

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

7—8 JUNE 2025

PENTECOST

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.

Francis' Focus © Nick Brodie

In our age of increasing division and discord we should learn to trust that the Holy Spirit can bring us together. The Holy Spirit, Pope Francis once quipped, 'knows how to bridge distances.'

Explaining that the Holy Spirit 'connects the teaching of Jesus with every time and every person,' Francis reminds us that 'Christ's words are not a memory.' Rather, through the Holy Spirit, they 'come alive today!'

Using Scripture as an example, Francis points out that the Holy Spirit 'speaks to us and guides us in the present.' Hearing today's Gospel proclaimed, for instance, means being called to renew our trust in Christ in the here and now. We have the Holy Spirit with us, after all!

'The Holy Spirit does not fear the passing of the centuries,' Francis says. Indeed, it is we who get caught in the past. 'We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith,' he suggests, when we fail to recognise that the Holy Spirit 'makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.'

As the late Pope put it, 'the Holy Spirit does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.' Alleluia to that!

REFLECTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI 23 May 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, in which we recall the manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit, who as wind and as fire descended upon the Apostles gathered together in the Upper Room, and enabled them to preach the Gospel to all nations with courage (cf. Acts 2: 1-13).

The mystery of Pentecost, which we rightly identify with the event of the Church's true "baptism", is not, however, exhausted by this. The Church in fact lives constantly from the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, without which she would exhaust her own strength, like a sailboat without the wind. Pentecost is renewed in a special way in certain powerful moments, whether this be at the local or the universal level, whether it be in small assemblies or in large ones. The Councils, for example, had sessions graced by special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and among these is certainly the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. We might also recall that famous meeting of the ecclesial movements with Venerable John Paul II, here in St Peter's Square, precisely on Pentecost in 1998. But the Church knows countless "pentecosts" that vivify the local communities. Let us think of the liturgies, particularly those experienced in special moments of the community's life, in which the power of God is perceived in an evident way, infusing joy and enthusiasm in hearts. We may think of many other prayer gatherings in which young people clearly feel the call of God to root their lives in his love, even consecrating themselves entirely to him.

Thus there is no Church without Pentecost. And I would like to add that there is no Pentecost without the Virgin Mary. This is how it was at the beginning, in the Upper Room, where the disciples "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with his brethren", as the Acts of the Apostles says (1: 14). And this is how it always is, in every place and in every time. I witnessed it a short time ago at Fatima. What did that great multitude on the square in front of the Shrine experience, where we were truly all of one heart and one soul? It was a renewed Pentecost. In our midst was Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This is the typical experience at the great Marian sanctuaries Lourdes, Guadalupe, Pompeii, Loreto or even in the smaller ones. Wherever Christians gather in prayer with Mary, the Lord grants his Spirit.

Dear friends, on this Feast of Pentecost, we too would like to be spiritually united with the Mother of Christ and of the Church, faithfully invoking a renewed outpouring of the Paraclete. © Faith Circles Diocese of Wollongong

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Maurer
Nashaat Maksimous
Catherine Hanlon
Kay Connor
Patricia Osborn
Mary Hoysted
Tony Brady
Colin Stafford
Paul Smith

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners

Noel Murphy Susan Quirk
Anne Thomas Greg Logan

Friends and Family

Lawrie Atzeni (Vivienne Ruffini's brother)
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

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9am MASS 6pm Reconciliation liturgy for Confirmation Candidates
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9am MASS
SAT	5pm VIGIL MASS
SUN	9.30am MASS
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the coordinator.	

READINGS

Pentecost Sunday Year C

First Reading: *Acts 2: 1-11*
The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 103:1.24.29-31. R. v.30*
Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13*
The Spirit of God dwells in us.

Sequence

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia
Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 20: 19-23*
Jesus promises the disciples the Paraclete.

Next week's readings
The Most Holy Trinity Year C
Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

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 sttheresaspar-
ish@twb.catholic.org.au

TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM—NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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 0427 058 655.

**First Winter Shelter at St Therasas Parish will
be Friday, 6 June & then every fortnight.**

**We are looking for someone to loan us a
smart TV so our guests could watch the
footy or a movie.**

Role	Time	What is required	People needed
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

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

Choir for Ordination of BJ Perrett

If you love to sing, St Patrick's invites you to join them for the Ordination of BJ Perrett on Thursday 3 July at 6.30pm. **Choir practice begins at 6.30pm on Thursday 5 June at St Patrick's Cathedral** (enter via Neil St). Please phone Vicky Cocozza on 0428 781 209 if you would like to join.

