

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

22-28 September 2025

26th 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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The woes of the rich man highlight the importance of listening, which is a theme of great interest to Pope Leo. Speaking of synodal practices in Rome, he affirms that 'I would like to express my firm desire to contribute to this great ongoing process by listening to everyone as much as possible, in order to learn, understand and decide things together.'

The pope also encourages us to become an ever more listening people. We can consider how 'the more we let ourselves be convinced and transformed by the Gospel ... the more capable we are of proclaiming its message.'

In one sense, this means listening to and reflecting on our own experience. As he says, 'we reflect in our hearts upon what we have experienced and learned, in order to understand more fully its meaning and to savour its beauty.'

In a related sense, this means the Church needs to be open to 'listening to the world around us to respond to its challenges, and listening within our communities to understand needs and to propose sage and prophetic initiatives of evangelisation and charity.'

This is 'a challenging, ongoing journey', the pope acknowledges. But, he adds, we are 'meant to embrace a very rich and complex reality', so we had better start listening ever more carefully. (*Pope Leo, Homily—Mass & Installation as Pope, 25 May 2025*)

REFLECTION

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Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Barry Arnold	Laurence Conaghan
Max Osmond	Michael O'Davis
Lorna Cumming	Kath Mulligan
Winifred Walsh	Ruth Nash
Mary V. Catterall	Helen Ansell
Rose Anne Mullen	Ruby Doyle
Robert McNaught	Ray McClure
Simon Gilliland	Reg Liersch
Heather Lowein	Jackson Ryan
Maureen Ryan	Glen Frith
Vidio Marchetti	

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners

Robert Gillespie	Alf Mason
Jan Roland	Betty Bagley
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
Marty Heysen (Meg Hicks' brother-in-law)
Judy March

St Theresa's Parish

MASSES

READINGS

NOTICES

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.	

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C

First Reading *Amos 6:1. 4-7*
Woe to the complacent.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2*
(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading *1 Timothy 6:11-16*
Fight the good fight.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 8:9*
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 16:19-31*
Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

Next week's readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our parish
Willow Chloe Clark



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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL

During the month of **October**, Joann Hodal will be organising the collection of items, which with many hands will be made into domestic violence care packages from St Theresa's. These care packages are simple but practical ways to give a helping hand to families and individuals who are the victims of domestic violence in our community.

Toiletries, toothpaste and personal hygiene items etc are ideal donations as a gift of dignity. **Cash donations** are also gratefully accepted. Baskets will be available in the foyer for you to place your donations into. They can also be left at the parish office during office hours. We thank you all sincerely for your continuing support for this community outreach project.

Parish Office Closed

This coming week the parish office will be **closed from Monday, 29 September—Friday, 3 October.**

Monica and Cheryl will be attending a Music and Liturgy Conference.

Normal hours will resume from Wednesday 8 October.

111th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES | JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

Will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 28 September.
The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE."



St Vincent de Paul Society

During the month of September,

the St Vincent de Paul Society celebrates the feasts of

Blessed Frederic Azanam – the founder of the Society
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati – the recently canonised saint

St Vincent de Paul – the patron saint of charity and all charity works

And to celebrate these saints, the Members of St Theresa's Conference would like to thank you for your support and to let you know where some of the areas of your support has been directed. We would also like to encourage you to discern whether this is something that you could do.

MASS: JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

Sunday, 11 October
8:30am

St Thomas More's Church
Toowoomba

Join us for a Multicultural Mass as we celebrate the Jubilee of Migrants. This special occasion acknowledges and celebrates the gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our Church and the world. It is also a time to recognise the Church as a place of refuge, welcome, integration, and solidarity. All welcome,

JUBILEE OF ORDINATION MASS—Wednesday, 22 October at 11:00am, St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba. All are warmly welcomed to attend Mass to recognise the ordination anniversaries of **Fr Vince Carroll MSC** (60 years), **Fr Hermi Rafada PACEM** and **Fr Nandana Saparamadu** (both 25 years). This special Mass is an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing service of these men to our community. Mass will be live-streamed via the diocese's website.
(Please note lunch following is a private event).

