



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.

4—5 July 2026

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

REFLECTION—*Not an Outsider but an Insider*

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In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle *in* them the fire of your love.

POPE LEO'S LENS

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As Pope Leo XIV reminds us, wealth is increasingly 'concentrated in fewer hands, widening inequalities.' The result of this is stark. Entire regions 'lack the essential equipment needed to save millions of human lives,' he points out. This is an intolerable burden which Christians are called to face with honesty and charity.

As the Pope points out, a Christian response to social inequality includes supporting 'tax systems that lighten the burden on the weakest and ask for more from those with greater resources.' Through such mechanisms we can alleviate many woes.

This duty is not something we can postpone until we have a surplus with which to act generously. Rather, as the Pope explains, we are called to recognise that 'justice concerns every phase of economic activity, from resource acquisition to financing, and from production to consumption.'

Therefore, we have a responsibility to seek transparency and accountability in our economic systems. We are called to foster 'inclusion and access'. As the Pope says succinctly, 'every choice has moral consequences.' Christ calls us to see him as the lifter of burdens, certainly, but he also calls us to become uplifters too.

[Quotes from *Magnifica Humanitas*, 157-164: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>]

Living the Gospel – *Shoulder my yoke*

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: s 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

Next Week's Readings—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23



BAPTISMS

5 July 2026

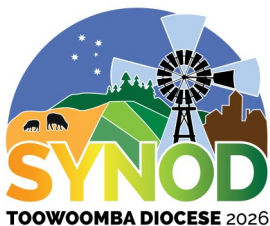
We welcome into our parish
Charlee Faye Huggins

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.



The Sacrament of Penance – First Reconciliation

will be celebrated in our parish on

Wednesday, 24th August 2026 at 6pm.

Children who are baptised, in Year 3 or older, are welcome to participate in the program in preparation for the sacrament. **A Parent Information night for parents/ carers will be held on Wednesday, 22nd July 2026 at 6pm in the Parish Centre.**

Only parent/parents need to attend the information night.

Information letters and enrolment forms are available in the foyer or through the parish office and have been distributed to Year 3 students at Mater Dei.

Our sacramental team members are Alison Busiko, Gay Jorgensen & Monica Brennan.

If you have any enquiries, please contact a member of the team or contact the parish office on 4639 4688 or

Email: sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au

SYNOD—Toowoomba

23–24 October 2026

Applications for SYNOD Members are now open.

To apply, complete the application form by visiting:

<https://tmbasynod.my.canva.site> (or to find out more information).

Here's what you need to know about being a Synod Member:

- ◆ Baptised Catholics, or those journeying toward baptism (e.g. through RCIA);
- ◆ Actively involved in parish life, ministry, or diocesan service.
 - ◆ They are recognised as people who:
 - ⇒ Are committed to the mission and growth of the Church;
 - ⇒ Seek a deeper relationship with God;
 - ⇒ Desire to discern prayerfully with others;
 - ⇒ Strive to live according to the Gospel in their daily life.
 - ⇒ Listen openly, respectfully, and with wisdom.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Erbs —Funeral Tuesday, 7 July at 10.30am St Theresa's Parish

Betty Bagley—Funeral Friday, 17 July at 10.00am St Theresa's Parish

ANNIVERSARIES 4–10 July

Br Danny Hawe MSC (Downlands), Ellen Mary Gleeson, Des Flynn, Peggy Jones, Vincent McGarry, Margaret Gagen, Kev & Win Hogan, Jean Cartwright, Marie Leahy, Margaret Canavan, Daniel Murphy, John Morgan, Noel Deery, Bill Kamler, Margaret Brown and Vera Dillan.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners Neil Lynch, Thérèse Erbs, Steve Anning, Greg Hallam, Roger Douglas, Isabel Gall, Anne Thomas, and 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.

JULY 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**

CHANGE OF DATE FOR BISHOP'S VISIT

St Theresa's Parish
BISHOP KEN HOWELL'S PASTORAL VISIT—Schedule of Activities
18–19 July 2026 (New Date)

Saturday, 18 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 16th 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, 19 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, 17 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.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal: Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia's local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

WARWICK PARISH - JUMPERS AND JAZZ IN JULY 16-26 July: St Mary's Church, Warwick. Come warm yourself at St Mary's during the Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival at Warwick. Check out the yarnbombed trees and pillars, with daily church tours from 9:30am to 4:40pm and Devonsire Tea at Assisi Place daily 9:30am to 12:00pm (\$6pp). Join the community for Jazz Mass on Saturday 18th July at 5:00pm and Sunday 26th July at 8:30am.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY: This year's theme, "Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!", invites us to reflect on the enduring message of St Pope John Paul II's 1986 address and our shared journey of faith, hope and reconciliation.

SYCHAR : House of Prayer & Spirituality:

www.twb.catholic.org.au/ministry/sychar/ or call 0458 223 603.

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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Office Hours—Monday 11.00am – 4.00pm

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

Parish Priest—Fr Brian Noonan

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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.

HELP OUR YOUTH ATTEND IGNITE CONFERENCE 2026: Young people (Years 7-12) are invited to experience a life-changing encounter with Christ at Ignite Conference this September, a nationally recognised Catholic event for Students—a powerful weekend of faith, worship, and community. Your support through prayer or giving makes it possible. Funds raised will help cover—\$335 conference ticket, 3 days of accommodation, meals and essentials. Every dollar raised is shared equally among registered attendees.
To donate: <https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/ignite2026>

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.

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.

Crows Nest Catholic Church Fundraiser PERFORMING WITH THE STARS CONCERT + AFTERNOON TEA: Saturday, 22 August at 2pm Venue: Crows Nest RSL Hall Acts include ballroom dancing demonstration, bush poet, drama acts, choir, country Western duo, soloist. Contact Tracey Brennan for more details and tickets (0418152073)

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 3–4 September: This national online event will bring together the Catholic community across Australia to Listen, Reflect, Act in care for our common home. Registrations open shortly and more information to follow.

New Planned Giving Envelopes are now available

The new planned giving envelopes are now available for collection in the church foyer.

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.

Peter's Pence Appeal 28-29 June : \$444.00

Planned Giving 28-29 June : Envelopes: \$720.00 Loose: \$692.15 Direct Deposit: \$1606.00 Tap & Go: \$145.00
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

School Holidays 29 June—13 July

July

4 Saturday

Infin8 Prayer Liturgy

6 Monday

Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

13 Monday

Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

14 Tuesday

School starts Term 3

17 Friday

Winter Shelter hosts

18– 19

Bishop's Pastoral Visit to the Parish

20 Monday

Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

22 Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation—parent
information night