

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

8—9 November 2025

THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA

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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'I often wonder,' Pope Leo reflects, 'even though the teaching of Sacred Scripture is so clear about the poor, why many people continue to think they can safely disregard the poor.'

'Why complicate something so simple?', he asks, before reminding us that 'the early Christians were clearly aware of the necessity to care for those who were most in need.' They 'did not separate belief from social action.'

Any idea that contradicts this simple message is not truly of the Church. Lived Christianity always involves active charity. Anything less is not truly Christian.

As the Pope reminds us, the Church is called to a profoundly mystical service. 'From the first centuries,' he says, 'the Fathers of the Church recognised in the poor a privileged way to reach God, a special way to meet him.'

Charitable works, therefore, are about more than doing good things to get to heaven. Authentically charitable action involves the recognition of God's presence in moments of need and mercy.

The Pope wants us to remember the teachings of Saint Justin that 'it is not possible to separate the worship of God from concern for the poor', and that of Saint Augustine that 'the poor are not just people to be helped, but the sacramental presence of the Lord.'

*[Quotes from Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, 4 October 2025]*

## Reflection

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

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## RECENTLY DECEASED

**Mary Relf**

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

**Marg Golding**

(Brian Powell's Aunt & Monica's Great Aunt)

## ANNIVERSARIES

Gwen Savage	Fr Tom Breen
Marie Sheridan	Janet Taylor
Michelle Bender	Isaac Murphy
Robert Watson	Denis Downs
Kirsty Mae Hudson	Lil Kenny
Ron Cartwright	Vera Ruffini
Peter McKeering	Viv Cuskelly
Gregory Thompson	

## 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 Bishop Ken Howell
THU	NO MASS Office Closed
FRI	NO MASS or LAY LED LITURGY Office Closed
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 DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA - Year C

**First Reading** *Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12*  
The water from the temple brings life.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5*  
(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17*  
You are God's temple.

**Gospel Acclamation** *2 Chronicles 7:16*  
Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified  
this house, says the Lord, that my name may  
remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *John 2:13-22*  
Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple.

### Next week's readings

**Thirty Third Sunday—Year C**

First Reading: *Malachi 3:19-20*  
Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*  
Gospel: *Luke 21:5-19*

## NOTICES

### Baptisms

This week we welcome  
into our parish

**Alexander Thomas Rolfe**

**Mark Thomas Liesch**

**Fred William Price**

through the sacrament of  
Baptism



Baptisms are celebrated  
on the second  
and fourth Sunday  
of the month after Mass at  
11.00am or  
during Mass at 6.00pm Vigil

### Parish Office Closures

Please check the Parish Bulletin for  
changes to office hours during  
the month of November and  
December.

**Friday 14, November Office  
Closed**

**Friday 21, November Office  
Closed**

### 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.

**Advent & 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. Parish Advent Program Dates to follow.

### St Theresa's Parish

### Releasing of Memories

Friday, 28th November 2025

at 10.00am

at St Theresa's Parish Centre

followed by morning tea at Cobb & Co.

**RSVP: by 21st November**

*(this is essential for catering numbers)*

Traditionally within the church, November is the month during  
which we remember our loved ones in our families and  
community who have died. We are aware of the sadness that  
remains with us but we are supported by the hope and the  
promise that they now enjoy fullness of life. We are aware too,  
that we are not alone in our grieving. We are called to support  
and encourage one another as we move into the future.

### Thanksgiving Mass

SPRED will be holding their end of year

Thanksgiving Mass at

St Theresa's Parish

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November - 11.00am

All Welcome.

### COUNCIL OF PRIESTS MEETING—St Therasas Parish

The Council of Priests will be holding their next  
meeting at St Therasas' Parish

**Wednesday, 12 November**

**Bishop Ken Howell will celebrate Mass at 9.00am**

before the Council of Priests Meeting.

**All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass.**

**God has opened for us the way to eternal life** "Love conquers death. In love, God will gather us together with our loved  
ones. And, if we journey together in charity, our very lives become a prayer rising up to God, uniting us with the departed,  
drawing us closer to them as we await to meet them again in the joy of eternal life. May this promise sustain us, dry our  
tears, and raise our gaze upwards toward the hope for the future that never fades." Pope Leo on All Souls' Day

## Campbell St Catholic Corner

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPEAL – Last chance to donate**

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 are available in the foyer to place your donations. We thank you all sincerely for your continuing support for this community outreach project. This weekend is the final call for donations.

**ANNUAL ANGLICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

*Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FREE WEBINAR: VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT****Thursday, 13 November from 1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our church communities, whether they're sizzling sausages, coordinating fundraisers, or providing vision and leadership in the boardroom. Without them, we'd be lost! Yet many groups still struggle to recruit, support and retain their volunteers effectively. Join the Institute of Community Directors Australia for this webinar to learn practical strategies to strengthen your volunteer management — and make sure the people who give so much feel valued, supported and inspired to stay. To find out more: [www.communitydirectors.com.au/training-courses/volunteer-management-nov-25](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au/training-courses/volunteer-management-nov-25)

**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.

**ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE TOOWOOMBA: MCAULEY HOUSE BOARDING FAREWELL****Saturday, 15 November—10:00am****St Saviour's College Toowoomba, College Hall**

As the 2025 school year ends, St Saviour's College marks the closure of McAuley House after more than a century of service. Since 1923, McAuley House has been a home for generations of young women, offering a Mercy education to students from rural Queensland and PNG.

Join us for a conclusion Mass celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell followed by morning tea at the College Hall. Past pupils, staff, families, and friends are invited to share stories, photos, and memorabilia. Please email contributions to [jessica.wade@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jessica.wade@twb.catholic.edu.au). All are welcome to this special celebration of McAuley House's legacy.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE: ST MARY'S WARWICK CENTENARY** 15 March 2026. Mark your diary for 2026. St Mary of the Assumption Church Warwick will be celebrating 100 years! More details of events to follow.



# St Theresa's Parish

## St Theresa's Parish

### St Theresa's Church

Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

### Parish Office

55 Curzon Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350

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Website: [www.sttheresas.org.au](http://www.sttheresas.org.au)

### Office Hours

Monday 11.00am – 5.00pm  
Wednesday 8.00am – 5.00pm  
Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm

### Parish Priest—Fr Brian Noonan

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### Pastoral Associate—Monica Brennan

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### Parish Secretary— Cheryl Rens

[sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au)

## 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

Mon 10 Church Carpet Cleaning  
Wed 12 9.00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell  
Council of Priests Meeting—St Therasas Church  
Fri 14 OFFICE CLOSED & NO MASS or LITURGY  
Sat/Sun 15-16 Scrolling of Names  
Sun 16 SPRED Mass at 11.00am

## *Campbell St Catholic Corner*

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## 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](http://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](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/60th-Anniversary-of-Nostra-Aetate)

## Upcoming Youth Opportunities

**10X Leadership - NET Ministries** – A great opportunity for Youth Leaders or potential Youth Leaders. Applications close 15 November.

**Summer Camp 2025 — Ignite Youth** – A great opportunity for Youth. Spots are filling up fast, great to have some Youth attend.

**Spheres | ALPHA YOUTH** – For year 10-12 Students in 2026. Early bird discount finishes 31 December. **Contact: Rachel Pingel**  
**Diocesan Youth Ministry Officer - [rpingel@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:rpingel@twb.catholic.org.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—2 November 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$280.00 & Loose: \$315.60

Direct Deposits: \$1510.00 & Tap & Go: \$190.00

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