7pm	Serving food to guest and volunteers; washing up	3-4
Companionship	5pm-10pm	Socialising with guests; enjoying a meal; games / discussions with guests	6-8
Night duty	10pm-2am 2am-6am	Staying awake through night to provide help to guests where needed	2 per shift
Breakfast	6am-8am	Prepare and serve simple breakfast	2-4
Clean up	7am-9am	Clean up bedding and return Church to normal state, ready for Mass	2-4

# Campbell St Catholic Corner

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Enjoy the read and children remember to count the eggs.



## Francis' Focus © Nick Brodie

'Sometimes Jesus calls us, he invites us to follow him, but perhaps we do not realise that it is he who is calling,' Pope Francis once said.

Francis explained that these few lines in today's Gospel passage 'contain the whole of Jesus' message ... he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father.' Indeed, he continued, 'Jesus wants to establish with his friends a relationship which mirrors his own relationship with the Father: a relationship of reciprocal belonging.'

Such listening and reciprocity is at the heart of the late Pope's call for the Church to become more synodal.

'Synodality', Francis explains, means journeying together. It is, therefore, really 'an expression of the Church's nature, her form, style and mission.' We journey to the Father, with Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

As Francis put it at one point: 'we are sheep, yet we are also members of the flock.'

We must rediscover, he declared, 'that we are a people meant to walk together, with one another and with all humanity.' We must learn 'to trust that the Spirit will always make his voice heard.' And a good place to start discerning God's voice, he suggested, is 'by listening to each other.'

## PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 23 May 2025

Sausage Sizzle from 5.30pm

Game starts at 6pm

Tickets \$10/person.

Primary school students free

Sausage sizzle and bar available, 8 to a table.

Individuals welcome to attend and join a table.

Book you table: [sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au)  
phone: 07 4639 4688

All monies raised on the night will go towards Church and Ground Maintenance for Tree Lopping around the Church grounds.

## Ecumenical Seminar—"Spiritual Ecumenism"

Presenter: Dr Antonia Pizzey  
(Lecturer at Australian Catholic University)  
at

Brescia House, St Ursula's College  
5 Warra St, Newtown, Toowoomba  
5.30pm Friday, 11 July 2025 to  
1.00pm Sunday, 13 July 2025

Besides having good discussion on the subject "Spiritual Ecumenism", in one of the sessions we will discuss the Nicene Creed. This year is the 1,700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed.

For further information and costs contact:  
John Agnew 07 4666 3225 or [agnewjj@yahoo.com.au](mailto:agnewjj@yahoo.com.au) or  
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## IMPORTANT REMINDER—SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

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

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

### 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.

### 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](http://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.



# St Theresa's Parish

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*Parish Website [www.sttheresas.org.au](http://www.sttheresas.org.au)*

### 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

Sunday	11 May Mothers' Day
Monday	12 May Care & Concern meeting 3pm
Tuesday	20 May Parish Administration PD
Friday	23 May Parish Trivia Night
Sunday	25 May Mater Dei School Parish Family Mass
Tuesday	27 May Council of Priests Meeting

### See Parish Church Bulletin Board for more Information

- ⇒ Ecumenical Seminar 11-13 July
- ⇒ 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/](http://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**

### 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](mailto: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.*



### 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.

### REUNION: ST MARY'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:rossfallon@bigpond.com). This will be a lunchtime event & further details will be provided via email.

### 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*

