



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

17 - 18 MAY 2025

5th 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.

City Life for True Lovers © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

Jesus issues a new commandment. If he had left it as 'love one another' it would have been intolerably vague. After all, I love chocolate and I would love to win Tattsлото. The word 'love' has such a range of meaning in English that it always needs a context to be understood.

So Jesus went on: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' That's more definite. That's more concrete. '... as I have loved you.' So now there is a measure by which we can gauge our progress in discipleship.

There are some obvious enough pointers in the gospel stories. Jesus loved us in a way which invariably led him to do counter cultural things like sharing meals with the marginalised and ostracised. We can all ask how we measure up to his way of living in that and many other respects.

But there is a deeper, more fundamental, dimension to Our Lord's love for us.

Divine Love was aware that humankind was in a mess: a history of disoriented behaviour distorting our relationships with God and others.

Divine Love could have dealt with this in a myriad of ways, perhaps by using angelic forces or purely spiritual Powers.

But instead, in Jesus Christ, Divine Love entered into the human story and absorbed the suffering experienced by every human being in death, the tearing apart of body and soul. He conquered such wrenching death in the Resurrection and invites all humanity to share in that victory.

You may think that this extravagant extreme of love is something no human being could ever measure up to. So does our Lord present us with a command impossible to fulfill?

But actually, it happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a spouse seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

The desire to absorb the suffering of another, quite freely except for the compulsion of love, shows humanity at its best. This is the ultimate degree of com-passion, suffering with another, and is the closest a human being gets to the deep dimension of the way in which Our Lord loves the whole of humankind.

But each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to share in the anxieties, the fears, and to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. Together with imitating the other patterns of Jesus' earthly ministry, we are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history when all such lovers will constitute a new way of humans living together, as in a wonderful city.

The vision of John, the seer, recounted in the second reading will come true. We are not destined to live in a garden of Paradise, but in a City: a complex way in which great numbers of people relate to each other.

'Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, "You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone."'

Let us together make our way to that future City, that future City made possible by the Divine Lover who took on our human nature and absorbed the worst that Death could do.

Let us together make our way to that future City, where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. There will be no more death and no more mourning or sadness.

And let us on the way to that future City start to transform human history by fulfilling

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cathy Herbert

*(Funeral Tuesday, 20 May
10am at St Theresa's)*

Lachlan Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Mark (Dick) Butler

Mary Kalinowski

Tom Clark

Celie Lyons

Eddie Strickland

Jim Murphy

Maureen Godsall

Patricia Hundt

Pat O'Brien

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners

Noel Murphy

Neil Lynch

Anne Thomas

June Murphy

Susan Quirk

Greg Logan

Friends and Family

Lawrie Atzeni (Vivienne Ruffini's brother)

Janette 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

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| MON | NO MASS |
| TUE | NO MASS |
| WED | 9am MASS |
| THU | NO MASS |
| FRI | 9am MASS |
| SAT | 6pm VIGIL MASS |
| SUN | 9.30am MASS |
| If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator. | |

READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter C

First Reading: *Acts 14: 21-27*
Paul and Barnabas journey extensively, returning to Antioch.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 144:8-13 R. cf. v.1*
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: *Rev 21: 1-5*
John sees a new Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 13:31-35*
Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another.

Next week's readings
6th Sunday of Easter Year C
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29.

NOTICES

BAPTISM

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



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

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 More'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 or

| Role | Time | What is required | People required |
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| 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

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.

Good Samaritan
College
success through industry**Francis' Focus** © Nick Brodie

'Jesus loved us first', Pope Francis reminded us. This is the key to the newness of Jesus' commandment. As Francis pointed out, it was already an established principle that you should love your neighbour. What Jesus does is extend this, going beyond formal concern to a really deep love – 'as I have loved you'. Jesus' love, Francis elaborates, 'is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits.' Which is why it is important to start by knowing that Jesus already loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done. He loves us, Francis explains, 'despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses.' In fact, as Francis adds, it was Jesus himself 'who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love.' There is nothing we can do to make him love us more or less than he already does. God's love, by definition, is boundless.

So, aided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to experience and express the love of Christ. As the late Pope said, if we are truly open to this, then 'we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope.'

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
phone: 07 4639 4688

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

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 or
Monica Brennan 07 4639 4688 or
sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

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**.

**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 and search [Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month](#)

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

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| Tuesday | 20 May Parish Administration PD Day |
| Friday | 23 May Thanksgiving for Robie Jayawardhana, St Mary's College. See flyer in foyer |
| Friday | 23 May Parish Trivia Night. 5.30pm/6pm |
| Sunday | 25 May Mater Dei School Parish Family Mass |
| Tuesday | 27 May Council of Priests Meeting Chinchilla |
| Saturday | 31 May 5pm Vigil Mass begins for Winter |

See Parish Church Bulletin Board for more Information

- ⇒ 2025 SPRED Appeal
- ⇒ Ecumenical Seminar 11-13 July
- ⇒ World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity – 4 June
- ⇒ **Engaging Your Faith Online Lecture Series** ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/
- ⇒ **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

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.



Nationwide Rosary will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm on Saturday 24 May.

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, 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.

Gospel Reflection Group Every Monday 10am

Parish office meeting room. All welcome

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

