



THE BULLETIN

ST THERESA'S PARISH

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.

28 February—1 March 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A

POPE LEO'S LENS

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Pope Leo says that 'we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart.'

'This', he adds, 'is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times.'

Such silence and reflectiveness, the Pope suggests, helps us prioritise our 'relationship with God'. But such disposition should also, he adds, 'help us to be more open, more welcoming to others.'

This active dimension of Christian contemplation is something the Pope wants us to remember. Even in our recreational moments, he suggests, we can find 'an opportunity to care for others, to get to know each other and to offer advice and a listening ear.'

Caring and listening, he reminds us, 'are expressions of love, and that is something we all need.' We should therefore all love 'with courage'. As the Pope points out, such active love is transformative, because 'through solidarity, in the sharing of faith and life, we will help to promote a culture of peace.'

Each of us, therefore, should respond to the Lord's call to start 'helping those around us to overcome divisions and hostility and to build communion.' [Quotes from Homily at the Cathedral of Albano, 20 July 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250720-omelia-albano.html>]

REFLECTION

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The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from *2 Timothy*. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

2nd Sunday of Lent Time

Next Week's Readings—3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22.*

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1-9*

First Reading: *Exodus 17:3-7*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 94:1-2. 6-9.*

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-2. 5-8*

Gospel: *John 4:5-42*



BAPTISMS

Baptism are celebrated during the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil or 9.30am Sunday Masses.

Baptisms are also celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday's of the month after Mass at 11.00am.



Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, 28th February
5.00pm—6.00pm

MASS TIMES

MON	NO MASS
TUES	NO MASS
WED	9.00am
THURS	NO MASS
FRI	9.00am
SAT	6.00pm
SUN	9.30am

If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the Mass Coordinator.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

The parish Lenten Program is held every Monday during Lent at **10.00am in the Parish Office**. All are welcome to attend even if you are unable to come to all the sessions. We do still have a few Lenten books available.

PARISH FUNDRAISER—4 MARCH 2026

A Repertory Theatre production, 'The Game's Afoot' - a COMEDY murder mystery whodunit, with a Sherlock Holmes theme.

Last Chance! We have only 3 tickets remaining!

Our multi-draw raffle will be drawn on the evening of the production.

Tickets 3 for \$5.00. Prizes include:

Vouchers—\$100 Café Valetta, \$75 Springs Nursery, \$50 Bunnings. 2 Boxes Chocolates, Gift Tin of Nobby's Nuts, Champagne Flutes, 2 Gift Boxes from the Tea Centre, Red Tractor Bone China Mug. All funds raised will go towards urgent maintenance of the Parish Church and grounds.

Sacramental Program 2026

In 2026, St Theresa's parish will offer

Confirmation and First Eucharist in June and First Reconciliation in August.

Confirmation and First Eucharist formation have begun in the parish. Children who are in year 4 or above are welcome to receive these sacraments. If you missed the Information night for Confirmation and First Eucharist, please contact the office to enable your child/children to be part of the program.

Preparation sessions for the program will be Mondays at 3.15pm or Wednesdays at 5.30pm in the parish office meeting room.

You are also welcome to prepare in small groups at home or within your own individual family.

If you have any questions please contact the parish office or Monica Brennan, the pastoral associate by phone: 4639 4588 or email: sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au

LENT 4 KIDS

Are you looking for creative, fun and faith-filled ways to invite children into the liturgical season of Lent? The Children & Families Team from Archdiocesan Ministries has created a webpage with a variety of resources created to support you as you engage our youngest disciples in this Lenten season. Check it out at tinyurl.com/Lent4Kids

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Tyrell (mother of Anne Anderson) and Marie West—Funeral Tuesday, 3 March at 10am

ANNIVERSARIES —28 February—6 March

Noreen Lalor, Bianca Ruffini, Marguerite River, Pat Nolan, Daniel Gainey Julie Canavan, Lyn Bailey, Daphene Smith, Joan Lalor, Nola Churchett, Barry Ridsdale, Josh Clark, Tess Turner, Toni Oberman, Patricia Johnston and Chris McNally.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners Helen Muller, Robert Gillespie, Betty Bagley, Anne Thomas, Susan Quirk, Marie Ah See & Elizabeth Curtis
Friends and Family Nicholas Grunden, Lyn Lee, Hannah Parton, Jan Boyd, Aye Aye Hla, Lawrie Atzeni, Imogen Atkins, Catherine Castelli, Naser, Madeline (Sally) Gray, Mary Gleeson, Geraldine Hurley, Iain Bruce, Jennifer Fogarty, Erica Armagnacq, Geoff Doyle, Anna O'Toole, Phil Connolly, Shona Kraayvanger, Indiana Harman, Louis Gandini, Connie Bamgart, Max Shearer, John Mullen, Molly Schmidt, Dowling Family, Marty Heysen, Fr Peter McGrath CP and Judy March.



The WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative. It is run under the motto “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,” and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. **Thursday 5 March 6:30pm at St Bart’s Toowoomba** with guest speaker Ashley Saunders, the National Director of Barnabas Aid. Barnabas Aid does a lot of work in Nigeria, our country of focus this year. **Friday, 6th March 10am Lutheran church on the Highway, Highfields.** We pray this year for many women and in particular girls who face difficult circumstances. Come along and join in this wonderful service and enjoy a sumptuous morning tea afterwards.

