

MISSION STATEMENT

St Theresa's Catholic Parish is a vibrant, inclusive andwelcoming 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.

31 October - 1 November 2026 **Solemnity of ALL SAINTS** **YEAR A**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Pope Leo's Lens

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Reflecting on the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Leo says that 'the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity.'

And what does that 'final destiny' look like? The Pope speaks of 'a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognising and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ.'

How wonderful! Unity in diversity. Christ in all and all in Christ. It is a bit of a head scratcher, but a magnificent one. Besides this call to contemplation, we are also called to act. 'As we anticipate this future reality,' the Pope continues, 'we feel even more strongly and painfully how this contrasts with the tragedies that the human family is suffering because of injustice and war.'

Our present divisions should inspire us to work for peace. 'We urgently feel the duty to be builders of fraternity', the Pope says. 'Let us entrust our prayer and our commitment to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and all the Saints!' This All Saints Day, let us renew our calling to be saintly in our own time as committed builders of fraternity.

[Quotes from Angelus for All Saints, 1 November 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2025/documents/20251101-angelus.html]

All the Baptised

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Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

All Saint - Solemnity

First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4. 9-14
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6
(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Next Week's Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8.
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

BAPTISMS

1 November 2026
we welcome into our parish

Matilda Lonergan

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Baptism are celebrated during the 6.00pm 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	
Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	9.00 am
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	6.00 pm
Sunday	9.30 am

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

SCROLLING OF NAMES

Saturday, 7 & **Sunday, 8 November**.
At our annual scrolling of names we will remember all those who are recently deceased between November 2025 and October 2026.
We will also remember our other loved ones who have died.

SECOND COMBINED PARISH MASS

Saturday, 14 November 6.00pm

Twice-yearly St Theresa's Parish will combine our two weekend masses as a way of bringing the whole parish community together in prayer, friendship and over a cuppa/meal. Our first combined Mass was held on Sunday, 2 August to celebrate Fr Brian's Jubilee.
Our second and final combined Mass for 2026 will be held on Saturday, 14 November at 6.00pm.
Following the Mass, please join us for a sausage sizzle, cuppa and a sweet treat. Cost - a gold coin donation if possible.
Please add your name to the list if you are coming, this will assist with our catering.
Please note: NO Mass on Sunday, 15 November Mass.

RELEASING OF MEMORIES

Friday, 27 November at 10.00am - St Theresa's Parish Centre.
Traditionally within the church, November is the month during which we remember our loved ones in our families and community who have died. We are aware of the sadness that remains with us but we are supported by the hope and the promise that they now enjoy fullness of life. We are aware too, that we are not alone in our grieving. We are called to support and encourage one another as we move into the future.
The Releasing of Memories will be followed by morning tea at Cobb & Co.
RSVP: by 21st November (this is essential for catering numbers)

GRAND OPENING – VINNIES, TOOWOOMBA WEST

Saturday, 21st November 8.30am – 4.00pm. 5 – 7 Hyde Crt, Harristown.
Prizes and free face painting on the day!

RECENTLY DECEASED - Sean McKeown & Catherine Castell

ANNIVERSARIES 31 October - 6 November

Peter Boland, Sr Mary Thompson, Ella Conaghan, Jesse Fullerton, Michael Quinn, Labiba Haleem, Mike Boyd, Dennis Thompson, George Preece, Mary Franzmann, Barry Linderman, Grace Jones and Doreen Dunne.

HEALING FOR THE SICK

Parishioners: Helen McNaught, Roger Douglas, Isabel Gall, Anne Thomas, Susanne Gilshanen, Annette O'Brien and 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, Naser, 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, Judy March, Pam Newman and Grunden Family

NOVEMBER 2026 **THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

For the proper use of wealth Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. Leo P.P. XIV

PARISH WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - MISSION AMBASSADOR
Saturday 31ST October & Sunday, 1 November.

This year, St Theresa's parish is invited to support the Church in Malawi, where the work of Fr Matthew Semba is changing lives through St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary Schoot. Coordinated by Fr Matthew, the Church with your support can build a new school close to home, provide nutritious meals for students and purchase essentials like books, pencils and uniforms so that children can learn with confidence.

As we approach the 100th World Mission Day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be "One in Christ, United in Mission" – a call to put Christ at the forefront, as we share His love with those who need it most. This is a powerful opportunity for your parish to be part of a life-changing mission.

This year Deacon Martin Lewis will be the Catholic Mission Ambassador and will be speaking at both masses.

ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Advent 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 two Advent Reflection Groups, Monday morning & Wednesday evenings with details to follow shortly. This year the theme of the Program is 'Presence' and booklets will cost $8.00. Please add your name to the list in the church foyer or contact the parish office if you would like a copy.

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. Please also consider making a donation towards these Christmas gifts. Please add your name to the list in the church foyer or contact the parish office if you would like a copy.

ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH, HIGHFIELDS TRIVIA NIGHT

21 November at 6.00pm at Mary MacKillop School Hall. $20.00 per person 6-8 per team. Tickets must be purchased prior to event. (pizza included in ticket). Bar available. Raffles, Games, bring gold coins. Bookings contact Patti at alan.mcnaught@bigpond.com PLEASE JOIN US.

75th Jubilee of the OLOL Catholic Parish-Sunday, 8 November at 9:45 am. You are invited to celebrate the 75th Jubilee of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Newtown, Toowoomba. Mass will begin at 9:45 AM to give thanks to God for the many blessings our parish has received over the years. After Mass, please join us for a light lunch in the school hall. Please RSVP for lunch. www.trybooking.com/au/event/1620248 or 4634 1453 or Email: ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Parish Ministries

Parish Pastoral Council
Fr Brian Noonan, Monica Brennan, ElizabethCurtis, 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 1800846643

Parish Contact Details

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MELBOURNE CUP HIGH TEA: THE DIGNITY PROJECT

Sunday, 1 November 2:00pm-4:30pm St Anthony's Parish Centre, Memory St Tmba Cost: Entry via donation. RSVP: 27/10/26 via justice@twb.catholic.org.au or 4636 1737 or 0407 758 988 All welcome, bring your friends! Join us for a fun afternoon of entertainment with music, trivia, raffles, phantom call with sweep and more. Bar to buy drinks. Afternoon tea provided. All money raised will go to support Refugees and Asylum Seekers living in the Toowoomba area. # please bring cash as we have no online banking facilities. Book your free ticket here: https://www.trybooking.com/DQFYL.

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP, FACILITATED THROUGH THE DIGNITY PROJECT.

DONATIONS OF COTTON FABRIC NEEDED

The Women's Friendship Group is seeking donations of cotton fabric to support their community projects. Meeting three times each month, the group brings together women from refugee and asylum-seeker backgrounds, offering friendship, connection and an opportunity to develop sewing and craft skills. The ladies use donated materials to create quilts for St Vincent de Paul and care bags provided to people accessing the Winter Shelter program. If you have clean cotton fabric that you no longer need, we would be grateful for your donation. Please deliver fabric donations to the parish office and once received we will organise for their collection.

Thank you for helping create connection, dignity and practical support for people in our community.

ANNUAL ANGLICAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC PRAYER SERVICE FOR RECONCILIATION

Each year the communities of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba are invited to come together in a prayer service. During the service we remember that a Covenant involving the three communities has existed since 2009 and we pray that Anglicans and Roman Catholics will always seek ways to work more closely together. This year's prayer service will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, James Street, Toowoomba on Tuesday, 10 November at 11.00am. Roman Catholic Bishop of Toowoomba, Ken Howell, will preside and Anglican Bishop of Brisbane Diocese's Western Region, Cameron Venables, will preach. All are very welcome to attend.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH FETE

Saturday, 7 November 2026, starting 3.00pm at St Patrick's School Oval, St George. Join us for an afternoon and evening of family fun! Enjoy student class dances, games and activities, jumping castles, tug of war, yabby races, market stalls and delicious food from the community BBQ and sweets stall. The fun continues into the evening with a major raffle draw, featuring a premium Weber smoker, followed by the mega draw. Entry is free, and everyone is welcome!

Planned Giving 25-26 July : Envelopes: $285 Loose: $623.75 Direct Deposit: $1886.00 Tap & Go: $215.00
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
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 9.45am, Cobb & Co Museum

First Friday or Saturday of the Month
Infin8 Catholic Residents Mass & Prayer Liturgy

Upcoming Parish Events

November

3 Monday	**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
5 Wednesday	**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
7 Saturday	Infin8 Prayer Liturgy at 9.30am
7-8 Sat-Sun	Scrolling of Names
12 Thursday	Parish Council Meeting
14 Saturday	**COMBINED PARISH MASS at 6.00pm**
15 Sunday	**NO SUNDAY MASS**
16 Monday	Advent Program commences at 10.00am
25 Wednesday	Council of Priests Meeting
	Advent Program commences at 5.30pm
27 Friday	Releasing of Memories at 10.00am