



# 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.*

18—19 April 2026

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

## POPE LEO'S LENS

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that 'those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice.'

'Those who decided to follow him', the Pope suggests, 'were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing.'

Christ's being with us, the Pope makes clear, is integral to his mission.

Through this dynamic, the Pope says, 'the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ's flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God.'

This mystery illuminates our calling. As the Pope says, 'when we look at [the Church] closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However,' the Pope continues, 'it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ's presence and his saving action are manifested.'

Therefore, whatever our shortcomings, we are part of this mystery. There is no 'pure Church, separated from the earth', as the Pope puts it, but rather 'one Church of Christ, embodied in history', in which we all have a part to play.

[Quotes from General Audience, 4 March 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260304-udienza-generale.html>]

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## Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue. Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11.

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

### Next Week's Readings—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 22:1-6.

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10



### 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.

### Becoming a Catholic

St Theresa's Parish welcomes people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life— anyone who has a desire to learn about and enter into a life of faith in Jesus Christ. To learn more contact Fr Brian Noonan or the parish office.

### 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.	

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026—Recommences:** Preparation sessions for the Confirmation and First Eucharist program are underway. Following the school holiday break sessions will recommence **Monday, 20 April at 3.15pm and Wednesday, 22 April at 5.30pm.** These sessions are in the parish office meeting room. If you have any questions contact the parish office or Monica Brennan, the pastoral associate by ph: 4639 4588 or email: [sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au)

**TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM:** For the past four years, St Theresa's Parish and St Thomas Moore's Parish have been participating in the Toowoomba Winter Shelter program from June - August. Last year, we opened the doors every second Friday night to provide up to 10 guests an opportunity for a meal, a hot shower and a warm place to sleep for the night. This year we will again host Winter Shelter every second Friday night for 13 weeks, alternating between St Theresa's Parish and St Thomas More's Parishes. We need a large group of volunteers to make this program truly successful. More details to come in future bulletins. For more info contact: **Matt Boyd 0427 058 655** or [cityboyd03@gmail.com](mailto:cityboyd03@gmail.com) or the **parish office.**

**OLD BBQ PLATE:** The parish has acquired a new BBQ. Is anyone interested in taking the old plate (1155mm x 570mm) in as-is condition off our hands? The new owner may like to make a donation to Toowoomba Winter Shelter. Contact Gerard Hore, 0409 682 173.

### St Theresa's Parish Trivia Night

**Friday, 15 May 2026**

**5.30pm Sausage Sizzle for a 6.00pm start.**

Entry \$15.00 per person. Primary school children free.

Sausage Sizzle and bar available. BYO nibbles.

8 to a table. Individuals welcome to attend and join a table on the evening.

There will be a lucky door prize, raffle & prizes for Trivia challenge winners.

Tickets for entry, food and drinks go on sale from next weekend.

**Get a group together for an evening of fun and fellowship.**

*Seeking donations of food, drinks, prizes & time. More details next week.*

All funds raised will go towards urgent church building maintenance.

### RECENTLY DECEASED—Darcy Stewart

### ANNIVERSARIES —18—24 April

Ellen Morrissy, Frank Jones, Laurie Mackie, Joyce Penhaligon, Bryan Kenny, Daniel Schaumberg, Ray Clark, Jack West, Charles Canavan, Joyce McCormack, Katherine Holdup and Colleen Johnstone.

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

**Parishioners** Roger Douglas, Steve Anning, Isabel Gall, Robert Gillespie, Betty Bagley, Anne Thomas, Susan Quirk, Marie Ah See, John & Thérèse Erbs & Elizabeth Curtis.

**Friends and Family** Sharon Ryan, June Pascoe, Darrell Callinan, Nicholas Grunden, 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.

### APRIL 2026 THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. *Leo P.P. XIV*



**WEBINAR: LITURGY FOR THE MODERN CHURCH:** Thursday, 23 April at 7:00pm. Online via Zoom, register at [www.garrattpublishing.com.au](http://www.garrattpublishing.com.au) (events). A webinar hosted by the Council of Australasian Catholics and Garrett Publishing. Where is liturgy at? How would you devise liturgy for today's church? Carmel Pilcher and Justin Stanwix, both experienced liturgists, will draw on their lengthy and varied experience to discuss how Liturgy can be renewed to reflect the modern Church.

**SAVE THE DATE: BISHOP KEN HOWELL PARISH PASTORAL VISIT: 12-14 June 2026.** Bishop Ken will be making a Pastoral Visit to Mater Dei Primary School on Friday, 12 June. The Bishop will be visiting St Theresa's Parish Community and celebrating Mass on Saturday and Sunday, 13-14 June.

