

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

28—29 JUNE 2025

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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.

Leo' Lens

Tellingly, it is the question that elicits the answer in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Christ who is unafraid to ask and listen before affirming what is true.

This is an idea which Pope Leo XIV picks up on. Reflecting on how his predecessor and namesake 'lived in an age of momentous and disruptive change', Leo clearly admires how Leo XIII 'sought to promote peace by encouraging social dialogue between capital and labour, technology and human intelligence, and different political cultures and nations.'

The Church's social doctrine, these popes remind us, is not incompatible with dialogue. Leo calls on Christians to seek 'to learn how to confront problems, for these are always different, since every generation is new, and faces new challenges, dreams and questions.'

It is therefore always imperative that we listen to the voices of the poor and marginalised, Leo says. 'Their viewpoints,' he points out, 'are vital if we are to see the world through God's eyes.'

Reminding us that the Second Vatican Council called the Church to engage in 'reading the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel', Leo invites us 'to participate actively and creatively in this discernment process, and thus contribute, with all of God's people, to the development of the Church's social doctrine in this age of significant social changes, listening to everyone and engaging in dialogue with all.'

© Nick Brodie

Rebuild My Church

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

Did you notice in the first reading that, whilst Peter was in prison, 'the whole Church kept on praying incessantly for him'? This constant prayer played its part in Peter's being freed from the chains which bound him, the shackles which fettered him. Prayer of the community was essential to his being freed from prison.

What are the shackles or chains which fetter the successor of St Peter? What prison walls need to be shattered so that he can preach the marvels of God in ways which affect the hearts of humanity? We know prayer of the community, i.e., of us, will be essential to his being freed – from what? A Pope could be imprisoned by a distorted or impoverished idea of 'the Church'.

In the Gospel, our Lord says to Simon son of Jonah: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church'. 'My church' – the church desired by our Lord, not a church designed by all too earthly ambitions, a church whose structure owes much to the Roman empire, and later to Euro-centric models spanning the last millennia or so.

May the Church, the Church of the third millennium, be unshackled from the chains of various historical eras so that the Pope, in giving an account of his ministry to the Lord will be able to say with St Paul, 'I have fought the good fight to the end,' by doing my best to heed your call 'rebuild my Church'.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Craig Bosley	John Ganzer
Deborah Gordon	Eric Copas
Moya Meneely	Aileen Stacey
Kevin d'Abadie	Peg Jones
Carl Muller	Kay Barnett
James Flood	Betty Hughes
Robert Powell	
Sestelia Ruffini	
Carolyn Wilson	
Rhonda Greensill	
Sheila Strickland	
Margaret Rowland	

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners

Noel Murphy	Susan Quirk
Anne Thomas	Greg Logan

Friends and Family

Lawrie Atzeni (Vivienne Ruffini's brother)
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
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	9.00am MASS
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

Saints Peter and Paul, apostles Year C

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11*
The Lord rescues Peter from Herod.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5*
(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*
Paul concludes his letter, ready for the Day of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 16:18*
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

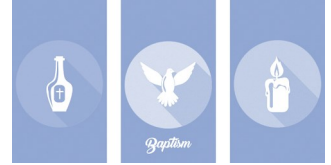
Gospel *Matthew 16:13-19*
Jesus asks, 'Who do people say I am?'

Next week's readings
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

NOTICES

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am or during Mass at 5.00pm 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 or electronic copy emailed, please contact the parish office. 07 4639 4688 or sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Latest Edition 'Campbell St Catholic Corner' #3

The Campbell Street Catholic Corner is a quarterly publication, that aims to connect our Catholic communities of East Toowoomba, with our wider communities, and provide a place where we can share stories. Thanks to all of our readers, and sponsors and advertisers who made our first three editions a possibility. We need more people though to advertise/sponsor if we are to continue regular publications of The Corner. So please consider this if you are a business owner or reach out to businesses you know and see if they are interested. Contact St Theresa's Parish Office 4639 4688 or sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au for more details.

We look forward to meeting you 'around The Corner'

Holy Spirit Seminary | Annual Mission Week

Each year all the seminarians spend a week in one of the dioceses of Queensland as a way to engage in the life of the province, make the seminary visible in parishes, and promote vocations to the priesthood.

This year the seminarians are in the Diocese of Toowoomba from Saturday, July 12 to Friday, July 18 inclusive.

HOLY HOUR PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Thursday, 17 July at 5:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 4 Goodwood St Tmba. All are welcome to Holy Hour praying for vocations. Following will be supper and an opportunity to meet current seminarians from Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo.

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:** www.twb.catholic.org.au/

Guided Women's Retreat

Join us at the scenic and peaceful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre for our annual Women's Retreat. This weekend is an opportunity to come away from the busyness of life, to take time to be in the presence of God and be revitalised in your faith. There will be opportunities for personal prayer, group discussion, input and fellowship. At the core of this retreat will be an exploration of Pope Francis' final encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us).

Details:

6:00pm Friday 1 August 2025 to 1:00pm Sunday 3 August 2025
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston
Cost: \$250 per person live out individual or \$450 per person live in individual. This event is hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries' Adult Formation team. For details & bookings go to: app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedWomensRetreat2025

REPERTORY THEATRE FUNDRAISER:

'THE SUNSHINE BOYS'

Tuesday, 8 July at 7.00pm

Repertory Theatre, Margaret St Toowoomba.

