

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

4-5 October 2025

27<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## REFLECTION

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Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Donna McKeown  
(Kerri Brown's sister)

## ANNIVERSARIES

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Jean Wilkinson    | Mary Ryan      |
| Patrick Dunne     | Jack Herbert   |
| Irene Leonard     | Frank Murphy   |
| Clothilde Zardo   | Neal Jackson   |
| Keith Rasmussen   | Lorraine Hill  |
| Arthur Shooter    | Bruno Borserio |
| Emmett Fitzgerald | Gwen Savage    |
| Stephanie Taylor  | Irene Shine    |
| George Cartwright | John Reavey    |
| Fr. Ray O'Leary   | Damian Flynn   |
| Richard Neal      | Julia Hannon   |
| Jack Stacey       | Denis Davey    |
| Christine Dent    |                |

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Robert Gillespie | Alf Mason    |
| Jan Rowland      | 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

|                                                                                                    |                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MON                                                                                                | NO MASS<br>PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| TUE                                                                                                | NO MASS<br>Office closed  |
| WED                                                                                                | 9.00am Lay Led<br>Liturgy |
| THU                                                                                                | NO MASS<br>Office Closed  |
| FRI                                                                                                | 9.00am Lay Led<br>Liturgy |
| SAT                                                                                                | 6.00pm VIGIL MASS         |
| SUN                                                                                                | 9.30am MASS               |
| If you are Gluten intolerant and<br>require a special host, please<br>advise the Mass Coordinator. |                           |

## READINGS

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| <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C</b>                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>First Reading</b> <i>Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4</i><br>The just one shall live.                                                                                          |  |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <i>Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8</i><br>(R.) If today you hear his voice,<br>harden not your hearts.                                                |  |
| <b>Second Reading</b> <i>2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14</i><br>The Spirit makes us strong.                                                                                     |  |
| <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <i>1 Peter 1:25</i><br>Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for<br>ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.<br>Alleluia! |  |
| <b>Gospel</b> <i>Luke 17:5-10</i><br>The apostles ask for increased faith.                                                                                             |  |
| <b>Next week's readings</b><br><b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b><br><i>2 Kings 5:14-17</i><br><i>2 Timothy 2:8-13</i><br><i>Luke 17:11-19</i>      |  |

## NOTICES

### Baptisms

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 October 2025

For the elderly, that they may be  
valued and cared for in society.

### 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.**

### 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.

### 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 Nov 2025) to the Baptism of the Lord (11 Jan 2026). Produced by Diocese of Wollongong.

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

### MASS: JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

Sunday, 11 October at 8:30am  
St Thomas More's Church  
Join us for a Multicultural Mass  
to celebrate the Jubilee of  
Migrants. The Mass  
acknowledges and celebrates  
the gifts, contributions, and  
resilience that migrant  
communities bring to our Church  
and the world and recognises  
the Church as a place of refuge,  
welcome, integration, and  
solidarity.  
All welcome, morning tea to  
follow Mass.

### 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**

### 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).

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