

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.

23—24 May 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY

YEAR A

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Bush Fire of Pentecost*

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire. The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

The Church, Pope Leo XIV reminds us, is more than an institution. It is 'mystery made perceptible.'

This mystery is not an unsolvable problem, but an indescribable reality. As the Pope explains, we experience the mysterious workings of Jesus' call to unity 'first of all in the assembly gathered for the liturgical celebration.' Our act of gathering, the Pope understands, 'is experienced as an attraction exerted by the cross of Christ, which is the supreme manifestation of God's love. It is feeling called together by God.'

Christ's summoning of us is therefore a sign of his presence among us. As the Pope elaborates, it is in our assembling for worship that 'differences are relativised, and what counts is being together because we are drawn by the Love of Christ.' Indeed, we thereby become a sign to the world that Jesus 'broke down the wall of separation between people and social groups.'

'The condition of humanity is one of fragmentation that human beings are unable to repair,' the Pope points out, 'even though the tendency towards unity dwells in their heart.' Our liturgical celebrations, therefore, are moments where 'Jesus Christ's action enters into this condition, and through the Holy Spirit, he overcomes the powers of division.' This is the mystery of his presence, still working among us.

[Quotes from General Audience, 18 February 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260218-udienza-generale.html>]



Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34
(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Sequence

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Next Week's Readings—Trinity Sunday

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Parish Community

- Cormac James Bernstone**
- Theodore William Journeaux**
- Kenzi Megan Clark**
- Ted James Twidale**
- Bobby August Becker**

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.

WINTER MASS TIMES June—August
Saturday Vigil Mass at **5.00pm** Sunday Mass at **9.30am**

Captain Cook and the Liturgical Calendar

Pentecost Sunday has been called Whit(e) Sunday for centuries by English Christians. On 3 June 1770, Whitsunday, James Cook's ship *Endeavour* was sailing through a passage among a group of islands off the east coast of what he would later call New South Wales. He called it Whitsunday Passage. The islands were the home of the Ngaro people. Next Sunday 10 June, well to the north, in the area of Yirrganydji people, Cook discovered a large bay. Again, he named it for the feast day; Trinity Bay. The cape at the south end of the bay, near modern Cairns, he called Cape Grafton after a British Prime Minister. The one at the northern end was named for an event that occurred that same night. *Endeavour* struck and stuck for several hours on a reef. Weeks of repairs followed. Cook called the nearby headland Cape Tribulation 'because there begun all our troubles'. Easter doesn't figure in any Cook-named places in Australia. The first sighting of eastern Australia was of Point Hicks in south-east Victoria (Bidawal and Gunaikurnai land) on 20 April 1770. The previous Sunday had been Easter.

MASS TIMES

MON	NO MASS
TUES	NO MASS
WED	9.00am Lay led liturgy
THURS	NO MASS
FRI	9.00am
SAT	6.00pm
SUN	9.30am

TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM: 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. First night is Friday 5 June.

We need a large group of volunteers to make this program truly successful. This year we will also be putting together care packs for men and women and seeking donations if items eg, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, famine Hygiene items etc. Donations can be left in the marked container in the church foyer or left at the parish office. More details to come in future bulletins. For more info contact:

Matt Boyd 0427 058 655 or cityboyd03@gmail.com or the **parish office.**

CALLING ALL BAKERS! HELP NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to join our baking roster. Whether you are a master baker or a packet-mix expert, we would love your help to make homemade treats for our monthly morning tea or for other special parish occasions. If you are able to help please to add your name to the roster by adding your name to the clip board in the church foyer or contacting the office sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

RECENTLY DECEASED: Geraldine Hurley (Gay Jorgensen's sister)

ANNIVERSARIES –23–29 May

Hilda White, Alan Mayo, Craig Bosley Deborah Leigh Gordon, Ellen Elizabeth Blackie, Mary Kreis, Stella Jeppesen, Terry Ahern, Barry Doyle, Col Patterson, May Minogue, Damian Quinn, Cecilia Lyons, Carmel Cross, Gerard Carroll, Margot Meiklejohn, Timothy Brady, Mary Murphy, Nancy Wilson

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/toowoombasynodlisteningessions

Listening Sessions hosted by the Diocese in 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.

Parish Trivia Night

A huge thank you to all who supported the Parish Trivia Night.

A special thank you to Greg Hallam and Elizabeth Curtis who developed a wonderful array of questions and activities for all to enjoy.

Overall the parish raised \$1643 to assist in the maintenance of our building.

Trivia teams ranking:

- 7th Place—Novices
- 6th Place—AVagosV2
- 5th Place—The Uncountables
- 4th Place—Hopefuls
- 3rd Place—The Mighty Mice
- 2nd Place—Mr Best
- 1st Place—Triple Treat.

Raffle prize winners

- 1st draw—Helen Blades
- 2nd draw—Madeleine Taylor
- 3rd draw—Robyn Blakeley
- 4th draw—Elizabeth Curtis
- 5th draw—Monica Brennan
- 6th draw—Kaylene Bruggemann

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation of all the volunteers who help us in so many ways.

Whether you help in a diocesan ministry, your parish or your school, your presence is part of the Gospel joy we bring to the world.

Thank you!



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.

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.

JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS CROSS 22 June–5 July: 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.

CENT SALE—30 May: The Peter Claver Sisters are holding a Cent Sale on Saturday May 30 at the St Patrick's Cathedral Centre Neil St. Entry fee is \$10. Children 12 and under are free. Multi draw prizes include 2 hampers, fruit, vegetable and meat trays. Doors open at 12.00 noon. Afternoon tea is served at 1.30pm and calling will start at 2.00pm. All proceeds go to the Missions. The Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY Event—26 May at 7.30am: Yarning Circle, Gumbi Gumbi Gardens, USQ, Tmba All are welcome to participate in this meaningful event where we remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families.

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 MYSTERY OF GOD IN LIFE’ 20 June 9.00am. To find events visit www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/ or call **0458 223 603**.

ATTENTION : Change in BISHOP KEN HOWELL’s PARISH PASTORAL VISIT.

Bishop Ken will be making a Pastoral Visit to Mater Dei Primary School on Thursday, 11 June.
The Bishop will be visiting St Theresa’s Parish Community and celebrating Mass on Saturday and Sunday, **4-5 July**

Office hours change for next week only 25-29 May

Monday 11am-4pm, Wednesday 11am-4pm, Thursday 11am—4pm, Friday—CLOSED

Planned Giving 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
Meeting bi-monthly 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

25 Monday Gospel Reflection 10.00am, Parish Office
Sacramental Program 3.15pm at Parish Office

26 Tuesday Council of Priests—Chinchilla

26 Tuesday Synod listening group **Online: Tuesday 26 May**,
10-11.30am via Teams

27 Wednesday Lay led liturgy

27 Wednesday Reconciliation liturgy for Confirmation
candidates 6.00pm at Parish Centre

June

1 Monday 3.15pm practice for Confirmation

2 Tuesday Celebration of Confirmation 6pm