

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.

19—20 September 2026

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION - *No Salvation outside the Church?*

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This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world.

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. This year, the theme for the Season is "Living Water."

Seasons of Creation—Reflection

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The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

SEPTEMBER 2026 THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource,
so that everyone may have equal access to it Leo P.P. XIV

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18.
(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Next Week's Readings—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9.
(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

BAPTISMS

Baptism are celebrated during

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.

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.

MASS TIMES

MON	NO MASS
TUES	NO MASS
WED	NO 9.00am Requiem 10.30am
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.

St Vincent de Paul Society

During the month of September, the St Vincent de Paul Society celebrates the feasts of:

Blessed Frederic Ozanam – the founder of the Society

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati – the recently canonised saint

St Vincent de Paul – the patron saint of charity and all charity works

And to celebrate these saints, the Members of St Theresa's Conference would like to thank you for your support and to let you know where some of the areas of your support has been directed. We would also like to encourage you to discern whether this is something that you could do.

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

The Jubilee Celebration of Ordination

for Fr John Quinlan, Fr Peter Doohan and **Fr Brian Noonan** is at 11am on Wednesday, 21 October with Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral followed by refreshments in St Patrick's Cathedral Centre. Please **RSVP** to stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au or 4637 1500 (include dietary requirements) by Friday 16 October.

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 Cheryl, a time can be arranged to meet in the Church Foyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shae Wilson (daughter of Dave & Helen Wilson) —Funeral Wednesday, 23 September— Requiem Mass at 10.30am
Pamela Elms—Funeral Wednesday, 30 September at 11.00am

ANNIVERSARIES 19–25 September

Les Kreis, Brian Meacle, Bill Lyons, Des Pauli, Kath Murphy, Maud Humphrey, Celia Dowling and Daphney Butler.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners: Roger Douglas, Isabel Gall, Anne Thomas, Susanne Gilshanen, Martin and Annette O'Brien, Paul McRae.

Friends and Family: Maree Howe, Ron Grunden, 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 and Pam Newman.

National Survey of Newly Married Couples Over September

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey into the experience of early married life. The survey is being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life.

The survey is now open at <https://thepmrc.org/survey> with 300 hundred responses already collected and will remain open throughout September. We hope to reach 1000 respondents over September for best research results.

Thank you for your support of this important work.

Yours in Christ

Bishop Tony Percy, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney
Bishop Delegate for Life, Marriage and Family
Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement

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.

TOOWOOMBA TRAILS ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL TOUR—Saturday, 26 September, 1:30-3:00pm Starting at TCSO carpark off Lawrence St. Tmba. Cost \$28.50. Bookings at www.toowoombatrails.com.au/event-rsvp/cathedral-precinct-tour/. St Patrick's Cathedral has dominated the skyline for almost 140 years, 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. Stories of the building, precinct, Toowoomba and Darling Downs.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF St Peter Claver: are holding a Variety Sale at 71 Margaret St to raise funds for the Missions. The Variety Sale is on Saturday September 26 from 7.00am - 1.00pm. There will be antiques, collectables, china, books, crafts and linen for sale. There will also be a sausage sizzle and cake stall. **Sisters' phone no. is 07 46321818.**

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Sunday, 27 September. This year's theme, "Even just one of these children" (Matthew 18:10), draws attention to children and young people affected by migration and forced displacement, inviting Catholics and all people of goodwill to recognise their dignity, hear their stories and respond with compassion and solidarity.

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.

Carnival Celebration: 'Carnival Celebration' a varied program of choral music provided by two local choirs Ars Cantorum and Toowoomba Philharmonic and will be held this **Sunday, 20 September** at 12 noon, St Luke's Church, Toowoomba. The program will be an eclectic mix from the two choirs' repertoire including -well known works by the combined choir as opening and closing items several popular contemporary pieces a "vocal excursion" into some Swahili phrases choral sounds to showcase the recent completion of St Luke's organ refurbishment. Entry by Gold Coin donation.

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

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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.

CARITAS AND NEPAL FLOOD DISASTER

Caritas advises the full scale of the disaster in Nepal is continuing to emerge. Hundreds of people have been killed and thousands are missing after a massive flood surge through the Bhote Koshi River on 26 August. In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, Caritas established community kitchens to provide meals for families who lost their homes.

Long Term Recovery—Caritas is now preparing for the next stage of the response, which will include temporary shelter, school kits for children, water and sanitation facilities, psychosocial support and early recovery activities. If you are able, you can donate to the Nepal Flood Disaster at:

caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/

CARITAS: WOMEN FOR THE WORLD: No woman should face pregnancy or childbirth without access to essential healthcare. But for many women in rural Papua New Guinea, that is not always the reality. When labour begins, some women are too far from a health centre. Some health facilities do not have the equipment or infrastructure they need and some are left facing childbirth without the support that every woman should have. Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw.

ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS—will begin on the week of the First Sunday of Advent (29 November) and continue through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January). The parish will be offering Advent Reflection Groups with details to follow shortly for books to be ordered.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2027—the parish will also look at placing orders for next year's Columban calendar in October. Each year the parish gives a Columban Calendar at Christmas to all those who are visited in nursing homes or who receive home visits within our parish. An order sheet will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please also consider making a donation towards these Christmas gifts.

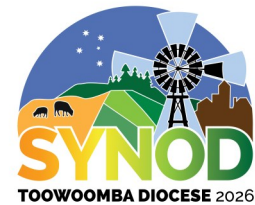
A Prayer for the 800th Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis, our brother, you who 800 years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us with the Lord.

In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognised true peace, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world erects borders.

In this time plagued by conflict and division, intercede so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.



SYNOD
Toowoomba Diocese

23–24 October 2026

Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal : \$120.00

Toowoomba Priest Retirement Appeal : \$640.00

Planned Giving 12-13 Sept : Envelopes:\$185.00 Loose:\$552.10 Direct Deposit:\$510.00 Tap & Go: \$90.00
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

SEPTEMBER

19 September—7 October OFFICE CLOSED

No Entry from Curzon St.

20 Sunday

Fr. Brian starts his annual leave.

21 Monday

No Gospel Reflection Group

27 Sunday

Migrant and Refugee Sunday

28 Monday

No Gospel Reflection Group

OCTOBER

3 Saturday

Infin8 Prayer Liturgy

4 Sunday

Feast of Francis of Assisi—

End of Season of Creation month

5 Monday

King's birthday Public Holiday—**office closed**