

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

11-12 October 2025

28th 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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Drawing attention to the faithful gratitude of the Samaritan, a 'foreigner', Jesus shows us that faith is not the preserve of any one culture. Similarly, Pope Leo encourages us to welcome those who turn back to Jesus in our own times and places.

Unfortunately, as the Pope points out, such seekers are not always met with 'adequate language and forms in the usual pastoral offerings.' Sometimes, our evangelising programs and attitudes are much better at putting off than attracting! We know from experience, the Pope says, that 'various people who seem to be distant from the faith often return to knock on the doors of the Church, or open themselves to a new search for spirituality.' Such people should always find a welcoming spirit and openness to the stranger.

Authentic evangelisation always welcomes the seeker. As the Pope says, we are all called to become people 'who know how to share the journey, the questions, the anxieties and the hopes' of those around us. We should learn to walk with those who hope to walk with us.

After all, prejudice does not belong in the toolkit of Christianity.

Like the bishops to whom Pope Leo offered this advice, may we all have the grace 'to walk in humility and prayer' with our fellow companions on the way, whoever they may be, and wherever we may find them.

(Quotes from Address to New Bishops, 11 September 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/september/documents/20250911-vescovi.html>)

REFLECTION

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Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for October 2025

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Alf Franzmann	Agnes Clark
Karen Pannach	Dot Bice
Colleen McMahon	
Patrick Flynn	
Pauline Coll sgs	
Anthony Risson	
Carmel Mitchell	
Cliff Schneider	
Fred Powell	
Laurie Neeson	
Catherine Dowling	

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners

Robert Gillespie	Alf Mason
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
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

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C

First Reading *2 Kings 5:14-17*
Naaman is cured of leprosy.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2*
(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 2:8-13*
If we die with Jesus we will live with him.

Gospel Acclamation *1 Thessalonians 5:18*
Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 17:11-19*
Jesus cures ten lepers, one returns with thanks.

Next week's readings

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Luke 18:1-8

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.



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/ A small number of calendars will be available for purchase from the

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.

MELBOURNE CUP HIGH TEA: THE DIGNITY PROJECT

Sunday, 2 November

2:00pm-4:30pm

St Anthony's Parish Centre, Memory St Tmba

Cost: Entry via donation.

RSVP: 28/10/25 via justice@twb.catholic.org.au or 46361737 or 46130895
All welcome, bring your friends! Join us for a fun afternoon of entertainment with trivia, multi-draw raffle, phantom call with sweep and more. All money raised will go to support the Dignity Project, which helps refugees and asylum seekers living in the Toowoomba area. High tea provided. Bar to purchase drinks. ** All donations to multi-draw raffle gratefully accepted.

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections

Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas.

Option 1: *The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections* a book of daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 Nov) 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.

Please add your name to the list in the foyer or contact the parish office if you would like a copy.

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 ongoing service to our community 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 Mass will be live-streamed via the diocese's website.

(Please note lunch following is a private event).

St Mary MacKillop Parish, Highfields Trivia Night

8 November 2025 at 6.00pm

Mary MacKillop School Hall

\$20.00 per person 6-8 per team. **Tickets must be purchased prior to event.** (pizza included in ticket), bar available. Raffles, Games, bring gold coins.

Bookings contact Patti at
alan.mcnaught@bigpond.com

PLEASE JOIN US

Campbell St Catholic Corner

EDITION #3
MAY-JULY 2025



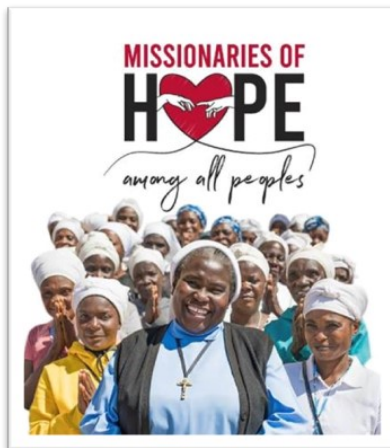
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Enjoy the read and children learn about the Emperor Penguins.



CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia. To donate online: catholicmission.org.au/

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

The Catholic Mission Appeal will be held in our parish over Saturday, 18 & Sunday 19 October. Envelopes are available in the Church foyer to take home and return next weekend. Alternatively you can place donations in the collections box this weekend or donate online.

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.

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, morning tea to follow Mass.

McAuley House Boarding Conclusion Celebrations—15 November 2025

As the 2025 school year draws to a close, so too does a significant chapter in the history of St Saviour's College. McAuley House, the College's boarding facility, will officially close its doors after more than a century of service.

Since welcoming its first boarders in a draughty timber dormitory around 1923, McAuley House has been a nurturing and empowering home for generations of young women. Over the past 100 years, it has provided thousands of girls—many from rural and remote Queensland and PNG communities, with access to a Mercy education of distinction, founded on the mission of Catherine McAuley.

To honour this legacy, **Bishop Ken Howell will celebrate a Conclusion Mass on Saturday, 15 November at 10:00am, followed by a Morning Tea at the front of the College Hall.** This event will be a special opportunity for the wider community to reflect on and celebrate the impact McAuley House has had on the lives of so many.

Principal, Jessica Wade, warmly invites past pupils, staff, families, and friends to share their stories, photographs, and memorabilia to help commemorate this occasion. If you have memories to contribute, please contact Jessica via email at jessica.wade@twb.catholic.edu.au. All are welcome.

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Office Hours

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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, Charlotte Stinson & Emma Stinson.

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

October

Thursday 16 Parish Admin Day

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

OCTOBER: ROSARY FOR PEACE

With the October 7 feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the Rosary. Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics worldwide to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands in October, the month the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary.

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—5 October 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$245.00 & Loose: \$508.25

Direct Deposits: \$1245.00 & Tap & Go: \$95.55

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