



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.

2—3 May 2026

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR A

POPE LEO'S LENS

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Pope Leo XIV reminds us that through the paschal mystery Jesus became 'a blessing for all and forever.' In a sense, this is what Jesus calls each of us to do too. We are called to be Christ's blessing for our neighbourhoods and neighbours.

This calling is critical to our parish life. Each Sunday, the Pope says, 'we gather around Jesus', who 'encourages us' to live the great promise and precious treasure of 'living to give life!'

This being so, the Pope encourages us to listen to Jesus. 'He journeys with us, even today, to teach us', the Pope says. And what Jesus teaches is 'the logic of unconditional love.'

'Let us listen to him,' the Pope implores, 'let us enter into his light so as to become the light of the world, starting with the neighbourhood where we live. The whole life of the parish and its groups exists for this reason: it is a service to light, a service to joy.'

Each one of us, then, is called to build up our communities through 'the gaze of faith, which transfigures everything with hope, putting passion, sharing and creativity into circulation as a cure for the many wounds' we see around us.

[Quotes from Pastoral Visit Homily, 1 March 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260301-visita-pastorale-settore-est.html>]

Mutual Indwelling

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The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.' Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can *share* in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

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

Next Week's Readings—6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20.

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 or 4:13-16

Gospel: John 14:15-21 or 17:1-11



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. Next session **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: 07 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 are 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.

Entry tickets can be pre-purchased before/after masses or on the night.

RECENTLY DECEASED—Susan Quirk (Patrick Quirk's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES —2 May—8 May

Peter Smith, William Hutchison, Arthur Schneider, Lance Jelley, Les Murphy, Mary Reilly, Thomas Ryan, Peter Meiklejohn, Denise Hodgson, John Brunner, Peta Murphy, Alice Meiklejohn, John Robinson.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

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

Friends and Family Jim Curtis, Margaret Mary Lawson, 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.

MAY 2026 THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. *Leo P.P. XIV*



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/toowoombasynodlisteningsessions
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

Can't get to a listening session? There are resources available to help you facilitate your own discussions within your parish, school, and other interested groups. Please contact the Synod Team to receive these documents: synod@twb.catholic.org.au Everyone is encouraged to join the conversation, to listen to others, and to discover our shared future as a diocese.

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, Thursday. The Bishop will be visiting St Theresa's Parish Community and celebrating Mass on Saturday and Sunday, 13-14 June .

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:** 18 May, Melissa McKay at spred@twb.catholic.org.au.

2026 SPRED APPEAL – 5 MAY – 30 JUNE: Your donation helps ensure this vital ministry continues. Donate today: www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate.

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 17 – 24 May: Everyone is welcome to join us for an ecumenical service at the following locations. Tuesday, 19 May at 9.30am. St Anne's Anglican Church, 26 Highfields Road (Crn Kuhls Rd) Highfields. Refreshments after the Service. Thursday, 21 May at 10.00am at St Luke's Anglican Church, Toowoomba. Followed by refreshments.

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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Office Hours—Monday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Wednesday 11.00am – 4.00pm & Friday 11.00am—4.00pm

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Pastoral Associate—Monica Brennan

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Parish Secretary— Cheryl Rens

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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.

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.

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.

Caritas Australia—Donate for Emergency Relief: Donate now to support vulnerable communities who have been impacted by disasters and emergencies around the world. Humanitarian aid saves lives in times of disaster. There are several emergency appeals you can support by visiting www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/

WORLD WIDE MARIAN PROCESSION 13 June—Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Every parish around the world is invited to participate in this event by celebrating a Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, or Mass. To find out more and register interest in participating, visit the website. <https://worldwidemarianprocession.com/>

LAUDATO SI' WEEK Date: 17-24 May 26. One week. One concrete action. One global response. Laudato Si' Week is a global Catholic celebration. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', it joins Catholics around the world in renewing our commitment to care for creation. This year the theme is Hope to Action and encourages each of us to take one action during Laudato Si' Week to care for our common home.

RENEWED & SENT: PARISH RENEWAL SUMMIT 1-3 October 26: The Summit will be held at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown NSW. Renewed and Sent is a national summit that brings together priests, parish teams, and lay people who care deeply about the future of parish life. Over two days, participants will hear from experienced leaders, learn from real stories of renewal, and explore practical ideas that can help their own communities grow in mission. The summit is designed to offer encouragement and practical wisdom, revealed in successful renewal efforts. It offers a dedicated space for leaders to reflect on spiritual invitations and the potential future of their parishes. Organised by the Diocese of Wollongong and Divine Renovation. Visit the website for more information about the summit www.renewedandsent.com.au.

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/ or call **0458 223 603**.

Planned Giving 25-26 Apr : Envelopes: \$335.00 Loose: \$307.50 Direct Deposits: \$1736.00 Tap & Go: \$30.00
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

May

2 Saturday	Infin8 Prayer Liturgy
3 Sunday	Toowoomba Marathan
4 Monday	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED
6 Wednesday	Parish Morning Tea, 9.45am at Cobb & Co. Sacramental Program 5.30pm at Parish Office
7 Thursday	Parish Council Meeting
9 Saturday	Lyn Lee, Memorial Service—St Theresa's Church at 10.00am
10 Sunday	MOTHER'S DAY