

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.

26-27 September 2026

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION - 'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'

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Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

GOSPEL REFLECTION - Pope Leo's Lens

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'With Christ and sustained by the power of His Spirit,' the Pope says, 'believers are called to take on the burdens of their brothers and sisters, especially those who are crushed by injustice, discrimination, and violence.'

'In this regard,' the Pope adds, 'proximity towards humanity opens the way to a deeper understanding of events and of Revelation itself.' Plans and intentions have their place, but actual progress requires action.

'Christian solidarity commits us to engaging with reality', the Pope reminds us. Which of us, we might consider, really does Our Father's will? Is it the one who always aspires to address the problems of our age, or the one who rolls up their sleeves and starts to mend something? *Quotes from General Audience, 2 September 2026: www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/*

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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In today's parable where a son said yes but did nothing, Jesus offers a striking indictment of empty lip-service. In our age, one of the Church's most insistent calls has been for people to work for the protection of the vineyard of the earth. Speaking of climate change, deforestation and chemical pollution, Pope Saint John Paul II declared in 1990 'that the ecological crisis is a moral issue' and called on all people to 'recognise their obligation to contribute to the restoration of a healthy environment'. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI insisted that 'technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption'. In 2015 Pope Francis called on all of humanity 'to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming' of the world's climate which we are currently facing.

Successive Popes have therefore called us all to work for the protection of our planet and its people. But it is up to every Christian to ensure that these words are not just empty rhetoric.

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

Next Week's Readings—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20.

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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	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.

The Jubilee Celebration of Ordination

Wednesday, 21 October

11.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral

Bishop Ken Howell and the Toowoomba Council of Priests warmly invite the
community to celebrate **60 years** of ordination of **Fr John Quinlan** and **50
years** of ordination of **Frs Peter Doohan** and **Brian Noonan**. Mass will be
celebrated at the Cathedral, followed by refreshments in St Patrick's
Cathedral Centre.

Please **RSVP** to stpatrikscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au or 4637 1500

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.

Parish Council Membership

Parish Council Nomination Forms are still available in the Church Foyer.
Please consider nominating someone or yourself for this very important
Parish Ministry. **Nominations close 5 October 2026.**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: Seoul 2027 is calling!
Are you interested in joining an unforgettable pilgrimage to World Youth Day
in Seoul in 2027? We're inviting young people to register their interest and be
part of this incredible global gathering of faith, culture, and unforgettable
experiences. Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/jwFLQ2c1EX> to learn more and
fill out a short form to keep you updated with details as plans develop:

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 closed with no parking behind the
Parish Office. During this time, phones will be diverted for urgent calls.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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**

ANNIVERSARIES 26 September–2 October

Margaret Bowden, Barry Arnold, Lil McBean, Max Osmond, Glenn Frith, Winifred Walsh, Mary V Catterall, Rose Anne Mullen, Simon Gilliland, Ruby Doyle, Heather Lowein, Jackson Ryan, Mooreen Ryan, Kath Mulligan Laurence Conaghan, Reg Liersch, Lorna Cumming, Ray McClure, Ruth Nash, Helen Ansell & Robert McNaught.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners: Alison Lyndon, Roger Douglas, Isabel Gall, Anne Thomas, Susanne Gilshanen, Martin & 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.

112th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANT & REFUGEES

Message of Pope Leo XIV

“Even just one of these children” is the theme of Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the **112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026 (WDMR)**, which will be celebrated on Sunday 27 September, the last Sunday of the month.

In his Message, the Holy Father draws attention to the plight of the **many minors forced to flee their homeland** due to war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters, and other tragedies – a number that continues to rise dramatically. In the context of migration flows, it is precisely children and adolescents who are the most vulnerable. As well as being forced to move and leave their homes, they endure suffering such as the loss of parents and loved ones, violence, the anguish of being far from home, and separation due to repatriation. Even young people who undertake the journey with their parents are nevertheless exposed to extreme and traumatic conditions. The Holy Father points out that many **minors lose their lives along migration routes** or fall victim to human trafficking, exploitation, sexual violence, and other atrocities.

In the Message, **Pope Leo calls on everyone to act responsibly**, asking that each person feel connected to what these young people go through – **even just one of these children** – because **every child, every human being, possesses infinite dignity** and we must do our part to **ensure that this is respected**. At a personal, ecclesial, and institutional level, the Holy Father calls for a concrete commitment to integrating and supporting young migrants and refugees, placing at the centre of our concern the protection and dignity of every single child and adolescent.

Pope Leo points to **the light of solidarity that is already visible in many communities**, of all those who have already decided not to look the other way, of those who have opened the doors of their homes, and of the many volunteers and workers who, day after day, tend to the invisible wounds of young migrants, bearing witness that **love can overcome indifference**.

The Holy Father reminds us that **we are all called to perform an act of humanity and faith**: in every child we can welcome and encounter the Lord. “Whoever welcomes even just one such child in my name welcomes me” (Matthew 18:5). Even just one such child – this is not a matter of numbers or statistics. The Gospel calls on us not to make calculations; every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and bears the presence of the Lord.

Invoking Mary’s intercession, the Holy Father entrusts all young migrants and refugees to her maternal protection in the hope that our communities may become living and credible signs of the Gospel around the world.

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.**

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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Special Year of St Francis (1181 or 1182 – October 3, 1226)

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

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/.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE ART PROJECT: Do you know a Year 5 or 6 student with a passion for art? We're looking for creative kids whose artwork could feature together with many others as part of a large-scale projection on the Parliament House façade. We are asking students to show us what makes their corner of Australia special. This can include people, plants, animals, landscapes or special locations that shape everyday life for young people across Australia. Artworks will form part of an animated projection that will be on display in early 2027. This projection celebrates 100 years of Parliament in Canberra by showcasing children's artworks from all around Australia. Head to our website to find more information and resources, including a toolkit for children and a fact-sheet for parents: aph.gov.au/StudentArtwork. Submissions close at 5pm Thursday 29 October 2026.

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 and order forms for books orders.

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.

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.

CYBER SECURITY ACTION MONTH—OCTOBER

October is Cyber Security Action Month, a global initiative that promotes safer online behaviours and improves cyber resilience. This year's theme 'Take a second. Stay secure.' is a reminder of how the small choices we make every day – at work, at home, and in our communities – play an important role in keeping us secure online. Here are some tools from the eSafety Commission.

Keeping Safer Online at Home and Work Free Webinar: 14/10/26 Wednesday @ 12:30pm (AEDT)

Find out more and register here. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6966312615475175516>

Understanding and Using Parental Controls Free Webinar: 22/10/26 Wednesday @ 12:30pm (AEDT) Find out more and register here. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7638683768175745112>

New Online Safety Guide, a practical guide designed to help parents and carers better understand the online environments young people use every day. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/online-safety-book>

SYNOD Toowoomba Diocese—23–24 October 2026

Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal : \$120.00 + further \$20.00 = \$140.00

Toowoomba Priest Retirement Appeal : \$640.00 + additional \$410.00 = \$1050.00

Planned Giving 19-20 Sept : Envelopes:\$160.00 Loose:\$590.30 Direct Deposit:\$967.00 Tap & Go: \$110.00

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.

27 Sunday

Migrant and Refugee Sunday

28 Monday

No Gospel Reflection Group

OCTOBER

1 Thursday

Parish Council Meeting in Church Foyer

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**