



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.

1—2 August 2026

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

REFLECTION—*Feeding of the Hungry Crowd*

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Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that *they* can buy.' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; *give* them something to eat yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, *commands* us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, '*Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.*'

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, *will be satisfied*.

VATICAN NEWS: "*Like a stream leading to its source, music leads us to God*" (Pope Leo) excerpt.

Music can lead us beyond the threshold of mystery. Just as someone following a stream eventually reaches its source, the beauty of song can guide us towards God, satisfying the thirst for meaning and happiness that the world itself cannot quench.

This was the image Pope Leo XIV offered in his reflection during the *Canticle of Peace* gathering, held on 29 July, at Borgo Laudato si' in the Pontifical Gardens of Castel Gandolfo forming part of the celebrations marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

The Pope described the gathering as an occasion of "joy," accompanied by Andrea Bocelli and the ABF Voices choir, made up of 164 children and young people from the Holy Land, Uganda and Italy. United by their love of music, many of them also share lives marked by war, poverty and suffering.

Pope Leo noted that their "beautiful singing," together with the multilingual prayer offered at the end of the gathering, showed how music can unite different voices into a single harmony, where each person makes a unique contribution to the whole. *By Edoardo Giribaldi www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-07/pope-music-leads-us-to-god-concert-castel-gandolfo-choir.html*

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

Next Week's Readings—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14.
(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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 7 August	9.00am Lay Led
SAT	5.00pm
SUN	9.30am

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

This year Fr Brian Noonan celebrates 50 years in the Priesthood. We will mark this very special occasion this Sunday, 2nd August with a special celebratory morning tea following mass. Everyone is invited to join us.

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



LAUNCH: ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT – Friday, 7 August - 9.00am at the Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane, watch livestream online at: https://www.youtube.com/live/bO_orapNEsA. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has been releasing Social Justice Statements since the 1940s. Through this tradition the Conference contributes to the development of local Catholic social teaching and encourage the community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. As you may be aware, the Conference is releasing two Social Justice Statements this year. The first was issued in February. The second is scheduled to be launched in Brisbane and is entitled 'Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division'. The release of the second statement comes ahead of Social Justice Sunday on August 30. The statement will be posted to the Social Justice Statements page prior to launch.

FEAST DAY: ST MARY MACKILLOP

Sunday, 9 August

Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, is remembered each year on 8 August. The date marks the anniversary of her death in 1909 and is observed in Catholic schools, parishes, and communities across Australia.

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNIVERSARIES 1–7 August

Lawrence Volmer, Beatrice Duggan, Joyce Keller, Adrienne Lynch, Phillip Crawley, John Hoysted, Peter McDougall, Fr Peter Schultz and Annie Murphy.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners: Greg Hallam, Roger Douglas, Isabel Gall, Anne Thomas and Elizabeth Curtis.

Friends and Family: Mick Hay, 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.

AUGUST 2026 THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community . *Leo P.P. XIV*

REGIONAL SEMINARY APPEAL - 2-9 Aug 2026

This annual appeal is run by the Archdiocese of Brisbane
via the Diocese of Toowoomba.

CENSUS: CATHOLICS ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES: On August 11, Australia will hold its five-yearly national Census. The Census of Population and Housing, conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, is a “comprehensive snapshot” that reveals the changing economic, social and cultural demographics of the nation.

National Centre for Pastoral Research director Dr Trudy Dantis said data from the religion question was crucial to helping Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses and organisations understand their communities and plan for ministry and mission.

In recent times, some groups in Australia have tried to encourage people not to identify with a religion unless they are actively practising, inviting them to tick the “No Religion” box instead. However, research shows that many non-practising Catholics continue to identify as Catholic because it remains an important part of who they are. Dr Dantis encouraged all Catholics to tick the “Catholic” box this year, while noting that some may need to identify in a slightly different manner.

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE KIMBERLEY- Friday, 14 August: 6:00-8:00pm at the Irish Club Hotel, Russell Street Tmba. St Vincent de Paul, Toowoomba invites you to join us for to a conversation with Erica Bernard and Bishop Tim Norton. The evening will be facilitated by Mark Copland, Executive Officer for St Vincent de Paul Society. Mark worked with both Erica and Bishop Tim as Director of Pastoral Projects between 2023 and 2024. Bookings essential due to limited space. **RSVP 8/8/26** email kristie.mckean@svdpqld.org.au or call/text 0457355787. See flyer.

TOOWOOMBA WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM— Our next Winter Shelter will be held on Friday, 14 August. 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.

CATHOLIC MISSION: MISSION AMBASSADOR TRAINING SESSION – 29 August: 9:45am - 12:00pm (Morning tea provided) at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Centre, Conference Room, 123 Neil St Tmba. With fewer than 100 days until World Mission Month in October, all are warmly welcome to attend a Mission Ambassador Training Session for the Toowoomba community. This year holds special significance as Catholic Mission celebrates the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. It is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for missionaries around the globe and reflect on the Church's enduring commitment to supporting mission communities. Register attendance by 21 August brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au. Bring a friend on the day.

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

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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.

PARISH SECRETARY: ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH

TOOWOOMBA: We are looking for someone to join our parish team in this important role, working 20 hours per week. The Parish Administration Officer supports the Parish and Ministry activities in promoting God's presence within the local community. Position description and Application email to: stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org.au Applications close Friday, 7 August.

REPERTORY THEATRE FUNDRAISER—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.

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)

ONLINE COURSES

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FREE WORKSHOP:

DIGITAL SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Monday, 24 August : 6:00pm–7:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, 8a Ascot Street Tmba
All parents and carers of children aged from birth to Year 6 students are warmly welcome to attend a free workshop on digital safety and wellbeing presented by Steve Villani from Evolve Education. The interactive workshop aims to empower parents with skills and knowledge to navigate the digital world with their children. See Flyer

Planned Giving 25-26 July : Envelopes: \$220.00 Loose: \$615.50 Direct Deposit: \$1181.00 Tap & Go: \$65.00
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

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

10 Monday

Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

12 Wednesday

Anointing & Healing Mass 10.00am, morning Tea to follow.

13 Thursday

Meeting—Finance & Pastoral Councils