



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.

18—19 July 2026

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

POPE LEO'S LENS—*Exclusion is not Christ's way – encounter is*

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'The Gospel', Pope Leo says, 'resounds where peoples meet.' Exclusion is not Christ's way – encounter is.

The Gospel 'falls silent,' the Pope warns, 'when each person makes him or herself an island, avoiding contact and cutting off exchange.' We must never presume another person to be darnel, unworthy to be counted among us.

Individuals and groups may exclude themselves from the Church, but we are not called to exclude them. 'There is no love of God without love of neighbour,' the Pope reminds us, 'and there is no neighbour if I do not draw near.' We are called to help the wayward and lost, not reject them.

This also applies at a societal level, regarding those with beliefs or cultures different from our own. 'It is time', the Pope states emphatically, 'to recognise and affirm that religious affiliation must never become a reason for discrimination.' The Pope implores us all to 'give spiritual, cultural, legal, political and economic expression to the civilisation of love.'

We might not all be lawmakers, but we can take up this call. 'The parish, in particular,' the Pope added, 'should be a community where, guided by the Gospel, we learn to welcome, accompany and integrate one another in a spirit of communion.'

(Quotes from Homily at Lampedusa, 4 July 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260704-lampedusa-messa.html>)

REFLECTION—*When words fail*

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One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

Have you thought?– *Leaven*

The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and *hid* in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.' Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival – perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

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

Next Week's Readings—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Kings 3:1 5.7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130.
(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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.

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.

50th Jubilee Year Celebration—Fr Brian Noonan

This year Fr Brian Noonan celebrates 50 years in the Priesthood.

We will mark this very special occasion on

Sunday, 2nd August commencing with 9.30am Mass followed by morning tea. (# Please note there will be no Saturday Vigil Mass on 1 August to enable all parishioners to gather together as a parish to celebrate Fr Brian's Jubilee). St Mary MacKillop Parish, Highfields, have also been invited for a joint celebration. We are hoping everyone will be there to celebrate with him. **Please bring a small plate.**

The Sacrament of Penance – First Reconciliation

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 Office: Phone: **4639 4688** or email: sttheresas.pastoralassociate@twb.catholic.org.au

SYNOD—Toowoomba 23–24 October 2026

INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSIONS FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD

What has been your experience of faith in our Diocese? What gives you hope? What challenges do you see? Where do you believe the Holy Spirit is leading us? As part of the Diocesan Synod, we invite every person to share their thoughts through an individual submission.

Whether you've been part of a parish for decades, are new to the Church, work in one of our ministries or schools, or simply have a heart for the future of our Diocese—your voice matters. This is an opportunity to be heard. Your insights, experiences and hopes will help shape the discernment of our Synod as we seek God's direction for the years ahead. Please take a few moments to prayerfully reflect and share what is on your heart. Together, let us continue to listen to one another, listen to the Holy Spirit, and walk forward in hope.

Submissions close 31 July 2026. Follow the link to share your voice
<https://tmbasynod.my.canva.site/#participate>

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Grace (of Melbourne, died 13 July) —Therese Erbs brother-in-law

ANNIVERSARIES 18–24 July

Eric Jensen, Bill Brook, Reg Clark, Lance Sinclair, Carl Muller, Lawrence Schaefer, Michael Dillon, Bert Pervan, Pat Flood, Br Tom Hickey FMS, Tom Flynn & Clem Armagnacq.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners: 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.*

ANOINTING AND HEALING MASS

Anointing and Healing Mass followed by Morning Tea

10.00am on Wednesday, 12 August

in St Theresas' Parish Centre

Everyone is welcome

RSPV: Wednesday, 5 August (for catering)

Parish Office Ph: 4639 4688 or

Email: sttheresasparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Raffle on the day. Tickets - 3 for \$5.00



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 FUNDRAISER—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 FUNDRAISER — 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.

TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM— Our next Winter Shelter will be held on Friday, 31 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**.

Regional Seminary Appeal - 2-9 Aug 2026: This annual appeal is run by the Archdiocese of Brisbane via the Diocese of Toowoomba.

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)

SYCHAR : House of Prayer & Spirituality: Flyers in Church Foyer of programs on offer. 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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Special Year of St Francis (1181 or 1182 – October 3, 1226)

800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

WARWICK PARISH - JUMPERS AND JAZZ 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 yarn bombed trees and pillars, with daily church tours from 9:30am to 4:40pm and Devonshire 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.

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.**

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. 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.

VENERABLE MARY AIKENHEAD ORATION 2026: 23 July 2026 from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Where: Online). 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, University of Notre Dame (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. 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/>

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.

New Planned Giving Envelopes are now available—supporting the ongoing work of the parish

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.

Planned Giving 4-5 July : Envelopes: \$275.00 Loose: \$644.60 Direct Deposit: \$3400.00 Tap & Go: \$220.00
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

July

20 Monday Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

22 Wednesday Sacrament of Reconciliation—parent information night

25-26 Sacrament Reconciliation—Commitment Mass

31 Friday Winter Shelter

August

1 Saturday Infin8 Prayer Liturgy

1 Saturday **NO 5.00pm VIGIL MASS**

2 Sunday **Fr Brian's Jubilee Celebration—9.30am Mass and Morning Tea**