



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.

7—8 March 2026

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A

POPE LEO'S LENS

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'Walking together, walking with everyone,' Pope Leo declares, 'means being a Church that lives among the people, welcomes their questions, soothes their sufferings and shares their hopes.'

The Pope reminds us 'to be close to families, young people, the elderly and those who live in solitude. Continue to devote yourselves to the care of the poor', he adds.

Similarly, the Pope encourages us to pay 'attention to the smallest and most vulnerable, so that a culture of prevention of all forms of abuse may also develop.'

'I would like everyone to commit themselves to the challenge of effective communion,' he explains, 'so that the face of a collegial Church, which shares common steps and choices, may take shape.'

We are called, he reminds us, to adopt a 'synodal style', through which 'we learn to work together, and ... we all make an effort to build open, hospitable and welcoming Christian communities in which relationships are translated into mutual responsibility for the proclamation of the Gospel.'

'A synodal Church,' he explains, is one 'which walks the path traced by history while confronting the emerging challenges of evangelisation'. It also, he adds, 'needs to renew herself continually. We must avoid allowing inertia, even when motivated by good intentions, to slow down the necessary changes.'

[Quotes from Address at the 81st General Assembly of the Italian Bishops' Conference, 20 November 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/november/documents/20251120-assisi-cei.html>]

REFLECTION

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All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

3rd Sunday of Len

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

Next Week's Readings—4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 22

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



BAPTISMS

7 March 2026

we welcome into our parish

*Alison Louise Kalinowski
Zephyr Raivin Kalinowski*

Sky Melody Kalinowski

River Dennis Kalowski

Jasmine May Roach

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.

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 Big Thank you to everyone who supported our Parish Fundraiser at the Repertory Theatre production, 'The Game's Afoot' - a COMEDY murder mystery whodunit. We might have to be wary of one of our talented parishioners from now on. 😊

Our multi-draw raffle was a big success and we congratulate the winners:

Roz McKelvie—2 prizes, Theresa Vanderham, Ray Taylor, Monica Brennan, Barb MacDiarmid and her friend Barb, Shirley O'Connor, Roger Douglas, David Wilson, Mournen Shreck, Leona Parker, and Mary Otto.

Another special thank you to our parish secretary Cheryl Rens for her organisational talent and skills. They were much appreciated.

Sacramental Program 2026

Preparation sessions for the Confirmation and First Eucharist program are underway. There will be a session on Monday at 3.15pm this week and next week. Wednesday sessions at 5.30pm have finished and will recommence after the school holiday break. These sessions are in the parish office meeting room.

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

Holy week and Easter liturgy Rosters

The rosters for volunteers for various ministry roles for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Veneration of the Cross, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning are available in the foyer.

Please take the time to look at them and add your name. We appreciate your support over these special liturgical celebrations.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNIVERSARIES —7—13 March

Peg Ashton, Dennis Tildesley, Leith Belot, Ellis Kingsley Grey, George Wilson, Breeg Henly-Smith, Bill Jones, Ivy Butler,

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners Helen Muller, Robert Gillespie, Betty Bagley, Anne Thomas, Susan Quirk, Marie Ah See. John & Thérèse Erbs & Elizabeth Curtis

Friends and Family June Pascoe, Darrell Callinan, 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.



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.

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.

FR MICK MCCLURE FAREWELL FROM HELIDON CELEBRATION: Sunday, 22 March - 2.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Gunn St Helidon. All are warmly welcome to join the Helidon community in giving thanks for the dedicated ministry of Fr Mick McClure. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell, and refreshments will follow. Please RSVP to Helidon Parish by 15/3/26 for catering helidon@twb.catholic.org.au

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.

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

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

HARVEST JOURNEYS - DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE: September 2026. You are welcome to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on a pilgrimage through Spain, France, and Italy, in the footsteps of St Dominic, St Catherine of Siena, and other Dominican saints. Departing 26 September 2026, returning 9 October 2026. For more information, see flyer on notice board in foyer, go to harvestjourneys.com/PV2656 or email Sydney@op-tn.org

ACBC PASTORAL LETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference bishop delegate for women, Bishop Michael Morrissey, has written a pastoral letter to mark International Women's Day (to be celebrated on Sunday, March 8). <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/pastoral-letter-on-international-womens-day/>

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

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Third Sunday of Lent

7—8 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.



A Prayer for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis, our brother, you who 800 years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us with the Lord.

In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognised true peace, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders.

In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

The Diocese is seeking friendly volunteers to help preserve our community's history. If you enjoy data entry, working in a team, and meeting new people, we'd love to have you join us. There are a variety of short and long term projects, including:

Listing and checking scrapbook or photo album content

Sorting and cataloguing encyclicals

Identifying and describing photos

Recording details from memorial cards

Assisting with small heritage and artwork description tasks

Whether you prefer hands on sorting or simple digital recording, there's something for everyone. Interested in helping protect our past for future generations? Contact Diocesan Archivist Madelaine Wallace mwallace@twb.catholic.org.au or Phone 07 4632 7484

Planned Giving 28 Feb—1 Mar : Envelopes: \$315.00, Loose: \$445.00, Direct Deposits: \$2100.00 & Tap & Go: \$40.00
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

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
27 Friday	Show Holiday—OFFICE CLOSED
28-29	Palm Sunday
30 Monday	Chrism Mass 5.30pm at the Cathedral

April

1 Wednesday	Parish Reconciliation at 6.00pm
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