



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.

6—7 June 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

YEAR A

HOMILY by Richard Leonard

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they begin to speak to the Pope.

‘Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.’ Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. ‘You tell me you hunger for bread.’ ‘Yes, yes’, the millions yelled in reply. ‘You tell me you hunger for God’, said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic ‘Yes! Yes!’ ‘I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied.’

The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there – many of them devout Catholics – and said very starkly, ‘I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back – it belongs to the poor.’

As extraordinary as the Pope's words were that day, Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are even more so. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him. John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass.

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say ‘Amen’. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, ‘Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.’

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

Hence, like the Pope in Peru, many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life here with the giving of bread which sustains life away from here. On average in our world 26,000 die every day of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, ‘The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.’ We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, ‘while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete’. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, ‘When I was hungry, did you feed me?’ This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions. May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs.

Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

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

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Next Week's Readings—11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3
(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 – 10:8



WINTER MASS TIMES

June—August

Saturday Vigil Mass—**5.00pm**

Sunday Mass—**9.30am**

MASS TIMES

MON	NO MASS
TUES	NO MASS
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.

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.

BAPTISMS

Baptism are celebrated during the 5.00pm 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.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend 6 -7 June, 31 children will receive their first Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Jack, Florence, Georgia, Adeline, Sophie, Jack, Dakota, Tyler, Rosalie, Edward, Patrick, Harriet, Ronan, Theodore, Evangeline, Sally, Maeve, Milla, Lukas, Amalia, Harrison, Louisa, Sienna, Thomas, Harrison, Harvey, Grace, Albert, Adeline, Mac, and Amarni

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 of Winter Shelter was held on 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. A Huge thank you for all the generous donations already received.

Our next Winter Shelter will be held on Friday, 19 June.

Each fortnight a list will be placed in the church foyer for ways to assist each upcoming Winter Shelter. For more info contact:

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

DATE CLAIMER: JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS CROSS 22 June—5 July: The Migrant Cross will be in our Parish Friday, 26 June commencing with 9.00am Mass. More details to follow shortly.

RECENTLY DECEASED—Robert 'Rob' Gillespie

ANNIVERSARIES —6—12 June

Rita Maurer, Nashaat Maksimous, Catherine Hanlon, Kay Connor, Patricia Osborn, Mary Hoysted, Michael Merritt, Tony Brady, Colin Stafford, Paul Smith, Michael Liddell and Mary Johnston.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners John & Thérèse Erbs, Roger Douglas, Steve Anning, Isabel Gall, 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.

JUNE 2026 THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray, that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth. 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:

- ◆ **Tuesday 16 June**, 6-8pm at Micah Centre, Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office, Toowoomba

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.

WORLD WIDE MARIAN PROCESSION: Saturday, 13 June at St Thomas More's Parish, Ramsay St Toowoomba. All are welcome to join this special procession as part of a world wide event. A procession will start at 9:30am, followed by Mass with Fr Brian Redondo, Adoration and refreshments.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: We are excited to begin planning for World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, in 2027, an amazing opportunity for young people to come together in faith, community, and incredible experiences. At this early stage, we are inviting expressions of interest from anyone who may wish to be part of this pilgrimage. Registering your interest doesn't lock you in — it simply ensures you receive updates as more details become available. If you'd like to learn more and stay informed, please contact: Rachel Pingel, Youth, Ministry rpingel@twb.catholic.org.au

APOSTOLIC NUNCIO VISIT: Archbishop Charles Balvo, Australia's Apostolic Nuncio (Pope Leo's representative in Australia) is set to retire at the end of June. Archbishop Charles will visit our Diocese for 9:00am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday 14 June. All are warmly welcome to attend.

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**

PRINT COPY: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Pope Leo XIV's first Encyclical addresses one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence. Order your print copy at <https://secure.stpauls.com.au> RRP \$14.95, available mid-June.

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.

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.

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**.

110 YEARS OF ST STEPHEN’S SCHOOL PITTSWORTH (Formally St Joseph’s School): Join us in celebrating a remarkable milestone! Sunday, 2 August at 8:30am, St Stephen’s Church and St Stephen’s School, Pittsworth. We warmly invite all past and present staff, students, and families to come together in thanksgiving and joy as we honour over a century of faith, learning, community, and tradition. This special occasion is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, share treasured memories, and celebrate the spirit that has shaped generations. Whether you were part of our earliest days as St Joseph’s or continue to journey with us as St Stephen’s, you are an important part of our story. Come and be part of this unforgettable celebration as we reflect on our rich history and look forward with hope to the future. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell. Following Mass will be open classrooms and morning tea at the school. We look forward to celebrating with you!

A Prayer for the 800th Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis, our brother, you who 800 years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us with the Lord.

In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognised true peace, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders.

In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

Planned Giving

16-17 May : Envelopes: \$ 330.00 Loose: \$1176.45 Direct Deposits: \$1152.00 Tap & Go: \$60.00
 23-24 May : Envelopes: \$ 110.00 Loose: \$700.85 Direct Deposits: \$1456.00 Tap & Go: \$70.00
 30-31 May : Envelopes: \$ 305.00 Loose: \$468.10 Direct Deposits: \$1660.00 Tap & Go: \$230.00

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
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

6 Saturday	5pm Vigil commences.
6 Saturday	Celebration of First Eucharist
7 Sunday	Celebration of First Eucharist
8 Monday	Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am
13 Saturday	Worldwide Marion Procession
14 Sunday	Parish morning tea after mass
15 Monday	Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am
16 Tuesday	Synod Listening Session 6-8pm Micah Centre
19 Friday	Winter Shelter hosts