



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.

25—26 July 2026

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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REFLECTION—*Treasure and Delight*

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Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

The 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly—*"I will never forget you"* (Isaiah 49:15).

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it lands on the 26th July and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our grandparents and all the Elderly that we come across.

The celebration of this day provides an opportunity for the Church, at all levels, to draw close to the Elderly; to celebrate their unique communities; and to reach out to those who may feel lonely or forgotten. The theme that Pope Leo has chosen for the 2026 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is *"I will never forget you"* (Isaiah 49:15).

According to Vatican News, this theme is both a message of comfort and hope for grandparents and elderly people, as well as a reminder to families and communities not to forget them, but rather to recognise them as "precious presence and a blessing" (Deborah Castellano Lubov, Vatican News, 10 February 2026).

Dioceses, parishes, associations, and ecclesial communities across the world are encouraged to mark this day in two important ways: by celebrating the Eucharist together with grandparents and the elderly, and by reaching out to those in our communities who experience loneliness or isolation. These two actions help us to appreciate more deeply the unique vocation of the elderly, who keep us connected to the roots of our faith, pass on the faith to the next generation, and intercede for us.

These actions also help to raise awareness in the wider community of the need to support and pastorally care for the elderly. As Pope Francis said, this is part of being "a Church that challenges the throw-away culture with the overflowing joy of a new embrace between the young and old!" (General Audience, 11 March 2025).

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

Next Week's Readings—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-9. 15-18.

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35. 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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.

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.

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.

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

Catering by the Good Samaritan College



MASS TIMES

MON	NO MASS
TUES	NO MASS
WED	9.00am
THURS	NO MASS
FRI	9.00am
SAT 1 August	NO MASS
SUN	9.30am

If you are Gluten intolerant and require a special host, please advise the Mass Coordinator.

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>

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Castelli (Pat Powell's brother-in-law)

ANNIVERSARIES 25–31 July

Anna Settar, Thel Jelly, Mick Flynn, John Howe snr., John Howe jnr., Fletcher Slater, Noreen Ryan, Giovanni Ruffini, Ray Inglis, Sybil McCallister, Thomas Black, Fred Mackie, Marie Garrahy, Jim Piggot, Dennis Long & Cliff Powell.

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, Imogen Atkins, Catherine Castelli, Naser, Madeline (Sally) Gray, Mary Gleeson, 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.*

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. Also see flyer in church foyer.

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**.

BOOK: PILGRIMS OF HOPE : The liturgy has the power to renew, transform and inspire. Through sacrament and song, the Church encounters the living Christ and is strengthened for mission. This volume brings together 31 keynote addresses and workshop papers from the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference, held in Adelaide in October 2025. Written by leading liturgists, musicians, theologians, clergy, educators and pastoral practitioners from Australia and beyond, these papers explore contemporary questions and opportunities in liturgy, liturgical music and pastoral ministry. Cost \$39.95. Order now through Liturgy Brisbane <https://shop.liturgybrisbane.net.au>. Further details on flyer in church foyer.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH 75TH JUBILEE: 8 November 2026. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Goodwood Street Toowoomba.

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.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

Holy Father

Who watches over every person

Watch over me too when I am elderly.

You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands,

And You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (*see Is 49:15*).

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it

Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it

Just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it

Just as You have chosen it –

You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division

So that we may live these years
united in You.

You will never forget us! (*see Is 49:15*)

Amen.

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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.

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.

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.

Planned Giving 18-19 July : Envelopes: \$300.00 Loose: \$735.30 Direct Deposit: \$1132.00 Tap & Go: \$160.00
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

25-26

Sacrament Reconciliation—Commitment Mass

27 Monday

Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

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

3 Monday

Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

5 Wednesday

Parish Morning Tea 9.45am Cobb & Co

6 Thursday

Parish Council Meeting at 6.00pm