

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.

20—21 June 2026

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

REFLECTION—*House-tops and Sparrows*

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Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. During the warfare that raged there, that Christian community faced terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

POPE LEO'S LENS

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'The Church,' Pope Leo explains, 'journeys through this earthly history always looking towards her final destination, which is the heavenly homeland.' This is the measure of who we are and what we do as Christians.

Sometimes we can become 'too focused on what is immediately visible', the Pope says, worrying about how the Church looks rather than what it does. At such times, the Pope intimates, we need reminding that the Church exists as 'God's people journeying through history, which has the Kingdom of God as the purpose of all her action.'

The Church, the Pope explains, 'lives in history in the service of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world.' This means that the Church is called to be 'the sign and instrument of that fullness of life and peace promoted by God.' We walk through time as 'guardian of a hope that enlightens the path', the Pope says. We are 'invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development.'

Therefore, we must always 'take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit,' the Pope declares. The Church, he reminds us, 'does not proclaim herself.' Rather, 'everything within her must point to salvation in Christ.' [Quotes from General Audience, 6 May 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260506-udienza-generale.html>]

Gospel Focus – *Fear*

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of 'do not be afraid' or 'fear not', it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – *From the house-tops*

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35.

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Next Week's Readings—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19.

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

BAPTISMS

21 June 2026

We welcome into our parish

Poppy Isabella Muhldoff

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.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

22 June: 9.00am—2.00pm
24 June: 9.00am—11.00am
26 June: 9.00am—2.00pm



The Migrant Jubilee Cross

Toowoomba Diocese 22 June—5 July

Next week, our diocese will receive the Migrant Jubilee Cross as part of its pilgrimage across Australia. The cross is a symbol that acknowledges and celebrates the faith, gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our local Church. The cross will journey through our diocese from Veritas Young Adults Group, to St Joseph's Parish Stanthorpe, to St Mary's Catholic Parish Warwick, to St Theresa's Parish Toowoomba, to St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba, to St Thomas More's Parish, Tmba, to St Vincent de Paul Tmba, and St Anthony's Catholic Parish Toowoomba.

St Theresa's will host the Cross Friday, 26th June from 9am to 1pm.

We will start with Mass at 9.00am and the rest of day will allow people to come and pray before the Cross. We will also need people or groups to sit in vigil with the cross during this time. **A roster can be found in the foyer.** If you cannot commit to a time please feel free to come and pray before the cross at any time.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba—Sunday, 28 June at 9.00am: Bishop Ken Howell will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral with the Migrant Jubilee Cross. All are warmly welcome to attend.

St Anthony's Parish, Toowoomba—Wednesday, 1 July from 5.00-8.00pm
An Evening of Prayer, Reflection and Music Around the Cross. Holy Angels St Vincent de Paul Conference and St Anthony's Parish invite you to join us in welcoming the Jubilee Migrant Cross. There will be music, prayer and reflection as well as a shared meal. Participants are invited to bring food that reflects your cultural heritage to share. All are welcome to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNIVERSARIES –20–26 June

Arthur Belot, Carl Muller, Craig Milne, Ray Clark, Peter Sewell, Michael Phelan, Albert 'Roy' Wilkinson, Bill Ryan, Bob Caskey, Craig Bosley, Deborah Gordon, Moya Meneely, Kevin d'Abadie, James Flood, Robert Powell, Betty Hughes, Kay Barnett, Ursula Barwick, Peg Jones, Sheila Strickland, Eric Copas, John Ganzer and Terrance Gilshenan.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners Neil Lynch, Greg Hallam, 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, Darrell Callinan, Jan Boyd, Aye Aye Hla, Lawrie Atzeni, Imogen Atkins, Catherine Castelli, Naser, Madeline (Sally) Gray, Mary Gleeson, Geraldine Hurley, 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, 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**

St Theresa's Parish

BISHOP KEN HOWELL'S PASTORAL VISIT—Schedule of Activities 4–5 July 2026

Saturday, 4 July—Parish Visit

- 9.00am Meet with Fr Brian
10.30am Morning Tea with Pastoral Council, Finance Committee & invited representatives of parish groups/ministries.
12.30pm Lunch with parishioners of the above groups
2.00pm Meet with Office Staff
2.30pm Home visits to elderly parishioners
5.00pm Vigil Mass for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.00pm Supper—Soup and Crusty bread after mass. An opportunity for all parishioners to meet and speak with Bishop Ken.

