

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

25—26 October 2025

30th 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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Pope Leo insists upon our recognising 'the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor.' The Pope reminds us that 'contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.'

Think about that for a moment: Here, now, our Lord is speaking. Where need is present, Christ is present.

The Lord of History is ever calling to us, summoning us to action. 'In hearing the cry of the poor,' the Pope says, 'we are asked to enter into the heart of God, who is always concerned for the needs of his children, especially those in greatest need.' We, therefore, should constantly seek to re-enter 'the heart of God' by listening to those who cry out for justice.

It is 'Christ himself', the Pope reminds us, who suffers with the materially poor, the 'socially marginalised', and the culturally impoverished. To ignore the poor is to ignore Christ.

We must learn to see beyond any ideology or prejudice that justifies inaction or indifference – even those cloaked under the cover of pious affirmations. As the Pope declares emphatically, this is not optional for Christians because charity is 'the burning heart of the Church's mission.'

[Quotes from Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, 4 October 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html]

Reflection

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Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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

John Cosgrove (Cathy Rimmer's brother & Libby Rosentreter's uncle)

Sr Kathleen Lee sgs

(Past Principal of Mater Dei)

ANNIVERSARIES

Estelle Stein	Norm Higgs
George Keryk	Bernice Herbert
Jack Lolov	Veronica Power
Jack Murphy	Matthew Dunne
Mary Murphy	Monica Mahoney
Dale McGaw	Ken Meiklejohn
Paul O'Leary	Peter Boland
Ella Conaghan	Jesse Fullerton
Sr Mary Thompson	
Michael Quinn	

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 Granddad)
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 Lay led liturgy
THU	NO MASS Office Closed
FRI	9.00am Lay led
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

30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year C
First Reading <i>Sirach 35:12-14,16-18</i> The Lord judges justly with no favourites. Responsorial Psalm <i>Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7</i> (R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Second Reading <i>2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18</i> Paul concludes his writing, is ready for the Day of the Lord. Gospel Acclamation <i>2 Corinthians 5:19</i> Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia! Gospel <i>Luke 18:9-14</i> Those who humble themselves will be exalted. Next week's readings The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day) Year C <i>Ezekiel 37:1,4-6,12-14</i> <i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i> <i>Luke 7:11-17</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.



Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections Books have arrived!

If you have ordered an advent reflection book they are now available for collection from the parish office or following mass. The cost of the books are \$8.00 and we kindly ask that you pay for them at time of collection. Thank you.

We do have extra copies available if you forgot to add your name to the order.

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

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.

SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

A young man aged 20 is seeking accommodation in Toowoomba, as they will be commencing employment on 3 Nov 2025, with a railway company based in Toowoomba. This person has their own car and driver's license and would be doing shift work. References will be supplied. Contact number is Tony Hallam: 0419 679 447.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

In the Month of the Holy Souls
Sunday, November 9 3.00pm—5.00pm
St Anthony's Church, Harristown

- ◆ Gather at St Anthony's at 3.00pm
- ◆ Pilgrimage to Drayton & Toowoomba Cemetery
- ◆ Devotions at the cemetery
- ◆ return to St Anthony's for solemn Vespers for the faithful departed
- ◆ Supper and Fellowship at 5.00pm

Pilgrims can walk (or drive) to the cemetery (2km)
 Please bring hats/umbrellas. Bottled water will be available. If you have any queries, or comments

Campbell Ste Catholic Corner

EDITION #4 Is now available

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
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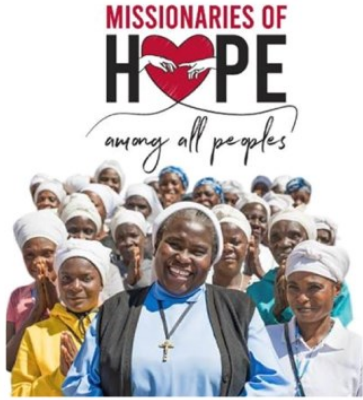
CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

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.



Scrolling of Names

Our annual scrolling of names will be held during mass on 15/16 November.

To assist with the liturgy, 2 different sets of sheets have been placed in the foyer. The yellow sheets are for the recently deceased between Nov 2024 and Oct 2025. The other set of sheets are for other loved ones. They are a month per page including the date of the anniversary.

This will assist us in updating the anniversary book.

MELBOURNE CUP HIGH TEA: THE DIGNITY PROJECT

Sunday, 2 November from 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.

WALK OF HOPE: SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE TOUCHED BY BREAST CANCER

Date: Monday, 27 October 2025 at 7:45am

Where: Starting at Frog's Hollow, Queens Park Toowoomba
All are welcome to join a walk to honour and remember everyone touched by breast cancer. The walk will start at Queens Park (cnr Hume & Margaret Sts) and end at Town Hall (Ruthven St). The ceremony starts at 8:00am at Town Hall, feel free to join there if you cannot join the walk. Please wear a touch of pink. Say hello to our wonderful Pastoral Care team, who will also be there in their pink shirts. See flyer on bulletin board.

APPLICATIONS OPEN:

YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Bishops' Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship for 2026/2027. The Fellowship, which is offered over a two-year period, is a key initiative reflecting the Australian bishops' ongoing commitment to the formation of women for missionary leadership. In this round, the Bishops' Commission is encouraging applicant from women living in rural and remote Australia; Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women; migrant and refugee women (with Australian citizenship); or women working in a secular setting.

To find out more and how to apply, visit: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/events/young-catholic-women-s-fellowship>. Applications close 24/11/25.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: CHURCHES OF ITALY WITH FR FRANCO

Proposed Dates: 8-21/6/26. As part of Warwick's Centenary celebrations, Magi Pilgrimages has offered the opportunity to join a pilgrimage to Italy. With 10 to 19 participants, the group can join an Australian pilgrim group; with 20+ participants, a parish group can be formed. If you're interested, see flyer on bulletin board or contact the Warwick Parish on warwick@twb.catholic.org.au or 07 4661 1033.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

For all calendar products. www.columban.org.au/donate/shop/columban-art-calendar/



Happy Birthday to Father Brian
who celebrates his special day
on Tuesday 28 October.



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St Theresa's Church

Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

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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—November

Sat 1 9.30am Infin 8 Liturgy
Sat-Sun 1-2 Catholic Mission Speakers at Weekend Masses
Wed 5 Parish Morning Tea 9.45am at Cobb & Co
Thurs 6 Parish Council Meeting

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. 394 other prizes to be won! Learn more and purchase tickets: www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese

NEW LITURGICAL RESOURCE WEBSITE

The National Liturgical Council has launched a new website, featuring a wealth of resources on a wide range of topics. After almost two years of preparation, the new site was revealed as part of the national liturgical conference held in Adelaide earlier this month. The website offers resources of benefit to individuals, parishes, schools and dioceses. <https://www.nlc.catholic.org.au>

SOCIAL MEDIA BAN FOR UNDER 16

From 10 December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account, giving them more time to develop important skills and maturity. The ban is likely to affect Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X, YouTube and more. There may be an effect on how parishes and schools interact with young people on their chosen platforms. The eSafety Commission has launched a hub with resources to help adults and young people navigate these changes. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions>

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

Collection—Envelopes: \$945.00 & Loose: \$405.15
Direct Deposits: \$1712.00 & Tap & Go: \$40.00

Planned Giving—19 October 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$155.00 & Loose: \$420.20
Direct Deposits: \$165.00 & Tap & Go: \$555.00

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