



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.

27—28 June 2026

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

REFLECTION

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Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

POPE LEO'S LENS

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'We do not,' Pope Leo XIV said recently, 'dwell in an unfinished work, but in a temple still under construction.' Speaking in the beautiful Basilica of Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Pope was really talking about the whole Church. 'Since we are the temple of the Holy Spirit,' he reminds us, we are called to continually become a people who uplifts and welcomes others.

In today's Gospel Jesus places before us a model of welcome and hospitality. Rather than an inward-looking society, focused only on immediate family, we are called to love broadly and without discrimination. Like Jesus, we are called to lovingly serve the whole human family.

Such love, the Pope reminds us, goes beyond sentimentality. Christian love has real world implications. The Pope firmly declares that 'we cannot believe in Jesus and promote war. We cannot believe in Jesus and kill the innocent. We cannot believe in Jesus and abandon those who suffer, those who weep, those who flee from misery.'

As the Pope says, the cross is 'a banner of charity'. Explaining that 'God loves us in this way, transforming an instrument of death into a sign of hope,' the Pope wants us to see that taking up our cross means just this. We are called to be hope bearers.

[Quotes from Homily in Barcelona, 10 June 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026-documents/20260610-spagna-messa-sagrada-familia.html>]

Historical Context – A cup of cold water

Jesus says, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water' to a disciple spreading the gospel, then their ultimate reward is assured. To give 'a cup of cold water' or 'a cold drink' to another person was the most basic act of hospitality or service. It is a metaphor for doing the absolute least service to another. Jesus is saying that even the most trivial act of service that recognises the work of the disciple will be welcomed and acknowledged. It suggests that 'practical loving kindness' is both the test and the result of discipleship.

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

Next Week's Readings—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

BAPTISMS

28 June 2026

We welcome into our parish
George Ilyas Michaelas

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

Monday, 29 June

OFFICE CLOSED



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 Parish, Toowoomba—Friday, 26 June.

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.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

6 more children will receive their first Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday 21 June—Kendra James, Owen Pascoe and Peyton Murray.

Saturday 27 June, Humphrey Hay, Walter Hay and Francesca Hamilton.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Patricia 'Pat' Cartwright—Funeral Monday, 29 June at 11.00am St Theresa's Parish

Theresa Hegarty—Funeral Thursday, 2 July at 10.30am St Theresa's Parish

John Erbs & Betty Bagley

ANNIVERSARIES 27 June—3 July

Margaret Rowland, Aileen Stacey, Rhonda Greensill, Carolyn Wilson, Sestelia Ruffini, Maurice Teagle, Julie O'Connor, Robert McNaught, Joseph Seeber, Kathleen Luck, Dorrie Kretchmann, Elizabeth Tan, Bob Brunner, Roger Ahern, Rose Ahern, Terry Ahern, John Green, Daniel McGarry, May Jane Flynn.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners Neil Lynch, Thérèse Erbs, Steve Anning, Greg Hallam, Roger Douglas, Isabel Gall, 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, Judy March.

JUNE 2026 THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God. **Leo P.P. XIV**



ATTENTION: CHANGE OF DATE FOR BISHOP'S VISIT

St Theresa's Parish
BISHOP KEN HOWELL'S PASTORAL VISIT—Schedule of Activities
17–18 July 2026 (New Date)

Saturday, 17 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, 18 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.

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 this weekend 27–28 June.** Every donation will support the Holy Father in his ministry and charitable activities.

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/>

ST THERESA'S SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS: Date to be advised.

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

Parish Contact Details

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Website: www.sttheresas.org.au

Office Hours—Monday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Wednesday 11.00am – 4.00pm & Friday 11.00am—4.00pm

Parish Priest—Fr Brian Noonan

Ph: 0458 967 094 bnoonan@twb.catholic.org.au

Pastoral Associate—Monica Brennan

sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au

Parish Secretary—Cheryl Rens

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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.

TOOWOOMBA DIOCESE SYNOD ASSEMBLY: 23-24 October 2026

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.

Maronite Mass: Fr Fadi Salame will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite in St Anthony's Parish Church, Memory Street on Sunday 28th June at 11.00am. All are invited to attend.

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 be available for collection 4-5 July**, still 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 20-21 June : Envelopes: \$250.00 Loose: \$480.80 Direct Deposit: \$1220.00 Tap & Go: \$240.00
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

29 Monday OFFICE CLOSED

School Holidays 29 June—13 July

July

1 Wednesday Parish Morning Tea at 9.45am Cobb & Co

2 Thursday Parish Council Meeting

3 Friday Winter Shelter hosts

4 Saturday Infin8 Prayer Liturgy

6 Monday Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

18– 19 Bishop's Pastoral Visit to the Parish