Sunday, 5 July—Parish Visit

- 9.30am Sunday Mass for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.30am Morning Tea—An opportunity for all parishioners to meet and speak with Bishop Ken.

TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM— Our next Winter Shelter will be held on Friday, 3 July. 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**.

We have also received a letter of thanks from St Stephen's Uniting Church:

*To the Congregation of St Theresa's Parish,
on Behalf of Stephen's Winter Shelter Day Space.
I would like to thank you very much for your kind donations
of lovely baking for the shelter.
This week is the 3rd one of this year (our 6th year)
and every assistance is very much appreciated.
Yours faithfully, Alison Beattie.*

VENERABLE MARY AIKENHEAD ORATION 2026: Thursday, 23 July 2026 from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Where: Online (or in person North Sydney). This year's oration is titled "Optimistic or Overwhelmed? Engaging Tech in an Age of Optimisation" and delivered by Associate Professor Victoria Lorrimar, Director, Centre of Technology and Human Futures at the University of Notre Dame Australia (Fremantle). We are living through rapid technological change, with generative AI and emerging innovations—from virtual worlds to brain-computer interfaces—reshaping how we live. As these tools collect increasing amounts of personal data, many of us feel both inspired and overwhelmed. In the spirit of Mary Aikenhead, this oration will reflect on how we can engage thoughtfully with these technologies in ways that promote the dignity and flourishing of every human person. To find out more <https://maryaikenheadministries.com.au/venerable-mary-aikenhead-oration-2026/>

Parish Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Brian Noonan, Monica Brennan, Elizabeth Curtis, Allison Busiko, Greg Hallam, Gerard Hore, Julie Raitelli, David Rogan, Martin Stinson, 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

Winter Shelter

Matt Boyd 0427 058 655

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.

BRONCOS LEGENDS LUNCH – Friday, 31 July: Oakes, 25 Annand Street Tmba. Cost & Details www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1599275. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon with the Brisbane Broncos, featuring a live Q&A with Dave Donaghy, Troy Thomson and a Broncos Legend, hosted by Ben Dobbin. Ticket also includes two-course lunch and 4-hour premium beverages package. Supporting the restoration of St Patrick’s Cathedral.

SAINT PETER’S PENCE: Peter’s Pence, is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope’s mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. **A second collection will be taken up on Sunday 28 June.** Every donation will support the Holy Father in his ministry and charitable activities.

SAVE THE DATE: ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL INGLEWOOD CELEBRATES 75 YEARS: 10 & 11 October 2026 at St Maria Goretti School Inglewood. All are welcome to join the school community in celebrating 75 years since opening in 1951. Details to follow.

THE WISDOM OF THE DESERT: Tuesday, 30 June at 5:00pm. Where: Chapel House, 68 Lindsay Street Tmba. Br Massimo Chang from the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God will present a talk on prayer, followed by a discussion and Q & A session. All welcome to attend. Flyer located in church foyer.

2026 SPRED Appeal, 5 May 2026 – 30 June 2026: In 2026, SPRED celebrates 40 years of creating a place of belonging, faith and joy for people with intellectual disabilities. More than a program, SPRED is a welcoming community where friendships grow, and faith is shared. Your donation helps ensure this vital ministry continues. Donate today: www.twb.catholic.org.au/donate.

Planned Giving Envelopes

As the end of the financial year approaches, it is nearly time for the renewal of our Planned Giving Envelopes. This year we are continuing to look at ways of minimizing costs, last year we utilised spare sets of unused envelopes by relabeling them. This year we are creating our own envelopes, effectively saving the parish close to \$230.00 in printing costs. Envelopes will become available shortly, we are just waiting on a envelope stamp to be made.

If you currently give via the Planned Giving envelopes and would prefer to contribute via credit card or direct debit, then ‘Direct Debit Request Forms’ are available from the Parish Office.

If you are not a current Planned Giver you may like to consider making a regular contribution either through the Planned Giving Envelopes, credit card or direct debit. For more information please contact the parish office.

All donations through Planned Giving support the ongoing work and upkeep of the parish.

Planned Giving 13-14 June : Envelopes: \$485.00 Loose: \$642.10 Direct Deposit: \$1527.00 Tap & Go: \$355.00
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

22 Monday Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am
26 Friday **Migrant Jubilee Cross 9.00am—1.00pm**
Commences with Mass at 9.00am
29 Monday Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

School Holidays 29 June—13 July

July

3 Friday **Winter Shelter hosts**
4 Saturday Infin8 Prayer Liturgy
4—5 **Bishop’s Pastoral Visit to the Parish**