ST MARY’S WARWICK CENTENARY: Centenary celebration Sunday, 15 March 2026. Eucharist will be celebrated 8.30am by Bishop Ken Howell. Festivities to celebrate the occasion to follow and will include luncheon, live music, coffee van, children’s entertainment & historical displays. To **RSVP please use the QR Code** located on the notice board in church foyer.

ST PATRICK’S IRISH NIGHT: Saturday, 21 March at 6:00pm St John’s School, 29 Duke Street Roma. Tickets: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-patricks-irish-night-march-2026-tickets-1983021560870. All Saints’ Parish Roma invites you to celebrate St Patrick’s Day in style with a night filled with Irish music, dancing, and fun! Join us for an evening of traditional Irish food, live music, and plenty of Guinness. Wear your best green outfit and get ready to dance the night away.

SPRED COMMUNITY MASS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN TOOWOOMBA DIOCESE: Sunday, 22nd March 2026, 11.00am at St Theresa’s Parish. Followed by a catered luncheon in Mater Dei School Hall. For seating and catering please **RSVP by Monday, 2 March.** Either via phone 07 4632 8427 or email: spread@twb.catholic.org.au.

SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESAN SYNOD: Friday, 22—Saturday, 23 October.

WEBINAR: WOMEN IN THE CHURCH: 5 March at 7.00pm AEDT Online via Zoom, Register at <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/women-in-the-church-webinar/>. The Council of Australasian Catholics present a webinar featuring Claire Victory, Kate Fogarty, and Sally Douglas who are actively engaged in the Church, and will share their perspectives on women in the Church. A broad range of issues will be discussed, including the challenges women faced in the early Church, as well as ideas for the sort of Church they would like to see today.

SAVE THE DATE: BISHOP HOWELL’S PARISH PASTORAL VISIT: 12-14 June 2026: St Theresa’s Parish & Mater Dei School.

MARCH 2026 THE POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray, Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue, and diplomacy instead of violence. *Leo P.P. XIV*

Parish Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Monica Brennan, Elizabeth Curtis, Allison Busiko, Greg Hallam, Gerard Hore, Julie Raitelli, David Rogan, Martin Stinson, Dave Wilson. Bernadette & Glen Whisson.

Finance Committee

Fr. Brian Noonan, Warren Dredge, Ray Taylor, Shane Blakeley, Tim Burgess & Pat Richardson.

Liturgy Team

Fr. Brian Noonan, Peter Kenny, Monica Brennan, Gay Jorgensen & Elizabeth Stewart.

Musicians

Norma Kenny, Elizabeth Stewart, Kathy Sternes, Libby Rosentreter, Charlotte & Emma Stinson.

Baptism Team

Jenny Ryan, Bernadette Hede, Jan Watkins, Anne Anderson, 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

Care & Concern Team

Damian Carroll 0409 662 047

RCIA

David Wilson 0451 131 849

St Vincent de Paul

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1800 846 643

Parish Contact Details

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Second Sunday of Lent

28 February—1 March 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us,
as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

DOLLAR MATCH DAY IS COMING!

Next **Wednesday, 4 March**, every donation raised online for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion will be MATCHED by a generous supporter, up to a cap of \$50,000 – doubling your donations and their impact. That's right...

A \$50 donation will become \$100

A \$100 donation will become \$200

Dollar Match Day starts at 10.00 (AEDT) and will run until our \$50,000 matched funding cap is reached. Make sure you set a reminder and get ready to act fast, as this opportunity is open to all our schools, parishes and individual fundraisers – and once the funds are gone, they're gone!

**Donations will be matched up to \$1,000 per individual donation*



Special Year of St Francis

800th anniversary

of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

(1181 or 1182 – October 3, 1226)

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

(Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace:

where there is hatred,

let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying

that we are born to eternal life.



Planned Giving—21-22 Feb 2026: Envelopes: \$300.00, Loose: \$608.90, Direct Deposits: \$936.00 & Tap & Go: \$100.00

St Theresa's Catholic Parish (*Planned Giving Only*) BSB: 064786 Account No: 100014392

Regular Parish Gatherings & Meetings

Gospel Reflection Group Every Monday

10am at the Parish office meeting room. All welcome.

Care & Concern Meeting 2nd Monday of 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

Infin8 Catholic Residents Mass & Prayer Liturgy

Upcoming Parish Events

March

2 Monday	Parish Lenten Program 10.00am Parish Office Sacramental Preparation 3.15pm
4 Wednesday	Parish Morning Tea 9.45am Cobb & Co Repertory Theatre Fundraiser —seated by 7.25pm
5 Thursday	Parish Finance Committee Meeting 4.30pm Parish Council Meeting 6.00pm
9 Monday	Parish Lenten Program 10.00am Parish Office Sacramental Preparation 3.15pm
11 Wednesday	Sacramental Preparation 5.30pm
13 Friday	Infin8 Mass at 10.30am