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

REFLECTION

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The parable of an unnamed rich man and a poor man named Lazarus challenges our globalised world where actions in one country can so directly affect another. Pointedly, the rich man remains as anonymous as he is uncaring. He is a consumer of fine things. He does not seek to harm Lazarus as such; rather, the rich man simply fails to see the other person. Even in Jesus' time the story upended a social focus on the rich few and the unimportant rest. The world ignores them, but God will not.

Lazarus' very name means one God has helped. In later times, the name's significance endured and framed part of what would now be termed social welfare. 'Lazaretti' and 'lazar houses' were medieval European terms for leper foundations. In these were diseased people, usually very poor, living apart from the wider community. They were often sited beyond the city gate.

Now we know of communities in need far beyond our city limits. Many people labour in sweatshops making clothing for rich countries, have their forests destroyed for foreign cups of coffee, and watch the waters lap higher on their islands for the sake of foreign consumer habits.

The question is: Do we see them and act?

WEBINAR: VISIONS OF WOMEN LEADING FOR MISSION

Thursday, 9 October
7:00pm-9:00pm AEST

Where: Online Via MS Teams

Be exposed to women's unique visions for mission leadership. Interact with panel presentations grounded in real-world experience in dialogue with theology, biblical studies, ecclesiology and Catholic social teaching. Be inspired by women who are reframing leadership approaches and opening new horizons of mission. Hosted by the Australian Catholic University. www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2025/october/visions-of-women-leading-for-mission

Cathedral Restoration Project

Raffle 29—Sept-Dec 2025. Every ticket supports the restoration of our beautiful stained-glass windows at St Patrick's Cathedral. Buy a Play for Purpose raffle ticket for your chance to win a \$300,000 First Prize Pack - including a Toyota Prado Kakadu and \$188,000 in gold bullion. There are also 394 other prizes to be won! Learn more and purchase tickets: www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese

Gifts in Wills Appeal

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/

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections

Option 1: Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with **'The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections'** a 88-page book of daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 November 2025) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January 2026). Produced by the Diocese of Wollongong.

Option 2: Evangelisation Brisbane is also offering an Advent reflection book - **'In Holy Stillness'**. A 26-day reflection resource for Advent 2025, for groups and individuals

Please add your name to the list in the foyer or contact the parish office if you would like a copy. We will be placing an order early October.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

Buy the iconic Catholic Art calendar from Columbans to help support their missionary work. For all calendar products. www.columban.org.au/donate/shop/columban-art-calendar/

CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

Catholic Mission would like to invite everyone from the Toowoomba Diocese to a

Special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Edwin Mulandu from Mpika Diocese, Zambia.

Saturday, 18 October

Mass—10.00am

St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

Bishop Edwin Mwansa Mulandu was ordained in 2001, he served as a priest, lecturer, and National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Zambia, passionately spreading the Gospel. Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of Mpika in 2021. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to strengthen communities, empower youth, and inspire faith. Bishop Edwin Mwansa Mulandu is not just a leader; he is a father to the faithful, A source of inspiration, and a true servant of God. His life continues to inspire.

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Office Hours

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Friday	10.00am – 4.00pm

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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

29 Sept—3 October Parish Office Closed

October

Wednesday 1	Parish Morning Tea at Cobb & Co 9.45am
Thursday 2	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 4	Infin8 Liturgy—9.30am
Monday 6	PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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/

WORKSHOP: FIND OUR VOICE, HOLD YOUR GROUND

Thursday, 23 October from 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 \$50.00 to attend, but if this is a barrier to you, please contact us.

For more information and to register, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/find-your-voice-hold-your-ground-oct-2025>

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—20 September 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$415.00 & Loose: \$489.00

Direct Deposits: \$931.00 & Tap & Go: \$50.00

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