

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

18-19 October 2025

29th 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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Justice, Pope Leo says, 'cannot be reduced to the mere application of the law or the work of judges, nor limited to procedural aspects.' As the Pope points out, 'the persistence of the widow who urges the judge to recover his sense of justice' speaks to the real meaning of the concept. Justice means more than the keeping or enforcing of rules.

Because justice is a cardinal virtue, the Pope reminds us, it should always inform and guide our consciences and actions. 'When justice is exercised,' he says, 'one places oneself at the service of individuals, society and the state, with full and unwavering dedication.'

Referring to 'the deep desire for justice that is present in each of us, the thirst for justice that is the key instrument for building the common good in every human society,' the Pope encourages us to consider what justice demands with respect to individual dignity and communal relationships. True justice, he affirms, 'establishes a circularity of social relations, which places the value of every human being at its core.'

For Christians, therefore, justice cannot be selfish or dismissive. Rather, justice should positively orient our relations with each other. 'As we know,' the Pope continues, 'justice becomes concrete when it reaches out to others, when each person is given their due, until equality in dignity and opportunity among human beings is achieved.' [Quotes from Address for the Jubilee of Justice, 20 September 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/september/documents/20250920-giubileo-operatori-giustizia.html>]

REFLECTION

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In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for October 2025

That believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Josephine Cronk (Maurice's wife)

Loretta Flynn (Elizabeth Stewart's mum)

ANNIVERSARIES

Meryn Erbacher Nora Hannon

Pat Otago Merle Pigott

Margaret Keenan Jane Risson

Nancy Murphy Kay Peart

Terry O'Brien

Christopher McAuliffe

Sr. Marletta Black *pbvm*

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

READINGS

NOTICES

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS Office closed
WED	9.00am Lay led liturgy
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.	

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C

First Reading *Exodus 17:8-13*
With the staff of God, Moses helps Israel defeat Amalek.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 120. R.v.2*
(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2*
All scripture is inspired by God.

Gospel Acclamation *Hebrews 4:12*
Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 18:1-8*
The widow and the irreligious judge.

Next week's readings
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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



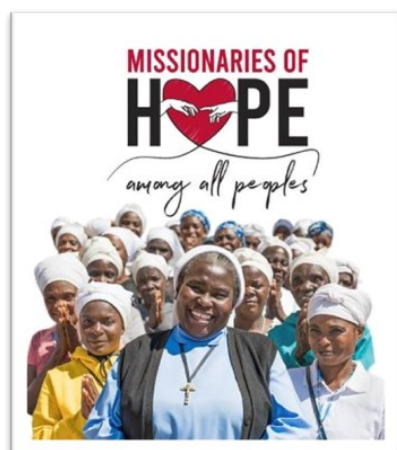
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CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission.

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.

Congratulations to Fr. Vince Carroll on his Jubilee, celebrating 60yrs of ordained priesthood. Everyone is welcome to celebrate this special occasion. Wednesday, 22 October at 11:00am, St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba.

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.

A 'NEW' SAINT WITH A LOCAL LINK

Peter To Rot (1912-1945) will be canonised this Sunday, 19 October.

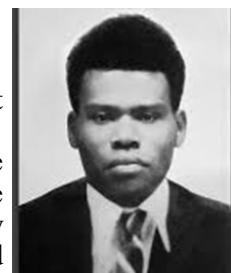
St Peter spent his life in and around Rakunai village in a remote part of the island of New Britain, now part of Papua New Guinea. Peter's parents were among the first local Christians in the area, baptised by Missionaries of the Sacred Heart priests who brought the gospel to the region. This is the same order, the MSCs (from their initials in French), who founded Downlands College in our parish and of which Fr Vince Carroll is a member. As a young man, Peter became a lay-catechist in his village and its surrounds, very actively and faithfully assisting the MSC parish priest. Peter married Paula la Varpit in 1936, and they had three children.

In 1942 the Japanese army occupied New Britain. They interned all foreign missionaries. Before being taken away from Rakunai, the MSC parish priest asked Peter to take over the running of the parish. He did so, first openly and then, when all religious work was banned, in secret. Late in 1944 he was arrested after helping rescue a woman from a polygamous marriage into which she had been forced after being kidnapped. As well, he was reported to the authorities for continuing to engage in secret religious activities. He was imprisoned.

On 7 July 1945, Peter To Rot was killed by the occupiers by lethal injection and by being forced to drink poison. He was 33. Honoured immediately by his local community for his holiness, his fame spread among the Christians of what became Papua New Guinea. He was beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 1995.

St Peter To Rot, pray for the people of Papua New Guinea; pray for all MSCs; pray for us.

G.H. (with thanks to Wikipedia)



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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 23 11am Josephine's Cronk Requiem

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—12 October 2025

*Last weekend's giving totals
will be printed in next week's bulletin*

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