

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

6—7 September 2025

23rd 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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'Every good and worthwhile human activity', Pope Leo says, 'is in some way a reflection of God's infinite beauty, and sport is certainly one of these.'

Sport, the pope explains, 'challenges us to relate to others and with others, not only outwardly but also, and above all, interiorly. It shows us the importance of 'giving of ourselves, putting ourselves "in play" ... giving of ourselves for others.'

The pope therefore wants us to approach sport as a means, not an end. It is good for us when it is 'for our personal improvement, for our athletic supporters, for our loved ones, our coaches and colleagues, for the greater public, and even for our opponents.'

In this spirit, the pope wants us to appreciate that sport itself is 'an important means of reconciliation and encounter', which can teach us 'the value of cooperating, working together and sharing.' He hopes it provides us 'a valuable and concrete means of bringing individuals together' in our highly fractured world. He sees its potential for teaching us 'the art of losing, to confront one of the deepest truths of our human condition: our fragility, our limitations and our imperfections.'

'It is daily training in love that brings us closer to final victory', he points out, 'and enables us to contribute to the building of a new world.'

Gospel Reflection

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Hate your father

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

MASS TIMES—2025

Commencing Saturday, 6 September Mass times are as follows:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday Mass at 9.30am

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Bazeley	Ned Spies
Bon Mahoney	Jim Pigott
Kath Noel	Frank Noel
Fr Merv Ziesing	Bob Triggs
Leslie Boland	Ray Stein
Doreen Hoysted	Aaron Preston
Maureen Hudson	Bill Ward
Margaret Thompson	
Tom Lutton	Ted Levy
Patrick O'Shea	John Pitt
Michael McQuillan	
Sr Mary Veronica Hannon	olsh

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)

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	6.00pm VIGIL MASS
SUN	9.30am MASS
If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the Mass Coordinator.	

READINGS

23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
First Reading <i>Wisdom 9:13-18</i> Who can know the will of God? Responsorial Psalm <i>Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1 (R.)</i> In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. Second Reading <i>Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17</i> Paul sends Onesimus, formerly a slave, back to Philemon as a brother. Gospel Acclamation <i>Psalm 118:135</i> Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia! Gospel <i>Luke 14:25-33</i> Disciples must renounce all possessions. Next week's readings 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C <i>Numbers 21:4-9</i> <i>Philippians 2:6-11</i> <i>John 3:13-17</i>

NOTICES

BAPTISM



Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month after Mass at 11.00am or during Mass at 6.00pm Vigil or 9.30am Sunday.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for September 2025

For the environment, that humanity may respect and protect creation as a shared responsibility.

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. Your gift today helps provide accommodation, healthcare, and daily support for our retired priests. 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'

Thank you for caring for those who cared for us.
Warm regards and gratitude
from the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba.

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

JUBILEE OF CONSOLATION BEREAVEMENT MASS

Monday, 15 September at 9:00am
St Thomas More's Church, Ramsay St.

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 morning tea. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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, Wednesday & Friday
8.00am—1.00pm
Tuesday & Thursday
Closed

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.



SEASON OF CREATION 1 September—4 October

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for September 2025 is for "our relationship with all of creation.

This month the Holy Father invites us to pray that "inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."

**"Lord, you love everything you have created,
and nothing exists outside the mystery of your tenderness.**

**Every creature, no matter how small,
is the fruit of your love and has a place in this world.**

"Even the simplest or shortest life is surrounded by your care.

Like St. Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say:

'Praised be you, my Lord!'"

In a press release accompanying the prayer, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – which is responsible for preparing each month's intention – notes that the intention is within the context of the '*Season of Creation*', an ecumenical period from September 1 to October 4 (the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) that unites Christians from various denominations in prayer and action for the care of the earth."

This year's Season of Creation takes place as the Church marks both the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi' "*Canticle of Creation*" and the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si*.

"The Jubilee of Hope and the 10th anniversary of the Encyclical *Laudato Si*' invite us to live a moment of gratitude, commitment to and care for our common home." —Cardinal Michael Czerny, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Development—

"This month, the Pope invites us to reflect on how our actions affect nature, God's work, and to seek ways of living that foster the restoration and natural balance and harmony between human beings and the environment. In the midst of such a competitive, hectic world, dominated by consumerism, a large part of humanity deeply longs to live well, closer to and more respectful of nature – a style of life that would allow us to contemplate it in an attentive silence that leads to an encounter with ourselves, with God and with others." —Fr Cristobal Fones, S.J.—

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>

YOU ARE INVITED

Battle of Meewah Commemoration

Friday, 12 September

Tobruk Memorial Drive Lookout

Service 12noon—1 pm

Community BBQ & yarn till 2pm.

please allow 15 minute walk to the site to be seated at 12pm.

More info on the bulletin board.

Father's Day Prayer

Gracious God, on this Father's Day we're especially thankful for the fathers and father figures in our lives. Hold them in your good care.

Give them patience, wisdom and strength, that through them their families may experience your unconditional love.

Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Amen.

INVITATION TO YCW EVENT

The YCW Movement was formed 100 years ago. To celebrate this event, a gathering has been arranged for **Tuesday 16 September 2025 at Sunnybank Community Sports Club Café, 470 McCullough Street, Sunnybank at 10am.** The event will include a short prayer service, followed by an opportunity to socialise and reminisce. Food and hot & cold drinks will be available for purchase.

If you would like to join us, please phone David Jefferies on 041144692 or email ycwreunion@gmail.com as soon as possible, for catering purposes.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

Buy the iconic Catholic Art calendar from Columbans to help support their missionary work. Each Columban Calendar is designed with a range of beautiful artworks making it a great addition to your home. For all calendar products. www.columban.org.au/donate/shop/columban-art-calendar/

St Theresa's Parish

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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 September

Sat/Sun 6-7

Sunday 7

Monday 8

Friday 12

Retired Priests' Foundation Appeal

Father's Day

Gospel Reflection Group

Infin8 Mass (rescheduled)

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.

Caritas Australia – Season of Creation

The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This 'Season of Creation' (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by: signing the **Turn Debt into Hope petition** – www.caritas.org.au/debt committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** - www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

111th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Sunday, October 5

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—31 August 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$330.00 & Loose: \$598.70

Direct Deposits: \$1670.00 & Tap & Go: \$141.00

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