

THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

1—2 November 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

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 our attention to how Jesus' death manifested the most 'radical poverty', Pope Leo reminds us that Jesus 'died as an outcast'. God became human, sharing in our experiences of rejection and suffering – even death.

On this basis, the Pope affirms, Christ 'asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favour of the weakest.' We are called to be a compassionate Church, a people prepared to share the suffering of others in order to lift them up. We are called to be 'a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place.'

After all, the Pope says, Jesus came into human history 'not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor.' His followers therefore are called to follow him in this 'preference for the poor.' We are all summoned to 'become an image of Christ and his mercy towards the weakest.'

Therefore, as the Pope declares: 'The clear and forceful words of the Gospel must be put into practice.' Like the earliest Christians, who 'had no doubt' about their charitable responsibilities, we must learn to follow Jesus 'by placing charity towards all at the centre' of everything we do. [Quotes from Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*]

Reflection 'Indeed, I promise you: today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Today, many of us will visit the grave or plinth of a beloved member of the family or a friend. If you are like me, you will first tidy the area, prune any dead heads off the rose bush, place some fresh flowers and then pray.

The beautiful Catholic custom is that on this day especially – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. We prayed for them when they were with us on earth. Death is no barrier to continuing that prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in heavenly bliss.

What grounds our hope? Nothing more, nothing less, than the victory of Jesus Christ over death. We pray that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of that triumph.

For most, as I expect for me, that may involve a purging of those traits of personality which prevent the fullest participation in the bliss of Heaven. But that bliss is what God desires for each one of them and for me.

God prays for the fulfilment of that desire whilst souls are being purged (whatever that may involve). Our praying for the dead is simply our participation in this prayer of God, our privilege which we intentionally share in. Even those not intentionally sharing our faith often say R.I.P., rest in peace, and that is a prayer! And so we pray with confident Christian hope:

'Endless light shine on those we love, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all those who have died, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.' © Fr Michael Tate

Pope Leo's prayer intention for November 2025

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Relf (Pat Powell's Sister & Monica's Aunty)

ANNIVERSARIES

Labiba Haleem
Dennis Thompson
George Preece
Mary Franzmann
Barry Linderman
Mike Boyd
Grace Jones
Doreen Dunne
Warren Smith

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)
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 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

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) - Year C

First Reading *Ezekiel 37:1,4-6,12-14*
Dry bones, I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 R. v.1a*
(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading *1 Peter 1:3-9*
God has given us a new birth into a new hope...

Gospel Acclamation *Revelations 1:5-6*
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the first born of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 7:11-17*
Young man, I say to you, rise!

Next week's readings

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C

First Reading: *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12*
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17*
Gospel: *John 2:13-22*

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 or-

Thanksgiving Mass

SPRED will be holding their end of year Thanksgiving Mass at St Theresa's Parish Sunday, 16th November - 11.00am All Welcome.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL

During the month of **October & November**, 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.

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.

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 APPEAL

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, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

To donate online, – www.catholicmission.org.au/

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All Saints Day (1st November) is the feast which commemorates all those we know who may never be publicly proclaimed in the canon or list of saints, but who nonetheless are in heaven. Some of them may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us. Sometimes they can be our own mothers and fathers. These, too, we believe belong to the great multitude of witnesses who went through their own persecutions and found the blessings within their daily lives. They saw God in this world and are now fully alive to him in the next. May we have the grace to live a holy life that, in ordinary ways, demonstrates the extraordinary power of God working in us. In doing so, in our sacrifices, forgiveness and love may we remain faithful to the women and men who are our saintly heroes and pray that we remain faithful to the Gospel of Christ as they did. © R. Leonard Sj.

ANNUAL ANGLICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, 18th November at 11:00am St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. Each year people from the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba and the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland (the Diocese of Brisbane) gather to pray with and for one another for a greater mutual understanding and reconciliation. All are warmly welcome to join in this prayer service. See Flyer for details.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD In the Month of the Holy Souls **Sunday, November 9, 3.00pm—5.00pm at 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 please call 07 4636 1737.

Do you have old film or audio recordings?

The Toowoomba Diocesan Archive is seeking to locate historic recordings that may exist across our parishes, ministries, and agencies. If you have any old cinema film or audio reels, such as ¼-inch or 16mm reels, magnetic film, 8-track tape, U-matic, or any format pre-VHS, we'd love to hear from you. These may contain valuable footage or sound recordings of diocesan life, events, or community history.

Please contact the Diocesan Archivist at dioarch@twb.catholic.org.au with any information about what you might hold.

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: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/events/young-catholic-women-s-fellowship>. Closing date 24/11/25.

McAuley House Boarding Conclusion Celebrations

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 over the past 100 years, 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.** 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 to attend this heartfelt celebration honouring the contribution of McAuley House.**

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding

a Cent Sale in St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil St on Saturday November 22. The doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. A delicious afternoon tea will be served, and cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free. There are many excellent prizes and the multidraw includes a ham, a homemade Christmas cake, a hamper, fruit and vegetable trays. All proceeds go to the Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

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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-Sun 1-2	Catholic Mission Speakers at Weekend Masses
Wed 5	Parish Morning Tea 9.45am at Cobb & Co
Thurs 6	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 14	OFFICE CLOSED
Sun 16	SPRED Mass
Fri 21	OFFICE CLOSED

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

REFLECTING ON NOSTRA AETATE

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, Vatican II's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions. The Latin title is taken from the opening lines of the declaration and means "in our time".

The Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue has compiled a reflection document which it offers to the community for discussion and prayer. The reflection document can be found at: www.catholic.au/s/article/60th-Anniversary-of-Nostra-Aetate

SHARE YOUR STORY: WOMEN'S HEALTH & MEDICINE IN THE DARLING DOWNS Queensland Museum and UQ are seeking women (18+) from the Darling Downs to share their experiences with the medical system in Queensland. Participants are invited to bring an object that represents their story. Interview Dates & Locations: Toowoomba: 6–7 Nov & Stanthorpe: 11–12 Dec. Discussions will be recorded, and objects photographed. Some may be considered for the Queensland Museum collection.

Interested? Contact Lisa Enright at l.enright@uq.edu.au

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—26 October 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$160.00 & Loose: \$537.15

Direct Deposits: \$1371.00 & Tap & Go: \$375.00

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