

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

13-14 September 2025

THE EXALTATION of the CROSS

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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The message of the Cross is not condemnation, but salvation. Not despair, but hope.

Such themes are strongly evident in Pope Leo's comments on migrants and refugees. 'In a world darkened by war and injustice,' he says, 'even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death.'

Indeed, he suggests, they 'remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland.'

'Their presence, then,' the pope declares, 'should be recognised and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church.'

We too, in turn, have the opportunity to 'be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognised.'

We are called therefore to be people who welcome the stranger, manifesting the hope of the Cross where and when we can.

## REFLECTION

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Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

John Power (husband of Joan)  
Neil Harrigan & Conor Grace

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dianne Coorey (3 September)  
Mick madden Tony Doyle  
Dawn Cartwright Terry Johnstone  
Edna Fitzgerald Elizabeth Moore  
Nancy Long Bill Blakie  
Molly McRae Gladys Schneider  
Les Boland Noreen Schfumberg  
Kevin Roland Patricia Preece  
Edward Meiklejohn Greg Long  
Margaret Sewell Roslyn Atzeni  
Kathleen Hoyested Ann Brock  
Agnes Thompson Ignazio Ginardi

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

## READINGS

### THE EXALTATION of the CROSS—Year C

#### First Reading *Numbers 21:4-9*

The Israelites are delivered from the fiery serpents.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v. 7*  
(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

#### Second Reading *Philippians 2:6-11*

Paul acknowledges Jesus as Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation *Psalm 118:135*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

#### Gospel *John 3:13-17*

The Son of Man must be lifted up to gain eternal life.

#### Next week's readings

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

*Numbers 21:4-9*

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

*Luke 16:1-13 or Luke 16:10-13*

## NOTICES

### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our parish

**Edmund Francis Leeson**

**Prudence Rose Leeson**

**William James McGowan**



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.

### Marriages

This weekend please keep in your prayers

**Thomas Keating**

&

**Danielle Lindsay**

who will be married Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

### WORKSHOP: FIND OUR VOICE, HOLD YOUR GROUND

Thursday, 23 October at 9:30am-2:30pm

Burke and Wills Hotel Toowoomba

Do you need some advocacy fundamentals to be able to better advocate for your family member, or for yourself as a person with disability? Community Resource Unit (CRU) will be presenting our workshop *Find Your Voice, Hold Your Ground* which

is an introduction to the principles & strategies of advocacy for people with disability and family members. There is a cost to attend (\$50.00), but if this is a barrier to you, please contact us at CRU to discuss. For info and register <https://events.humanitix.com/find-your-voice-hold-your-ground-oct-2025>

### CATHEDRAL FLORAL DISPLAY—CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

19-23 September from 9:00am-5:00pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba. Entry Gold coin donation. (St Patrick's is also seeking donations of greenery)

### JUBILEE OF CONSOLATION BEREAVEMENT MASS

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

The 15<sup>th</sup> September is the Jubilee of Consolation, part of Jubilee of Hope 2025.

St Thomas More's 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.

### Pope Leo's prayer intention for September 2025

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

# Campbell St Catholic Corner

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Enjoy the read and children learn about the Emperor Penguins.



## SEASON OF CREATION 1 September—4 October

### REFLECTION

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During the very first Mass for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo commented on how 'the liturgy represents life.' Given this, we should learn to more fully appreciate the relationship between the prayer of the Church and the Church's concern for the world.

Indeed, the pope wants us to 'pray for the conversion of the many people, inside and outside the Church, who do not yet recognise the urgent need to care for our common home.' Pope Leo affirms that Pope Francis' teaching in *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* 'continues to be timely.'

So too does the example of Our Lord. The Gospels clearly show us that in Galilee Jesus revealed his own 'deep connection with that land and those waters, with the rhythm of the seasons and with the life of creatures.' We too, to be truly Christ-like, cannot then turn our backs on creation.

'Our mission to care for creation, to foster peace and reconciliation, is Jesus' own mission,' Pope Leo declares. It is 'the mission that the Lord entrusts to us.'

'We hear the cry of the earth and we hear the cry of the poor,' the pope says in echo of his predecessor, 'because this plea has reached the heart of God. Our indignation is his indignation; our work is his work.'

### 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

### 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/](http://www.columban.org.au/donate/shop/columban-art-calendar/)

**Maronite Mass:** Fr Fadi Salami, the Maronite Priest from Brisbane will be Celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at St Anthony's Church in Memory Street at 11.00am. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Please direct any inquiries to Gabrielle on 0402 307150.

### Gifts in Wills Appeal – 15 – 30 Sept 2025

Consider how your faith can live on in your parish community. By including a gift in your Will to St Theresa's Parish, Toowoomba, you can support liturgy, pastoral care, and local outreach. Every gift, large or small, makes a lasting impact. Learn more: [www.twb.catholic.org.au/giftinwills/](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/giftinwills/)

### A CONVERSATION WITH CHRIS SIDOTI

Thursday, 25 September

7:00pm - 8:30pm Free Online via Zoom

The world is witnessing harrowing events in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel – events that raise urgent questions of justice, human rights and accountability. Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Garratt Publishing present a conversation with Australian human rights lawyer Chris Sidoti, a member of the UN Human Rights Council's International Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem and Israel.

[www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/a-conversation-with-chris-sidoti/](http://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/a-conversation-with-chris-sidoti/)

### 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](mailto:ycwreunion@gmail.com) as soon as possible, for catering purposes.

### Leave a legacy of hope.

A gift in your Will supports the Church, uplifts your parish, and blesses future generations across South West Queensland.



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# St Theresa's Parish

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### St Theresa's Church

Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

### Parish Office

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### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 8.00am – 1.00pm

Friday 8.00am – 1.00pm

Tuesday & Thursday Closed

### Parish Priest—Fr Brian Noonan

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### Pastoral Associate—Monica Brennan

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### Parish Secretary— Cheryl Rens

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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

**Monday 15**

Gospel Reflection Group

### 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](http://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/](http://www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/)

### 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:

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St Therasas Catholic Parish

**BSB: 064786 Account No: 100014392**

## 111<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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: \$310.00 & Loose: \$411.75

Direct Deposits: \$780.00 & Tap & Go: \$185.00

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

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