

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.

25—26 April 2026

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER—GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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POPE LEO'S LENS

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'Unified in Christ, Lord and Saviour of every man and woman, the Church can never turn inwards on herself,' Pope Leo XIV affirms. Rather, it 'is open to everyone and is for everyone.'

The Pope reminds us that 'what really matters in the Church is to be grafted onto Christ, to be children of God by grace. ... We are in the Church in order to receive life from the Father unceasingly and to live as His children and brothers and sisters among ourselves.'

'Consequently,' the Pope continues, 'the law that animates relationships in the Church is love, as we receive and experience it in Jesus.' This being so, we cannot shut the gates to that love. The Church's destination, as the Pope explains, 'is the Kingdom of God, towards which she walks together with all humanity.'

'Even those who have not yet received the Gospel', the Pope adds, 'are therefore, in some way, oriented towards the people of God.' Within the Church 'there is, and there must be, a place for everyone.' Our welcome to every seeker of truth is part of our calling. The Church, as the Pope makes clear, 'is a sign placed in the very heart of humanity, a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.'

[Quotes from General Audience, 11 March 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260311-udienza-generale.html>]

The Shepherd's Voice

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In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

4th 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

Next Week's Readings—5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19.

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

BAPTISMS

26 April 2026

we welcome into our parish

Roman Norm Standage
Emilia Jade Standage

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.



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. Next session **Monday, 27 April at 3.15pm and Wednesday, 29 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

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 or the **parish office.**

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.

Complimentary Tea and Coffee.

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

All funds raised will go towards urgent church building maintenance.

Tickets go on sale this weekend and can be purchased or booked after mass or by contacting the parish.

Seeking donations of food, drinks, prizes & time. A clip board is available in the foyer with more details on how you can help.

Pre-ordering of food and drinks from next weekend to assist with catering.

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNIVERSARIES —25 April—1 May

Lawrie Jennings, Jocelyn De Pascali, Adam Flynn, Nilla Sternes, Thelma Hill, Francois Frichot, Margaret McNally, Diana Teagle, Patrick O'Brien, Agnes Beauchamp and Les Caldwell.

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*



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>.**

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

THREE SAINTS CELEBRATION—30th Anniversary: St Joseph's Parish, Stanthorpe, QLD. Sunday, 3 May. 10.30am Food & Drink Stalls, 12.30pm Rosary, 1.00pm Mass with Bishop Ken Howell, 2.30pm Procession. 3.00pm Live Entertainment and 6.30pm Laser Light Show. All welcome and no registration required. For more information contact the Parish on 07 4681 2157 or see the flyer in the Church Bulletin Board.

TOOWOOMBA SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS: The **Synod Listening Sessions** are an integral part of the Synod process. These sessions enable us to gather as a diocese, share our joys and sorrows, pray together, and discern where the Holy Spirit is encouraging us to take action for our future. This is an opportunity for each person in the diocese to contribute to our Synod, with the information gathered at these sessions being directly fed back to the Bishop for his discernment and deliberation for the Synod assembly which will be held **23-24 October 2026**.

Registrations for these sessions are essential.

Visit: www.trybooking.com/eventlist/toowoombasynodlisteningessions

Listening Sessions hosted by the Diocese in Toowoomba:

- ◆ **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

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

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

YOU ARE INVITED to the 2026 SPRED Appeal Launch - Celebrating 40 Years of Belonging, Faith, and Joy: Thursday, 28 May 2026, 11.00am - 12noon SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street, Toowoomba. We would love you to join us as we launch the 2026 SPRED Appeal and celebrate 40 years of creating a place where people living with an intellectual disability, and the volunteers who accompany them, find friendship, faith, and a true sense of belonging **RSVP:** by 18 May 2026—Melissa McKay at spred@twb.catholic.org.au .

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace—Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord’s call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty - even in the name of a religious ideal - is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

The courage to commit—In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: “Rise up!” Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: “Have the courage to commit!” Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive.

Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

Excerpts: catholicoutlook.org/pope-francis-message-for-the-61st-world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations/

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.

Planned Giving 18-19 Apr : Envelopes: \$175.00 Loose: \$581.60 Direct Deposits: \$932.00 Tap & Go: \$120.00
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 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 Friday or Saturday of the Month**
Infin8 Catholic Residents Mass & Prayer Liturgy

Upcoming Parish Events

- April**
- 25 Saturday ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 - 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
- May**
- 1 Friday Winter Shelter—Volunteer Emergency Training & Orientation, St Theresa’s Church
 - 2 Saturday Infin8 Prayer Liturgy
 - 3 Sunday Toowoomba Marathan
 - 4 Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED