

# 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.*

29—30 August 2026

22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

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It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

## SEASONS OF CREATION

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator, and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it with us. This year, the theme for the Season is "Living Water."

## REFLECTION

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This Gospel is clearly about becoming part of team Jesus. There's the bit about gathering in twos and threes to find agreement about what we – including Jesus – want or need. Then we (the Greek 'you' is plural) are told we can jointly bind and loose, literally from the ground up.

This is, therefore, a profoundly synodal passage. It's an instruction manual for dealing with the messy realities in which the Church sometimes finds itself, and a reminder of the importance of community. There is even a plan for dealing with the odd recalcitrant brother who just won't listen! Jesus' key takeaway is about persistence and working together.

In our own times, where there is lots of scope for collective action on important issues, Jesus' frequent mention of 'earth' resonates. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a grounded people whose decisions can have heavenly effects.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 62:2-6. 8-9.

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

### Next Week's Readings—23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 94:1-2.6-9.

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

## BAPTISMS

Please keep in your prayers

**Hugo Eberhard**

and

**Aria Eberhard**

who will be baptised this

Sunday, 30 August.

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

**Congratulations to all the children  
who made their first reconciliation  
on Monday, 24 August.**

### Winter Mass Times End

Starting Saturday, 5 September

**Saturday Vigil Mass—6.00pm**

Sunday Mass at 9.30am

### MASS TIMES

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| MON   | NO MASS |
| TUES  | NO MASS |
| WED   | 9.00am  |
| THURS | NO MASS |
| FRI   | 9.00am  |
| SAT   | 6.00pm  |
| SUN   | 9.30am  |

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

## TOOWOOMBA PRIESTS' RETIREMENT APPEAL - 2 September 2026

### FR JOHN QUILAN'S 60 YEAR JOURNEY

When Fr John Quinlan first entered the seminary, he didn't plan to stay long. In fact, he arranged just one year of leave from his job as a telephone technician, convinced he would return when it was over.

"I was pretty sure I wouldn't last," he recalls. But something changed. That one year became something much greater. In 2026, Fr John celebrates 60 years of service as a priest in the Diocese of Toowoomba. Over those decades, his life unfolded in ways he never expected. It wasn't carefully planned. Instead, it was shaped by a simple willingness to respond—to go where he was needed and to serve whoever was in front of him.

His journey included:

- Supporting families in hospital wards during times of loss
  - Serving as a chaplain to soldiers across Australia
  - Helping establish family support services in the Diocese
  - Walking with parish communities through moments of joy and sorrow
- Often, this work happened quietly, without recognition. "People see us on Sundays," Fr John says, "but they don't always see the life behind it."

Today, Fr John continues to live simply, still connected to the community he served for so many years. In his workshop, he spends time crafting small wooden items—working with his hands, as he did in his early days as a tradesman. It is a quieter chapter of life but still marked by the same spirit of generosity.

Stories like Fr John's remind us that behind every priest is a lifetime of commitment—often unseen, but deeply felt by those whose lives they touch.

Please support retired priests like Fr John, you can do so below.

please visit: <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/ways-to-give-prf/>

Envelopes are also available in the church foyer

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Friday, 18 September and will re-open Wednesday, 7 October**

**The old building near the Parish Office will be demolished and the entrance off Curzon Street will be completely fenced off which means there will be no parking behind the Parish Admin building. While the office is closed, Monica and Cheryl will be undertaking training on a new computer program and implementing new computer processes. During this time the phones will be diverted for urgent calls. If anyone needs to meet with Fr Brian, Monica or**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### ANNIVERSARIES 29 August—4 September

Peter Bazeley, Jim Pigott, Kath Noel, Fr. Merv Ziesing, Leslie Boland, Doreen Hoysted, Maureen Hudson, Tom Lutton, Ned Spies, Bon Mahoney, Bill Ward, Dianne Coorey, Bob Triggs and Joseph Gilshenan.

### HEALING FOR THE SICK

**Parishioners:** Roger Douglas, Isabel Gall, Anne Thomas, Elizabeth Curtis, Susanne Gilshanen, Martin and Annette O'Brien.

**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, Pam Newman.

### 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*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 29 – 30 August

**Australia's Catholic bishops conclude their Social Justice Statement - *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division* with this affirmation:** 'Faithful to the spirit of the Gospel, we can help build bridges within the community to challenge fear and distrust and build a renewed sense of mutual respect and belonging. Dedicated to the dignity of every person, no matter what their faith, ethnicity or political opinions, we can work with others to challenge the discrimination and exclusion which threaten our social cohesion.

'We are the body of Christ entrusted with a mission to act justly and work for justice in society . . . With each encounter, with every conversation and with every community action we plan with others, we strengthen the ties which bind our community together.'

**Social Justice Sunday highlights the Church's commitment to the common good and calls Australians to address ongoing social challenges through reflection, solidarity, and action.**

Scan the QR Code to download the full statement.

Or visit: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>



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### Social Justice Statement Prayer

You created every person in your image and call us to live as one human family.  
In a world marked by division, fear and misunderstanding, fill our hearts with the self-giving love of Christ.

Teach us to see one another not as strangers or opponents, but as sisters and brothers, worthy of dignity, respect and compassion.

Give us the courage to build bridges where there is distrust, to seek encounter where there is separation, and to work for justice with humility and mercy.

Help us to listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and walk together in the way of peace.

May your Holy Spirit guide us to welcome the stranger, stand beside those on the margins, reject all forms of hatred and racism, and become instruments of reconciliation in our communities.

Through the example of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and all the saints, strengthen us to live the Gospel through sacrifice, generosity and love, so that your light may shine through us and bring hope to our nation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**VINNIES@UNISQ CLUB**—The St Vincent de Paul Society in Toowoomba are working to establish Vinnies@UniSQ Club. While the club is being launched in partnership with UniSQ Student Guild/Clubs, it is open not only to university students but also to young people and young adults from the broader community who are interested in making a difference. To [register your interest](#) contact Kristie McKean, Membership & Development Officer, St Vincent de Paul Society Toowoomba Diocese, at [kristie.mckean@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:kristie.mckean@svdpqld.org.au)

## 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,  
& 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

## Parish Contact Details

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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.

### SCAM AWARENESS WEEK

Scams awareness week encourages Australians to recognise, avoid and report scams. This year's theme, "No one's just a number", reminds us that every scam has a real human impact, affecting people's finances, wellbeing and trust.

The good news is that a few simple steps can help protect you and your organisation.

- ◆ Pause before acting on unexpected requests to transfer money, change banking details, or provide personal information.
- ◆ Verify payment requests independently using trusted contact details or an official website, not the details provided in a message.
- ◆ Apply a two-person verification process for payment changes and carefully check account details before approving transfers.
- ◆ Watch for scam warning signs, including urgent demands, unusual email addresses, poor grammar, unexpected requests and pressure to act quickly.
- ◆ Protect your accounts with strong, unique passwords and multi-factor authentication and never share passwords, PINs or security codes.
- ◆ Report suspected scams immediately, change affected passwords, retain evidence, monitor accounts and contact your bank if you are unsure about a request.

*# Tips from the Archdiocesan Development Fund.*

**St Patrick's Cathedral—Floral Display:** 18—22 Sept, 9.00am—5.00pm daily. St Pat's welcomes you to come along and experience the beautiful displays from our local catholic schools and community organisations.

**ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING**—Tuesday, 1 Sept at 5:45pm Garden City Mosque, 217 West St Tmba. The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on "Religious Seasons and Important Days". Presentations will be followed by a light dinner. For more information contact [admin@qct.org.au](mailto:admin@qct.org.au).

**SEASONS OF CREATION** - Prayer service Lychee Tree Lawn, Botanical Gardens - Mt Coot-tha at 11am - Tuesday, 1 September. All welcome.

**TOOWOOMBA TRAILS ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRA TOUR**—Saturday, 26 September, 1:30pm-3:00pm Starting at TCSO carpark off Lawrence St Tmba. Cost is \$28.50 .Bookings at [www.toowoombatrails.com.au/event-rsvp/cathedral-precinct-tour/](http://www.toowoombatrails.com.au/event-rsvp/cathedral-precinct-tour/). St Patrick's Cathedral has dominated the skyline for almost 140 years as a fine example of a Victorian Gothic Church, a place of worship since its consecration on March 17 1889. The building has a myriad of stories to tell if you listen carefully. Stories not only of the building and precinct themselves, but also of the growth and development of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs.

**PREPARING THE LITURGIES OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM** - Saturday, 10 October 2026, 9:30am-12:00pm. Holy Spirit Church, 17 Harriett Street, Auchenflower. Cost \$20. Although Easter may seem a long way off, the best Triduum celebrations are those that are prepared thoughtfully and well in advance. Planning these liturgies often raises practical questions, each year Liturgy Brisbane receives enquiries from parishes seeking guidance. To support parishes in this important ministry, we invite you to join us for Preparing the Liturgies of the Easter Triduum, a practical workshop led by Dr Clare Schwantes and Michael Mangan. Together we will explore the theology, structure and practical preparation of the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, addressing many of the questions that arise each year.

**Planned Giving 22–23 Aug :** Envelopes: \$358.00 Loose: \$759.10 Direct Deposit: \$991.00 Tap & Go: \$320.00  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

31 Monday **NO** Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am

#### SEPTEMBER

**1 Tuesday** **Diocesan Feast 'Mary of the Southern Cross'**  
Mass at Cathedral 10.00am

**2 Wednesday** - Infin8 Mass 10.30am (# change of date)  
- Parish Morning Tea 9.45am at Cobb & Co  
Parish Pastoral Council at 6.00pm

**3 Thursday**  
**5 Saturday** **Winter Mass Times Ends**

**6 Sunday** - Father's Day # no parish morning tea  
- Priests Retirement Fund Appeal

**7 Monday** Gospel Reflection Group at 10.00am