**A MORNING WITH HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL CHARLES MAUNG BO—Hope in Action, A Dialogue on Mission:** Sunday, 3 May commencing with Mass at 9:00am followed by morning tea at 10:15am, St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba. Catholic Mission warmly invites you to a special morning with His Eminence Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, SDB, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar. Cardinal Bo, a Salesian priest ordained in 1976, has dedicated his life to accompanying communities through decades of conflict, poverty, and social upheaval. As Myanmar's first and only Cardinal, he is a courageous and tireless advocate for peace and reconciliation in his homeland. He has consistently spoken out against injustice, while promoting dialogue and unity during times of profound national challenge. Our "Hope in Action" event will feature Cardinal Bo sharing his vision for educating and empowering young people in Myanmar, with the aim of building a more just, peaceful, and hopeful future. **Please RSVP by 24th April 2026. Registration is essential a <https://tinyurl.com/CMStPatMass>.**

**JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS CROSS:** Save the date - 22 June -5 July 26

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL** Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

**SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESAN SYNOD: Friday, 23—Saturday, 24 October.**

**ABRAHAMIC FAITH GATHERING:** Tuesday, 5 May 2026. Time: 5.45pm, followed by a light dinner at St Anthony's Community Centre, 3 Memory St. Harristown. The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on "Forgiveness". For more information see the flyer in church foyer.

## 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

For Assistance  
1800 846 643

## Parish Contact Details

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**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 11.00am – 5.00pm & Friday 11.00am—4.00pm

**Parish Priest**—Fr Brian Noonan

Ph: 0458 967 094 [bnoonan@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:bnoonan@twb.catholic.org.au)

**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)

**Special Year of St Francis** (1181 or 1182 – October 3, 1226)  
800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

**TOOWOOMBA SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS:** **Saturday 16 May**, 9.30-11.30am at Edmund Rice Cultural Centre, St Mary's College Toowoomba. **Tuesday 16 June**, 6-8pm at Micah Centre, Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, Toowoomba Online: **Tuesday 26 May**, 10-11.30am via Teams Registration essential at: <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningsessions>

**SAVE THE DATE: BIG BAND ON THE GREEN:** Sunday, 17 May, 2-4pm at the TCSO lawn, overlooking St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets \$25pp, bookings **Try Booking** [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1534864](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1534864). Family friendly afternoon of big band favourites, performed live by the Jim Miller Big Band. Settle in with your picnic, relax, and enjoy. Cathedral Restoration Project.

**SYCHAR : House of Prayer & Spirituality—Toowoomba:** Sychar welcomes all who thirst for inner growth and spiritual nourishment. We are currently offering 'THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING' - 8 May 10.00am—3.00pm. To find events visit [www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/](http://www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/) or call **0458 223 603**.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS—WORLD MISSION MAY ROSARY:** Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission rosary. This beautiful tradition—created in 1951 by the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in the United States—was born from his desire to pray for the whole world, especially for those living in poverty. Today, it continues the mission and spirit of our foundress, Blessed Pauline Jaricot. We are thrilled to invite you to our special Rosary prayer sessions dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday—Friday, 1–31 May from 2.00–3.00pm. **RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> April** if you can attend online and to request a 'Teams' link by emailing: [Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au).

**APPEALS**

Good Friday/Holy Places Appeal : \$594.05  
Project Compassion/Lenten Program: \$2421.65

**PARISH FUNDRAISING**

Repertory Theatre, 4 March : \$3048.77. This fundraiser was such a huge success thanks to the many generous donations received, enabling us to minimise expenses. All funds raised will go towards eradicating a serious mould issue in the parish church. First quote for this work is approx. \$7000.00 we are currently seeking further quotes.

**GRANTS**

Successful grant application: Kitchen upgrade (BBQ, dishwasher, fridge, freezer) – used for Winter Shelter  
Gambling Community Benefit Fund – Round 124 \$6,278.00

**PARISH FINANCE**

Planned Giving 4 -5 Apr : Envelopes: \$115.00 Loose: \$1199.45 Direct Deposits: \$1810.00 Tap & Go: \$121.00

Planned Giving 11-12 Apr : Envelopes: \$630.00 Loose: \$385.20 Direct Deposits: \$925.00 Tap & Go: \$60.00

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.

**Care & Concern Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Friday or Saturday of the Month**  
Infin8 Catholic Residents Mass & Prayer Liturgy

**Upcoming Parish Events—April**

20 Monday	Gospel Reflection Group 10am at Parish Office Sacramental Program 3.15pm at Parish Office
21 Tuesday	School Returns
22 Wednesday	Sacramental Program 5.30pm at Parish Office
25 Saturday	ANZAC DAY
26 Sunday	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
27 Monday	Gospel Reflection Group 10am at Parish Office Sacramental Program 3.15pm at Parish Office
28 Wednesday	Sacramental Program 5.30pm at Parish Office