WINTER MASS TIMES

June—August

Winter Mass times commence from Saturday, 31st May

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm
Sunday Mass at 9.30am

JAZZ MASSES: WARWICK JUMPERS

AND JAZZ IN JULY—Jazz Masses: Saturday, 19 July at 5:00pm and Sunday, 27 July at 8:30am St Mary's Church, Palmerin St, Warwick. Visit Warwick 17-27 July for woolly streets and jazzy vibes! Make sure to stop by St Mary's Church during the festival, especially for their Jazz Masses.

PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION OF BJ PERRETT

Thursday, 3rd July 2025 at 6:30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

Bishop Ken Howell warmly invites the faithful of the Toowoomba Diocese to the Presbyteral Ordination of BJ Perrett. There will be light refreshments after Mass in the Cathedral Centre.

RSVP: 15/6/25 stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Friday, 4th July 2025 at 11:00am
St Joseph's Church, Stanthorpe

All are warmly welcome to celebrate with BJ in Stanthorpe. Lunch will be shared in the Bathersby Centre after Mass.

RSVP: 22/6/25 stanthorpeparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Ecumenical Seminar—"Spiritual Ecumenism"

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

Parish Office Computer Upgrade — Can you help?

As of 14 October 2025, the operating system on our office computer (Windows 10) will no longer be supported. The current computer is 12 years old and as such is not capable of upgrading to Windows 11. This means no more security updates, patches, or technical support will be provided after that date. While 'Windows 10' will still function, it will become increasingly vulnerable to cyberattacks and could compromise St Theresas' Parish computer network.

Can you help? Would anyone have a spare computer that could be donated to the Parish Office which would also support 'Windows 11' or know where we could purchase one at a reasonable price?

Please call the Office if you can assist. Ph: 4639 4688 or email: sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Knights of the Southern Cross

The Knights invite Catholic men give consideration to joining the Knights of the Southern Cross, Toowoomba Branch. Pamphlets are available in the foyer, on the notice board. Please contact Brian Wilson at 0411279952 or bhwilson@optusnet.com.au for further details.

BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CALLS FOR PEACE

A message from Bishop Ken Howell "I welcome this statement on behalf of the Australian Bishops. News reports astound us as we see innocent children suffering the wounds of war and of malnutrition. Families have been shattered by the destruction of their homes, and the death of family members. Our hearts ache as misery abounds where peace has been ruptured by violent acts of aggression. Let there be peace now!". *See full message in the foyer*

HOLY NAME PARISH BUSH DANCE

Date: 14/6/25 Saturday

Time: 5:45pm - 10:30pm

Where: Holy Name Parish Hall, Bridge St Tmba

[Book tickets through TryBooking](#) Join us for a family fun bush dance! Featuring bush band Cloud 9. [See Facebook event page](#)

MULTICULTURAL MASS—Sunday, 8 June at 9.00am

St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba. All are warmly welcome to attend. This Mass will also be live-streamed.

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

JUNE

Sunday	8 June 9am	Multicultural Mass St Pat's Cathedral
Monday	9 June	Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am
Monday	9 June	Care & Concern meeting 3pm
Wednesday	11 June 6pm	Reconciliation liturgy for Confirmation candidates
Sat/Sun	21/22 June	First Eucharist
Wednesday	25 June 6pm	Confirmation

SCAM UPDATE: BEWARE!

We have received reports that another scam email is circulating, this time appearing to come from Fr Brian Noonan and asking for gift cards. If you have received this email, please ignore it, report the email to the provider it appears to come from (e.g. Gmail) and delete the message.

It's a timely reminder that while the diocese may solicit donations to support ministries, the request will always be through legitimate channels in an open and transparent manner. The bishop, clergy, staff, and ministries of the Diocese of Toowoomba will NEVER contact parishioners asking for gift cards and requesting secrecy. If in doubt, please contact your local parish or the diocesan office to confirm.

2025 SPRED Appeal:

For nearly 40 years, SPRED (SPecial RELigious Development) has been a beacon of hope and spiritual growth for adults with intellectual disabilities. As we near the end of the financial year, we invite you to contribute to SPRED's mission. Your support means more than just funding; it means giving hope, friendship, and a sense of belonging to those in our community. **Donate today: www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate**



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TRIVIA NIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported the Trivia Night.

Overall profit was \$1700.01

We have some left over **Hahn beer** which we would like to **sell at cost price**. Please contact the office if you are interested.

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

