

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.

30—31 May 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

YEAR A

Leo's Lens

'The mystery of union with Christ lies at the heart of mission', Pope Leo XIV reminds us. Indeed, as he explains, the Church itself is 'a communion that flows from the Trinity, and continues to be sustained by the Trinity. A communion at the service of fraternity among all human beings and harmony with all creation.'

'Being a Christian', therefore, the Pope explains, 'means abiding in Christ ... immersed in the life of the Trinity.' As the Pope puts it, 'the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us.' Our proclamation of the Gospel, therefore, the Pope adds, should be 'an action that is always harmonious, communal and synodal.' He encourages us to 'learn to recognise joyfully the good that the Spirit inspires in each person, to embrace diversity as a treasure, to bear one another's burdens and always to seek the unity that comes from above.'

'The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole,' the Pope encourages us to recollect, 'is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love.'

[Quotes from Message for World Mission Day 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20260125-giornata-missionaria.html>]

Reflection by Fr. Richard Leonard

Years ago I was asked to take a parish-based catechetics class for children from a government primary school. I started by trying to work out how much the children knew about the basics. I asked, 'When we make the sign of the cross, what do we say?' 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' came the firm reply. So far so good! I tried upping the bar. 'What do we call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' There was complete silence. I tried another track. 'What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross?' There was an awkward silence and then a bright little boy cheerily said, 'The old man, the young fella and the bird!'

No one can blame those children for the poverty of their images of the Trinity. Many older Catholics have similar images from paintings and holy pictures. The mystery of the Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God as Father, Son and Spirit it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. The special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

It took the early Christians four hundred years to fully grasp what Jesus was on about when he spoke of his relationship to the Father and Spirit. They struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being – love as One, act as One. They settled the 'how' of the Trinity's nature by teaching us that the persons of the Trinity are co-equal, co-substantial and co-eternal. They settled the 'why' of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love. They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute: we believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God!

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace, relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international. Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast. © Richard Leonard SJ

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

Next Week's Readings—Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12
(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



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.

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*

MASS TIMES

MON	NO MASS
TUES	6pm Rite of Confirmation
WED	9.00am
THURS	NO MASS
FRI	9.00am
SAT	5.00pm– Winter
SUN	9.30am

If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the Mass Coordinator.

WINTER MASS TIMES June—August
Commences 5 June 2026
 Saturday Vigil Mass at **5.00pm** Sunday Mass at **9.30am**



TRINITY SUNDAY

The bishop is quizzing the Reconciliation class on their knowledge of the faith.

'What is the Trinity?', the bishop asks young Jack.

A nervous Jack doesn't stop for breath as he recites quickly and quietly: 'God is one Being who exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'. Not quite hearing, the bishop asks Jack to repeat his answer, but just gets the same hurried,

'God is one Being who exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'.

'I'm sorry,' the bishop says, 'I still don't understand'.

'You're not meant to', says Jack, 'it's a Mystery'.



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 of items eg, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNIVERSARIES –30 May– 5 June

Ron Beachamp, Mary Smith, Eric Leonardi, Roland Gralow, Leo (Murray) Doyle, Mat Long, Margot Meiklejohn, Ann Gainey, Lesley Sternes, Zeta Schaumberg, Vonnie Fry, Yvonne Conroy, Bennett Zeller, Archie Clark, Ross Jeppesen, Pat Coonan, Alan Griinke, Lindsay Otto, Josephine Ragg, Laurel White, Tony Atzeni, Mark O'Dea, Fr. Kevin Noble, Jean Green, Rita Maurer.

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, 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.



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/toowoombasynodlisteningssessions

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.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday night 2 June, 39 children will be confirmed by Bishop Ken Howell. Please keep them in your prayers.

Jack, Florence, Georgia, Adeline, Sophie, Jack, Francesca, Dakota, Tyler, Humphrey, Walter, Rosalie, Kendra, Edward, Patrick, Harriet, Ronan, Theodore, Hadley, Peyton, Evangeline, Sally, Owen, Maeve, Milla, Lukas, Amalia, Harrison, Louisa, Sienna, Thomas, Harrison, Harvey, Grace, Albert, Adeline, Mac, Carter and Richie



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

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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.

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.

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**.

St Stephen's School
110 Year Celebration
Sunday 2nd August 2026

*Past and present students, families,
and staff are warmly invited to:*

Mass with Bishop Ken Howell
8:30am, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsworth

Followed by:
open classrooms and morning tea at the school.

Please RSVP by Friday 25th July, 2026
to: pittsworth@twb.catholic.edu.au

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**

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

June

1 Monday	3.15pm practice for Confirmation
2 Tuesday	Celebration of Confirmation 6pm
4 Thursday	Parish Finance Council meeting 4.30pm
4 Thursday	Parish Pastoral Council meeting 6pm
5 Friday	Winter Shelter hosts
6 Saturday	5pm Vigil commences.
6/7 Sat/Sun	Celebration of First Eucharist
13 Saturday	Worldwide Marion Procession
14 Sunday	Parish morning tea after mass
16 Tuesday	Synod Listening Session 6-8pm Micah Centre
19 Friday	Winter Shelter hosts