

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

30—31 AUGUST 2025

22nd 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

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Pope Leo encourages the Church's bishops to live 'a life of evangelical poverty'. As the pope explained in a jubilee meditation, each bishop should exhibit 'a simple, sober and generous lifestyle, dignified and at the same time suited to the conditions of the majority of his people.'

'The poor must find in him a father and a brother,' the pope continued, 'and never feel uncomfortable in meeting him or entering his home. In his personal life, he must be detached from the pursuit of wealth and from forms of favoritism based on money or power. The bishop must never forget that, like Jesus, he has been anointed with the Holy Spirit and sent to bring good news to the poor (cf. Lk 4:18).'

As we reflect on this week's Gospel we might ask ourselves how these words apply to each one of us too. Are we called to rise above others, or to stand with them? Are we bringers of hope in our own time and place?

And in a particular way we might also pray for our bishops, that they may be given the grace to heed the pope's advice and follow Christ's commission. May we also have the grace to support them in turn when they do.

Gospel Reflection

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The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joan Lane

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Blakeley Sid Preece
Heather Ruming Fr Pat Doyle
Elizabeth Webb
John Ah See
Paul Sturgeon
Mary McAuliffe
Josephine Erbacher
Sr Frances Flint csb
Wonder Mudzudzu
Bernard Gralow

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners

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

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 Bangart (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)

MASS TIMES—2025

Commencing Saturday, 6 September Mass times are as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday Mass at 9.30am

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS Office closed
WED	9.00am Mass
THU	NO MASS
FRI	9.00am Mass. Office Closed
SAT	6.00pm VIGIL MASS
SUN	9.30am MASS
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the Mass Coordinator.	

READINGS

22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
First Reading <i>Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29</i> Be humble, find favour with God. Responsorial Psalm <i>Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11</i> <i>(R.)</i> God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. Second Reading <i>Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24</i> We are drawn to the heavenly Jerusalem. Gospel Acclamation <i>Matthew 11:29</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia! Gospel <i>Luke 14:1, 7-14</i> Humble yourself and be exalted. Next week's readings 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C <i>Wisdom 9:13-18</i> <i>Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17</i> <i>Luke 14:25-33</i>

NOTICES

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome into our parish
Ivy Elizabeth Speed



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 Shelter

Friday, 29 August saw the final Winter Shelter for 2025. A huge thank you to all those who so generously gave of their time and resources to support our guests in so many ways.

Thank You!

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.

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:

Monday 8.00am—1.00pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 8.00am—1.30pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 8.00am—1.00pm (*closed 5 Sept*)

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.

St Therasas' National Bank Account Closing

If you deposit directly into this account for 'Planned Giving' could you please update the bank details as follows:

'Planned Giving Donations Only'

St Therasas Catholic Parish

Archdiocesan Development Fund

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 064786 Account No: 100014392

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

envelopes available in the foyer near the parish bulletins

The parish will have a second collection 7-8 September for the 'Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal'

Cathedral Restoration Project

Support the restoration of the historic St Patrick's Cathedral and go in the draw to win luxury prizes - including two Audis and \$60,000 in gold by joining our Play for Purpose raffle today! Every \$10 ticket gives you the chance to win 395 prizes worth \$300,000, including a First Prize Pack valued at over \$250,000 featuring:

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>



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SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY & ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

In a tradition reaching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for Social Justice Sunday. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church. This year's statement, *"Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill Health."*

Signs of Hope on the Edge:

Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill Health—Abridged version.

Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter, or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need.

This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46–52), we are called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship.

The statement shares powerful stories of real people:

Michael, who found new life through care and community after years on the street and battling depression; Sally, who faced deep loneliness and an impersonal health system; Carol, who became homeless at 67 after losing her husband; and Luis, who quietly bore his suffering with dignity. These stories show the human face of homelessness and mental illness. They remind us that everyone has a name and a story, and that everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and loved. We are challenged to go beyond charity and comfort.

The Church must become a place of encounter, where people are not just helped, but befriended and embraced as equals. We must notice those on the edge, truly get to know them, and walk with them in love. The Bishops call for practical action: more affordable housing, better mental health services, stronger support systems, and an end to policies that leave people behind.

But above all, they call on each of us to respond with compassion, courage, and hope. This is not just the work of professionals or institutions.

Every Christian is called to step into the lives of those who are suffering, to befriend them, advocate for them, and journey alongside them.

"The Eucharist commits us to the poor... you have tasted the blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother." – St John Chrysostom

As we enter the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis reminded us that we are all **"Pilgrims of Hope."** Let us be a Church that brings healing, dignity, and hope. Let us walk with those who are homeless and mentally unwell, not just as service providers, but as neighbours and friends.

For the complete statement <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2025>

JUBILEE OF CONSOLATION BEREAVEMENT MASS

Monday, 15 September
9:00am at

St Thomas More's Church,
Ramsay St Toowoomba

Monday 15 September is the Jubilee of Consolation, part of Jubilee of Hope 2025. St Thomas More Parish Toowoomba will celebrate this Jubilee with a special Mass for the families and friends of the recently deceased. Those recently deceased will also be included in prayer.

Mass will be followed by a morning tea provided by STM Care & Consolation members. All are welcome to attend.

75th Anniversary of the Pastoral Letter "On Immigration"

Immigration continues to be a topic of much discussion in Australia. In 1950, Catholic bishops issued *On Immigration*, a landmark pastoral letter urging the community to offer generosity to those seeking to make Australia their new home in the post-war era. Seventy-five years on from the letter, Australia's Catholic bishops are issuing the statement *Under the Southern Cross: A Journey of Faith and Unity*.

The bishops are seeking to remind Australians of, to quote the statement, the **"timeless call to hospitality and generosity"**.

A full copy of the Statement can be found at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/75th-anniversary-pastoral-letter-on-immigration>

St Theresa's Parish

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St Theresa's Church

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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, 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

Monday 1
Thursday 4
Friday 5
Friday 5
Sat/Sun 6-7

Gospel Reflection Group
Parish Council Meeting
Infin8 Mass
Office Closed
Retired Priests' Foundation Appeal

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

CATHEDRAL FLORAL DISPLAY—CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

19-23 September

from 9:00am-5:00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba.

Entry a Gold coin donation.

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.

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—24 August 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$330.00 & Loose: \$606.90

Direct Deposits: \$1236.00 & Tap & Go: \$40.00

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