

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

12—13 JULY 2025

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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's Lens

Life, Pope Leo says, 'is made up of encounters, and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are.'

'We find ourselves in front of others,' he continues, 'faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong.'

The pope reminds us to stand with the victims of circumstance, wherever we find them. We should pray for those who are deprived of homes and livelihoods by war. Where possible, we should also give practical aid and work for peace. Closer to home, too, we have responsibilities to those around us: the elderly, migrants and refugees, the poor, the lonely, and so on.

We should never rest on our spiritual laurels. The pope warns those who, even among Christians, 'think that their own journey must take precedence.'

Christianity, as he so often points out, has a unifying mission. We cannot walk by on the roads of our own age, unwilling 'to stop for another.'

Reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan, the pope reminds us that 'the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate.' Rather, he points out that 'before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers, we are called to be human.' © Nick Brodie



Gospel Reflection

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him.

Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love. © Dianne Bergant CSA

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul Hede

ANNIVERSARIES

*Vincent McGarry Vera Dillon
Margaret Gagen Edna Boden
Kev & Win Hogan
Jean Cartwright
Marie Leahy
Margaret Canavan
Daniel Murphy
John Morgan
Bill Kamler
Adele Corderoy
Peter Arnold
Vince Turner
Colin Briggs
Brendan Flynn*

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)
Sarah Henderson (Aileen Collins' friend)

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS
WED	9.00am MASS
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9.00am MASS Office closed
SAT	5.00pm VIGIL MASS
SUN	9.30am MASS
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the Mass Coordinator.	

READINGS

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*
The law of the Lord is near to you.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 68:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37, R. v.33*
(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading *Colossians 1:15-20*
Christ is God made visible.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 10:25 - 37*

The Good Samaritan.

Next week's readings

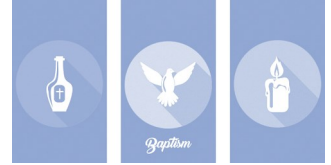
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38 -42

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



WINTER MASS TIMES

June—August

Winter Mass times commence from Saturday, 31st May

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm
Sunday Mass at 9.30am

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 Toowoomba Diocese from Saturday, 12 July until Friday, 18 July inclusive. There will be two seminarians placed with St Theresa's Parish and St Mary MacKillop Parish during this time and they will be Dylan Louda and Kalepo Misi, who are both from the Brisbane Archdiocese. Dylan and Kalepo will join us for the celebration of Mass on the following days in July:

St Theresas' Parish

Saturday, 12 at 5.00pm, Sunday, 13 at 9.30am
Wednesday, 16 at 9.00am, Friday, 18 at 9.00am

St Mary MacKillop Parish

Sunday, 13 at 8.00am Tuesday, 15 at 7.30am

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

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Penance – First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our parish on

Wednesday 20th August 2025 at 6pm.

Children who are baptised, in Year 3 or older, are welcome to participate in the program in preparation for the sacrament. **A Parent Information night for parents/ carers will be held on Wednesday 16 July 2025 at 6pm in the Parish Centre.** Only parent/parents need to attend the information night. Information letters and enrolment forms are available in the foyer or through the parish office and have been distributed to Year 3 students at Mater Dei. 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 sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au / sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

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NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

3-10 August 2025

National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church.

NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, St John Vianney.

Whether in single life commitments, relationship and marriage, the religious life, priesthood or diaconate, each such commitment of loving forms part of Christ's dream of life and unity. It is not simply the giving of

Anniversary of Priesthood—Fr Brian Noonan

On the 8th July Fr Brian celebrated his 49th Anniversary of Priesthood. We thank God for the gift of Fr Brian's ministry, especially to our community. May his service be a source of grace and inspiration to us all.

The Parish Office will be closed

Friday, 18 July—Tuesday 22 July

SEMINAR: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, NOT IN MY CHURCH - SPIRITUAL ABUSE

Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at 5.00pm

Cost : Free

Where: Via Zoom, register via Try booking
www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1421191
or email admin@qct.org.au

The Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project (JCDVPP) will be presenting an online seminar on Spiritual Abuse. This is the second seminar on Spiritual Abuse and will concentrate on how Churches can be complicit, sometimes inadvertently, in Spiritual Abuse. It will also look at how Churches can be part of the solution. See Flyer for more info.

Updated Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday	11.00am – 5.00pm
Friday	10.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday & Thursday	Closed

ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH: PARISH COORDINATOR

A part-time role—For a position description :

stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Applications close 13/7/25.

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

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'

Planned Giving Envelopes 2025-2026

We still have a few boxes of Planned Giving Envelopes available for collection in the church foyer.

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 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.

Winter Shelter

Thank you to all who supported our third Winter Shelter on Friday, 4 July.

Our Fourth Friday night will be
Friday, 18 July.

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Tuesday & Thursday Closed

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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 July

Fri-Sun 11-13 July Ecumenical Seminar. St Ursula's

Sat-Fri 12-18 July Seminarians—Mission Week in Toowoomba Diocese

Monday 14 July Care & Concern meeting 3pm

Tuesday 15 July Mater Dei School Term 2 begins

Wednesday 16 July Parent Information Night for Sacrament of Penance - Reconciliation 6pm

Friday 18 July Winter Shelter at St Theresa's

Friday 18 July *Parish office closed*

Monday 21 July *Parish office closed*

WHAT'S ON AT SYCHAR?

Check out the latest opportunities for prayer and spiritual development at Sychar House of Prayer and Spirituality, located at 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba.

SEARCHING FOR GOD THROUGH AWARENESS OF THE TRUE SELF

Date: 29/7-2/9/25 Tuesdays

Time: 9:45am for 10:00am start - 12:30pm

Six Tuesday morning sessions will explore "Merton's Palace of Nowhere" with James Finley, co-facilitated by Elaine Morzone and Moyalia Tokmak.

THE CONTEMPLATIVE WAY:

REFLECTIONS WITH JAMES FINLEY (repeat)

Date: 6/8-3/9/25 Wednesdays

Time: 9:45am for 10:00am start - 12:30pm

Co-facilitated by Elaine Morzone and Moyalia Tokmak. The five sessions look at the contemplative way. This is a repeat of a previous session.

AWAKENING TO HOPE: A MORNING OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER THIS JUBILEE YEAR

Date: 6/9/25 Saturday

Time: 8:45am for 9:00am start - 12:30pm

The session will weave together scripture, contemplative music, poetry, and a labyrinth walk, allowing participants to deeply engage with Pope Francis' vision of hope.

SEE THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & BOOKING DETAILS

Anxiety

"If I did not simply live from one moment to another, it would be impossible for me to be patient; but I only look at the present, I forget the past, and I take good care not to forestall the future."—*St Theresa of Lisieux.*

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 of the Month

Parish morning tea at 9.45am, Cobb & Co Museum

First Saturday of the Month

Prayer Service at Infin8 Care at 9.30am