Enjoy a night at the theatre and support SPRED. Tickets \$25, includes welcome drink, light supper and tickets in multi-draw raffle. Purchase tickets from SPRED Ph 07 4632 8427 or email spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Together in Faith and Friendship

Support SPRED's mission of inclusion and joy for adults with disabilities.

Catholic Diocese of TOOWOOMBA

Scan to Donate
EOFY Appeal

www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate

Campbell St Catholic Corner

EDITION #3
MAY-JULY 2025



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



Enjoy the read and children learn about the Emperor Penguins.



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

WINTER MASS TIMES

June—August

Winter Mass times commence
from Saturday, 31st May

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm
Sunday Mass at 9.30am

Annual Peter's Pence Collection Sunday, 29th June.

This important celebration honours the lives and martyrdom of the apostles Peter and Paul and supports the Pope's mission of charity through this collection.

Your generosity helps bring aid and hope to those most in need around the world.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

6 July 2025

The theme for this year is
"Sent Forth in Strength and Hope."

Winter Shelter

Our third Winter Shelter at St Theresa's Parish will be held **Friday, 4 July.**

Planned Giving Envelopes 2025-2026

The New Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection in the church foyer. This year as a way of minimising waste, we are relabeling unused boxes of envelopes from previous years. Recycling the boxes has effectively saved the parish close to \$450.00 in printing costs. A huge thank you for the generosity of one of our volunteers who undertook this very time consuming job.

If you are not a current Planned Giver you may like to consider making a regular contribution either through the Planned Giving Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit. Direct Debit Request Forms are available in the church foyer and can be handed in after mass over the coming Sundays or at the Parish Office.

If you currently give using the envelope system and would prefer giving via credit card or direct debit please contact the Parish Office.

All donations through planned giving support the ongoing work and upkeep of the parish.

TOOWOOMBA DIOCESE YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICER

Applications invited for the full-time position of Youth Ministry Officer with the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba. The Youth Ministry Officer will play a key role in promoting and supporting youth ministry across the Diocese of Toowoomba. This position focuses on empowering young people to develop a deep relationship with Christ and to participate actively in the life of the Church. A position description is available by emailing slynch@twb.catholic.org.au or calling 07 4632 7589.

Applications close Wednesday 2/7/25 at 5:00pm.

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH: PARISH COORDINATOR

A part-time role—working with enthusiasm, efficiency, has a strong Catholic faith, passionate about the mission and ministry of the Church. As an integral member of our parish team working alongside the Priest Director, you will play a central role in addressing both administrative and pastoral needs, ensuring smooth operations and helping to share the Good News of Jesus with others. The successful candidate will be a welcoming first point of contact for parishioners and visitors, demonstrating excellent communication skills and a capacity to manage the day-to-day operations of Parish life. For a position description : stthomasmorespriest@twb.catholic.org.au

Applications close 13/7/25.

St Theresa's Parish

St Theresa's Parish

St Theresa's Church

Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

Parish Office

55 Curzon Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350

Phone: 07 4639 4688

Email: sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Website: www.sttheresas.org.au

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 11.00am – 5.00pm

Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Tuesday & Thursday Closed

Parish Priest—Fr Brian Noonan

Ph:4696 7094

b.noonan@twb.catholic.org.au

brianjnoonan@bigpond.com

Pastoral Associate—Monica Brennan

sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au

Parish Secretary— Cheryl Rens

sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Parish Ministries

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, Peter Kenny, Monica Brennan, Frances Andrews, Jan Mayo, Gay Jorgensen, Elizabeth Stewart.

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 0451 131 849

Upcoming Parish Events June—July

Monday	30 June Gospel Reflection at 10.00am
Wednesday	2 July Parish Morning Tea at 10.45 Cobb & Co Museum Café
Wednesday	2 July Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday	3 July BJ's Ordination at St Pat's Cathedral
Friday	4 July Winter Shelter Hosts St Theresa's
Sunday	6 July Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

ESAFETY COMMISSIONER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Free professional learning designed for educators and others working with children and young people in school settings. eSafety's professional learning covers the latest online safety research, case studies and teaching strategies. It aims to support educators and those who work with young people in school settings to integrate online safety into their teaching and learning programs and student wellbeing education.

Includes topics such as AI, coercive control, cyberbullying and much more. See website for dates and times for webinars, as well as on demand videos and self-paced online modules.

www.esafety.gov.au/educators/training-for-professionals/teachers-professional-learning-program

2026 GOOD SAMARITAN STUDY,

ACCOMPANIMENT AND MENTORING PROGRAM


The Sisters of the Good Samaritan are inviting applications for the 2026 Good Samaritan Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring (SAM) Program for Catholic women. Core components of the SAM program include opportunities for spiritual accompaniment and mentoring. A highlight is an in-person gathering at Glebe (Sydney), which explores scriptural foundations for leadership, and leadership in the Good Samaritan Benedictine tradition. Invitations are also offered for participants to share their experiences and to explore questions arising from their study in conversation with experienced women leaders in the Church.

The SAM Program offers financial assistance to a maximum of \$A6000 per year for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. www.goodsams.org.au/article/applications-invited-for-womens-study-accompaniment-and-mentoring-program-2/ **Applications close on 31 July 2025.**

FAKE ALERT – PETER'S PENCE

Fake Facebook profiles of "Pope Leo XIV" are circulating, asking for donations.

 There is NO official Facebook page of Pope Leo XIV.

 The only safe way to donate online is via the official website: <https://www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html>

Regular Parish Gatherings & Meetings

Gospel Reflection Group Every Monday

10am at the 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