

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

23—24 AUGUST 2025

21st 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.

Gospel Reflection

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This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

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The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Maureen Spelman
Denis Clinton Brian Ahern
Brian Murray Edwin Relf
Stanley Kelliher Frank Hicks
Michael Green Brian Stevens
Ann McMahan Reg McRae
Matthew Rowland
Annie Murphy
Maud Humphrey
Vince Austin
Thomas Murphy

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners

Noel Murphy Susan Quirk
Anne Thomas Greg Logan
Alf Mason Betty Bagley

Friends and Family

Joan Lane (Jo Hodal's mum)
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)
Judy March
Elijah Harrigan (Frances Andrews' grandson)

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS Office closed
WED	9.00am Mass
THU	NO MASS Office closed
FRI	9.00am Mass.
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

21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
First Reading <i>Isaiah 66:18-21</i> The Lord will gather all people to see his glory. Responsorial Psalm <i>Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14</i> <i>(R.)</i> Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Second Reading <i>Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13</i> The Lord disciplines those he loves. Gospel Acclamation <i>John 14.6</i> Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia! Gospel <i>Luke 13:22-30</i> It is difficult to enter the kingdom of God. Next week's readings 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C <i>Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29</i> <i>Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24</i> <i>Luke 14:1. 7-14</i>

NOTICES

BAPTISM

This weekend
we welcome into our parish
George Vagg & Louis Wilke



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

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.00pm
Sunday Mass at 9.30am
**Final Winter Mass will be
celebrated Saturday 30 August**
and will then revert back to
Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
from 6 September.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for August 2025

That societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

SOUP & CRUSTY BREAD NIGHT

Following the 5pm Vigil Mass
Saturday, 30 August.

Please come along to our Soup & Crusty Bread night. This will be a perfect opportunity to spend our last night of winter together and our last 5.00pm Mass for the year. No need to bring anything—just your company will be delightful.

The Parish Council members are digging out their soup recipes and supplying the soup and bread for the evening.

There may even be dessert *if you eat your vegetables!*



Winter Shelter

Our sixth and final Friday night will be
Friday, 29 August.

Marian Valley Bus Trip

Bus trip Saturday 6th September
departing from Neil St, Toowoomba at 7.30am
Please contact Theresa Blatchley
0434 528 904 to purchase your tickets.

DIOCESAN FEAST DAY MASS

Monday, 1 September 2025
at 10:00am

St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

Bishop Ken Howell will be celebrating Mass
at St Patrick's Cathedral to mark the occasion of
our diocese's feast day.

All are warmly welcome to attend.

Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal

18 Aug – 8 Sept 2025

Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving our communities with faith and compassion. In retirement, they continue to live simply and prayerfully, supported by the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

Your tax-deductible gift helps provide essential care, accommodation, healthcare, and daily support, ensuring they are looked after with dignity.

Every donation makes a difference. Please consider giving today: www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate

CATHEDRAL FLORAL DISPLAY—CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

19-23 September

from 9:00am-5:00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba.

Entry a Gold coin donation.

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And the best part? \$5 from every ticket goes directly to restoring the historic St Patrick's Cathedral.

Learn more and purchase tickets via
<https://playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese>

ALPHA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: THE WAY OF HOPE

31 October -1 November 25

Liverpool Catholic Club, Sydney

The national Alpha Catholic Conference seeks to encourage and equip clergy and the lay faithful to respond to the 'Great Commission' to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), given by Jesus Christ to all the baptised. Whether you're experienced in Alpha, curious about Alpha, or simply have a desire to see your parish come alive,

The Way of Hope is for you! To find out more:
<https://events.humanitix.com/alpha-catholic-conference-2025>

Temporary Change to Office Hours 25 August—19 September

While Monica takes a well deserved break, the Parish Office hours will be temporarily reduced.

Monday, 25 August—Friday, 19 September
as follows:

Monday 8.00am—1.00pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 8.00am—1.30pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 8.00am—1.00pm

If there are any further changes during this time they will be advertised in the parish bulletin.

PILGRIM WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

Saturday, 30 August 2025
9:30am

St Joseph's Church, Helidon

RSVP: call the Cathedral Office 07 4637 1500

As part of the 2025 Jubilee Year, the diocese will celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a special Mass and pilgrimage in her honour. **Bishop Ken Howell will preside at Mass**, which will be followed by a pilgrimage in Saint Mary MacKillop's honour, remembering her tireless work in rural areas. The Pilgrimage will be a 1.5km walk through Helidon returning to St Joseph's Church. A BYO lunch will follow, tea and coffee provided.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE: BEING A CITY OF PEACE

Saturday, 30 August 2025
8:30am-4:00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba. Cost: Free
Discover how cities worldwide are becoming beacons of peace. This inspiring global gathering brings together both international and national leaders, city officials, peacebuilders, activists, educators, and community members to explore innovative local peacebuilding approaches. Organised by the Multifaith Multicultural Centre Toowoomba. For more info email events.mfmcc@gmail.com

Caritas Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza.

Caritas Australia invites us to light a candle and pray:

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

"The value of life does not depend on the space we occupy. It depends on the way we occupy that space."—
St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Office Hours

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Friday 8.00am – 1.00pm

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, 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 August—September

Tuesday 26

SPRED Penitential Liturgy

Thursday 28

Parish Finance Meeting at 4.30pm

Friday 29

Final Winter Shelter

Saturday 30

Final Winter Mass Vigil Mass

Thursday 4

Parish Council Meeting

PARISH SECRETARY - St Thomas More's Parish

Join Our Parish Team as a Secretary for a 12-month maternity leave contract. A part-time position, working 15 hours per week. For position description, please contact our office stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org
Applications close at the close of business 14/9/25.

SPECIAL OUTDOOR SERVICE: SEASON OF CREATION

Monday, 1 September 2025 at 12.00pm

Lychee Tree Lawn, Mount Coottha Botanic Gardens
Queensland Churches Together will be marking the start of the Season of Creation . All Welcome

MISSION AMBASSADOR TRAINING 2025

Sunday, 30 August 2025 from 9:45am-12:00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Centre, Conference Room,
Neil St Toowoomba

RSVP: 20/8/25 to brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au

Do you want to know more about Catholic Mission and the impact and presence you can make in your home parish?

Come join us as we invite you to support this life-giving work in Zambia. Morning tea provided.

BUNYA MOUNTAINS TEEN RETREAT

22-24 September 2025

Bunya Mountains QLD Cost: \$100-\$140

Get ready for an unforgettable

retreat for teens in the Bunya Mountains! Fr Nathan Webb will be camp chaplain for this special spring retreat.

www.stormkingyouthcamp.org/teen-spring-retreat

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

Planned Giving—17 August 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$1315.00 & Loose: \$414.80

Direct Deposits: \$1387.00 & Tap & Go: \$80.00

If you would like to deposit directly into the 'Parish Planned Giving Account' details are:

St Theresa's Catholic Parish

BSB: 064786 Account No: 100014392