

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

15—16 November 2025 33<sup>rd</sup> 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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'In Dilexi Te, the Apostolic Exhortation first drafted by his predecessor, Pope Leo frequently uses Pope Francis' metaphor of 'concrete' Church activity to make an important point.

For example: 'Concrete love was the criterion of holiness' exemplified by Saint Basil. Caring for the sick showed 'that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action.' Authentic Christian monasticism is 'a style of holiness and a concrete way to transform society.'

Overall, this 'concrete' metaphor underlines how the Church is not a building but a building process. Our firm and lasting commitment to active, charitable discipleship in Christ helps manifest the Church in our world.

Our mission, the Pope makes emphatically clear, therefore involves being willing 'to welcome Christ who comes in the person of the poor and the stranger.' It means working towards 'an economy of solidarity in contrast to the logic of accumulation.' And it involves embracing 'a mysticism of God's presence in the little ones' to whom the world remains indifferent.

'When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person,' the Pope declares, 'she fulfils her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured.'

As such, the Church has a 'mission of liberation' that, when put into practice, can be understood as 'an extension of Christ's redemptive sacrifice.'

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

## Reflection

### The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengtheners in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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## 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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Ellen Dume	
Katherine Drew	
Ellis Kingsley Gray	
Sr Lucian Donovan	
Katherine Drew	Pat Mulhall
Toni Abrahams	Vera Leach
Kugenu Clark	Kass Burke
Mark Siebuhr	John Mullen

### 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 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

### 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C

**First Reading** *Malachi 3:19-20*  
Evildoers will be destroyed; those who fear God will be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 97:5-9. R. v.9*  
(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**Second Reading** *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*  
Work hard and earn your keep.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 21:28*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 21:5-19*  
Patiently endure the trials you are sure to face for Jesus.

### Next week's readings

**Christ, King of the Universe —Year C**

First Reading: *2 Samuel 5:1-3*  
Second Reading: *Colossians 1:12-20*  
Gospel: *Luke 23:35-43*

## 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.



### Parish Office Closures

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

**Friday 21, November Office Closed**

**Monday 1, December Office Closed**

**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.

## JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS CROSS

*Dates: 22/6-5/7/26*

Mark your diary for 2026! The *Jubilee of Migrants Cross* will make a pilgrimage through our diocese 22/6-5/7/26, a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the faith, diversity, and shared journey of all God's people

The *Jubilee of Migrants Cross*, created by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, is a national symbol of unity and hope. Crafted from native Australian timbers and containing relics of the Holy Family and St Mary MacKillop, it represents the spiritual journey of migrants and refugees and the Catholic Church's call to hospitality and solidarity. As it travels from community to community, it invites us to reflect on how we welcome, accompany, and stand with those who seek a home among us. You can find out more here: [acmro.catholic.org.au/jubileecross](http://acmro.catholic.org.au/jubileecross)

## Catholic Missions

Your gift is helping empower women, provide essential healthcare, and bring hope to vulnerable communities. To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission). Your action will make a positive impact for many around the world.

## Toowoomba Regional Council Australia Day Awards

Do you know someone who works tirelessly for their community and deserves recognition for their hard work?

Nominate them for an Australia Day Award!

Nominations for the 2026 Australia Day awards close on 14 November, but don't wait until then to complete an online nomination!

For further information or to nominate, visit: <https://www.tr.qld.gov.au/our-region/whats-on/events/15792-australia-day-awards-nominations>





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The festival is a three-day event bringing together thousands of young people, ranging from Year 9 students to young people up to the age of 25, from across Australia to celebrate and express their Catholic faith.

To be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from November 30 to December 2, the festival will include talks, prayer experiences, Mass, workshops, forums, live concerts, games, a justice activity centre and an interactive expo.

**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.

**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.

#### 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.

**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 mul-tidraw 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.

#### 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.

# St Theresa's Parish

## St Theresa's Parish

### St Theresa's Church

Cnr Campbell & Curzon Sts, Toowoomba

### Parish Office

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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

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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 15-16 Scrolling of Names  
Sun 16 SPRED Mass at 11.00am  
Fri 21 OFFICE CLOSED  
Wed 26 Parish Finance Meeting at 4.30pm  
Fri 28 NO MASS or Lay led Liturgy  
Fri 28 Releasing of Memories at 10.00am

## Campbell St Catholic Corner

EDITION #4 Is now available

## 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—9 November 2025

Collection—Envelopes: \$375.00 & Loose: \$673.20

Direct Deposits: \$665.00 & Tap & Go: \$20.00

St Theresa's Catholic Parish (Planned Giving Only)

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