



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.

11—12 July 2026

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

REFLECTION—*Creation Set Free*

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Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

REFLECTION—*Self-examination*

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The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

Living the Gospel – *Scatter that seed!*

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context. The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.

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

Next Week's Readings—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



BAPTISMS

12 July 2026

We welcome into our parish

Lilly Anne Collins
Angus John Gilder
Frankie Anita Collins
Stella Anita Noble
Bobby Kevin Beynon
Frederick Peter McVeigh
Patrick Warner McVeigh
Valerie Joy McVeigh

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 Allison 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

Neil Lynch —Funeral Tuesday, 14 July at 10.30am St Theresa's Parish
Steve Anning—Funeral Thursday, 16 July at 10.30am St Theresa's Parish
Betty Bagley—Funeral Friday, 17 July at 10.00am St Theresa's Parish

ANNIVERSARIES 11–17 July

Edna Boden, Adele Corderoy, Peter Arnold, Vince Turner, Colin Briggs, Brendan Flynn, Bayley McNamara, John Ede, Catherine Long, Bayley McNamara, John Ede, Jim Monahan, Noel Gainey, John Luck, Sr Mary Francis rsm, Bernie Brock and Helen Doyle.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners Thérèse Erbs, 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*



**Congratulations to Fr. Brian
For 50 years of ordained ministry.
We thank you for your commitment to your vocation and
wish you many blessings to follow in the years ahead.**

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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 10.30am Morning Tea—An opportunity for all

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>

REPERTORY THEATRE FUNDASIER—Monday, 3 AUGUST & start at 7.25pm:

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting the repertory theatre play, **EDUCATING RITA** by Willy Russell. This is a hilarious comedy about a working class girl, Rita, who enrolls in an open university course to better herself. Doors open at 7.00pm with a 7.25pm start. Tickets are \$25 each and purchased from the Sisters on 4632 1818 or Helen 0416055976. Supper will be served and raffle tickets available. All proceeds go to the Missions.

REPERTORY THEATRE FUNDASIER — SPRED'S Annual Rep Theatre Night Wednesday 5th August.

EDUCATING RITA by Willy Russell.

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets on sale now!!

Tickets \$25 each—Includes Wine on arrival, light supper, 5 raffle tickets.

Tickets available from SPRED office PH: 4632 8427 9am–3.30pm Mon–Thurs

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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Pastoral Associate—Monica Brennan

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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.

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**.

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.

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.

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)

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

ARS CANTORUM presents 'Winter & Beyond': Featuring music with a winter theme to "warm the cockles of your heart" leading to a Spring finale. Light refreshments after performance. Tickets \$25 (school kids free) available from Parish Office or at the door. Enquiries—arstoowoomba@gmail.com or 0439 355 089. **Saturday, 18 July at 2.00pm St James Church** (crn Russell & Mort St) or **Sunday, 19 July at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral**.

New Planned Giving Envelopes are now available

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

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 4-5 July : Envelopes: \$679.15 Loose: \$140.00 Direct Deposit: \$1125.00 Tap & Go: \$100.00
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

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

25-26

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Commitment Mass