

# THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

22—23 November 2025 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE 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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'When the Church bends down to break the new chains that bind the poor,' Pope Leo says, 'she becomes a paschal sign.' And, he also says, 'when the Church bends down to care for the poor, she assumes her highest posture.'

The Church, the Pope makes clear, has constantly adapted to changing circumstances, bringing Christ to the here and now. Education plays an important part in this stream of history. As he says, 'since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth.' Even children and criminals can come to know Christ, as scripture makes clear.

The Pope also speaks of how 'teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith.' Indeed, the Church's teaching mission remains 'a service to the Kingdom of God.'

To that end, the Church has a duty to teach and live its mission of justice and service. That especially includes welcoming the stranger. As the Pope says, 'the Church has always recognised in migrants a living presence of the Lord.'

Similarly, with the poor. 'It is in them', the Pope notes, 'that the church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.' The poor are 'not only objects of our compassion,' he adds, 'but teachers of the Gospel.'

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

## Reflection

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

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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 Bob Hore ( Gerard's Uncle)

### ANNIVERSARIES

Andy Flamsteed	Kerin Kenny
Ken Whitelegg	Bruce Luck
Noreen Carroll	James Brady
George Preece	Anne Sutton
Ken Merritt	Estelle Stein
Michael Walsh	Peter Coman
Anne O'Connor	Pat Parsons
Matthew Thompson	
Alexander Blackie	

## HEALING FOR THE SICK

### Parishioners

Robert Gillespie	Alf Mason
Betty Bagley	Noel Murphy
Susan Quirk	Anne Thomas
Greg Logan	Marie Ah See

## 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 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

MON	NO MASS
TUE	NO MASS Office closed
WED	9.00am Mass
THU	NO MASS Office Closed
FRI	9.00am Lay Led 10am Releasing of Memories 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

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Yr C

**First Reading** *2 Samuel 5:1-3*  
David is anointed King of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 121:1-5 R. v.2*  
(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading** *Colossians 1:12-20*  
We are reconciled in the blood of the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mark 11:9.10*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David  
our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 23:35-43*  
The Crucifixion.

### Next week's readings

#### First Sunday of Advent —Year A

First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*  
Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*  
Gospel: *Matthew 24:37-44*

## NOTICES

### Baptisms

This week we welcome  
into our parish

**Evelyn Grace  
Hill**



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**

**Friday 28 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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### An Invitation to a Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba

This March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSsR, our Australian Cardinal, on his first-ever visit to our Diocese.

Celebrate this special occasion at a breakfast or dinner, with proceeds supporting the restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows.

Tickets now available – book at: [www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral)

### TOOWOOMBA HOSPICE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Date: 30/11/25 Sunday

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: Toowoomba Hospice, 57B O'Quinn Street Tmba

Cost: Gold coin donation

Kick off the festive season with Toowoomba Hospice. Bring your family and friends for an evening of carols performed by the Toowoomba Municipal Band and High-Altitude Harmony, plus a visit from Santa. Food and drink are available, as well as a raffle. Bring a chair or blanket for a fun evening supporting Toowoomba Hospice.

### IGNITE YOUTH - SUMMER CAMP 2026

Date: 8-11/1/26

Where: QCCC Mapleton, 70 Obi Obi Rd Mapleton (Sunshine Coast region)

Cost: \$370 pp, also costs for travel and merch (late fees apply after 2/1/26, [buy tickets](#))

Summer Camp is four unforgettable days away, filled with fun and getting closer to Jesus. Huge outdoor games, swimming, amazing rallies, dance parties and 300 new friends to make! Aimed at young people in Grades 7-12 in 2026, Summer Camp is run by a team of experienced and emerging Catholic youth leaders who will accompany young people on a journey to discover more about themselves, Jesus and His hope for their lives.

Find out more and register at [igniteyouth.com/summercamp](http://igniteyouth.com/summercamp)

### 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.

### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 2026

Where: Online and in person (East Melbourne)

Catholic Theological College (CTC) are pleased to present the [2026 Prospectus](#). CTC offer a variety of online and onsite learning modes. In particular, CTC recommend the following sections which may be of interest:

- Studying Online at CTC (p. 12)
- Your career in pastoral care and ministry (p. 20)
- Engaging Your Faith (p. 21)

Further details on 2026 units can be found in the [2026 Timetable](#). <https://ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/>

### Palms

A number of overseas communities in Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call we are offering an opportunity to live and use their professional expertise to mentor others in an overseas community.

Palms is holding two webinars:

GAP YEAR webinar on Thursday 4 December 6pm & 9pm AEDT for Year 12 school leavers and uni students (aged 18-25), along with their parents. This is a chance for you to discover what you are interested in, and to define your purpose - before launching down a career path - while gaining valuable cross-cultural experience.

TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session on Monday 8 December 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements on our [2026 Palms Encounter](#) <https://palms.org.au/encountersto> Timor-Leste from 14-27 May.



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

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

Ph:4696 7094

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

[brianjnoonan@bigpond.com](mailto:brianjnoonan@bigpond.com)

### Pastoral Associate—Monica Brennan

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

### 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, Alison Busiko, 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, Alison Busiko, 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/ December

Wed 26	Parish Finance Meeting at 4.30pm
Fri 28	Lay led Liturgy 9am
Fri 28	Releasing of Memories at 10.00am
Sat/Sun 29/30	First Sunday of Advent
Wed 3 Dec	Sacrament of Anointing in 9am Mass
Fri 5 Dec	Mater Dei end of year mass 9am in WMC Hall

## 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

**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)**  
Phone: (07) 4602 7995

## 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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