



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.

9—10 May 2026

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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POPE LEO'S LENS

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The Church, as Pope Leo XIV puts it, is called 'to be certain that the Holy Spirit guides us and teaches us all things.' Jesus calls us to 'remain in his love,' as the Pope reminds us, so that thereby 'he comes to dwell in us and our life will become a temple of God.'

Yet this indwelling of Jesus is more than a personal fuzzy feeling. 'His love enlightens us,' the Pope adds, which 'influences the way we think and act.' In our attitudes and actions, Jesus' love 'spreads outwards to others and embraces every situation in our lives.'

'This dwelling of God within us,' the Pope continues, 'is precisely the gift of the Holy Spirit, who takes us by the hand and enables us to experience God's presence and closeness amid our daily lives, for he makes us his home.' With that great mystery in mind, the Pope implores us to 'walk in the joy born of faith, in order to become a holy temple of the Lord.'

'Let us resolve to bring his love everywhere,' the Pope encourages us, 'never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering.'

[Quotes from *Regina Caeli*, 25 May 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2025/documents/20250525-regina-caeli.html>]

Parallel Truths

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Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: '*paraclete*'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you *another Paraclete* to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a *Paraclete*, and he would send *another*.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, parallel. They run alongside each other. A *paraclete* is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another *Paraclete* dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This *Paraclete* particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two *Paracletes*, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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

Next Week's Readings—The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9.

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



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.

*Happy Mothers' Day
to all
the caring women
of our parish*



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, 11 May at 3.15pm & Wednesday, 13 May 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—Fr Jim Littleton msc

ANNIVERSARIES —9—15 May

Eileen Cartwright, Bryan Rafter, May Meiklejohn, Phil Long, Fred Heenan, Brother Joseph Mullen. Pam Edmondson, Adele Whisson, Delma Wells, Peg O'Brien, Caitlin Ryan, Dolly Otto, Pat Doyle, George Hooyer, Maryanne Otto, Leo Flynn, Moira Long, Minnie Spies, Mary Ryan, Margaret Fletcher, Catherine Herbert, Johannes Van Der Veen.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

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

Friends and Family Carmel Hicks, Jim Curtis, Margaret Mary Lawson, Sharon Ryan, June Pascoe, Darrell Callinan, Nicholas Grunden, 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.

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/

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**.

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

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 22 June–5 July: The Migrant Jubilee Cross symbolises the faith, gifts, contributions and resilience that the migrant communities bring to the Church and the wider community. The national Pilgrimage was launched on 5 October 2025 at St Christopher’s Cathedral Canberra, to coincide with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees and the Jubilee of Migrants as part of Jubilee Year 2025–2026. The Theme focuses on *mercy, inclusion, pilgrimage and renewal*.

The Migrant Cross has been crafted from Australian Timber and mounted on a boat-shaped base, the Cross reflects the migrant journey and the Church’s call to be a refuge and home for all. It contains relics of the Holy Family (from the manger, veil of Mary and cloak of St Joseph), on loan from the Order of the Discalced Augustinians) and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, gifted by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The National Pilgrimage of the Cross will travel to 28 Dioceses and four eparchies across Australia and will travel to Toowoomba Diocese from 22 June until the 5 July. During this time St Theresa’s Parish will host the Migrant Jubilee Cross. Date to be confirmed in the coming week.

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.

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.

Planned Giving 2-3 May : Envelopes: \$ 350.00 Loose: \$284.00 Direct Deposits: \$1645.00 Tap & Go: \$175.00
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

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| May | |
| 9 Saturday | Lyn Lee, Memorial Service—St Theresa’s Church at 10.00am |
| 10 Sunday | MOTHER’S DAY |
| 11 Monday | Gospel Reflection 10.00am, Parish Office
Sacramental Program 3.150pm at Parish Office |
| 13 Wednesday | Sacramental Program 5.30pm at Parish Office |
| 15 Friday | Parish Trivia Night 5.30pm for 6pm start |
| 17 Sunday | Parish/School Family Mass |
| 17-24 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| 18 Monday | Gospel Reflection 10.00am, Parish Office
Sacramental Program 3.15pm at Parish Office |