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to walk with us in His ways.



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and connect with each other,
and the broader community,
to grow as disciples of Christ.

WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

We are a parish of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane incorporating the communities of:
Sacred Heart Church, 63 Maple Street, Cooroy; St Patrick's Church, 1 Church Street, Pomona; St Thomas More Church,
73 Ben Lexcen Drive, Sunshine Beach and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, 5 Moorindil Street, Tewantin.

Parish Office Hours

OPEN Monday & Tuesday: 8am - 12 noon and 1pm - 4pm, **Wednesday:** 1pm - 4pm, **Thursday:** 8am - 12 noon and 1pm - 2:30pm.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 26th July 2026

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Today the Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, a day that invites us not only to give thanks, but to reflect more deeply on the place of older people within the life of our families, our communities, and our Church. This year's theme, "I will never forget you" from the prophet Isaiah, is first and foremost a word spoken by God. It is a promise of enduring love and fidelity: no matter our age, our frailty, or our circumstances, we are never forgotten by God.

Again and again in the Scriptures, we encounter a God who remembers, a God who remembers the covenant, who remembers the people, who remains faithful across time. This divine remembering is not passive; it is active, life-giving, and sustaining. In a particular way, we see this faithfulness reflected in the lives of grandparents and the elderly among us. They are living witnesses to God's presence over time. They carry within them the memory of faith that has endured, deepened, and been handed on. In them, we glimpse the continuity of God's love across generations.

For this reason, the Church recognises the later years of life not simply as a stage, but as a true vocation. Grandparents and the elderly have a unique and irreplaceable role within the Body of Christ. They keep us connected to the roots of our faith. They pass on wisdom, stories, and belief to younger generations. And they fulfil a profound mission of intercession, holding families, communities, and the world in prayer. Their presence among us is not incidental; it is a gift and a grace, a sign of God's enduring faithfulness.

At the same time, this day gently challenges us. The words "I will never forget you" are also a question for us: do we always remember? We live in a culture that can move quickly, that can prize independence and productivity, and that can sometimes leave people feeling invisible or isolated. Pope Francis has spoken often of a "throw-away culture", and the elderly can be among those most affected by it. Today calls us to a different way of seeing and living: one shaped by the Gospel, where every person is recognised, valued, and included.

This has very real and practical implications. It asks us to notice who is not here, who may be unable to join us, who may be homebound, who may be longing for connection. It invites us to reach out in simple but meaningful ways: a visit, a conversation, a gesture of care. It also calls us, as a community, to ensure that older people are able to participate as fully as possible in the life of the Church, especially in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the heart of our communal life.

Ultimately, this day reminds us that the Church is a communion across generations. Young and old belong together. The energy and hope of youth, and the wisdom and memory of age, are not in competition; they are gifts that enrich one another. When we gather as the Body of Christ, we gather as one family, bound together by faith, memory, and love. So today, we give thanks for the grandparents and elderly among us: for their witness, their faith, and their quiet, faithful presence. And we commit ourselves anew to being a community that remembers: a community that honours, includes, and cherishes every generation. For in a world that can so easily forget, we are called to be a people who remember, because we belong to a God who never forgets us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon:*

Billie Jane Armstrong, Louise Elizabeth Barry, David Barson, Clare Bird, Bob Boyd, Xiaocui Boyle, Barbara Bubeer, Judith Burdon, Tyler Calleja, Brenda Carlos, Gab Carter, Joan Charman, Barbara Channon, Denise Christensen, Jenny Clarke, Joan Clift, Margaret Doolan, Edison Dungo Sr, Marie Dunn, Stanley Fernandez, Trish Fox, John Ian Hall, Denise Haycock, Geraldine Henry, Corey Henry, Pam Horn, Soraja (Mary) Jayaraj, Anne-Marie Jeffries, Mary Jenner Kiernan, Ken Kipping, Sue Kolesaric, Patricia Legge, Andrew MacRitchie, Des Manning, Tanya Martin, Chiara Mazzeo, Mary McCarthy, Carole McGurgan, Bernadette McIntyre, Neal McIntyre, Jo McNaught-Anderson, Tim Meadows, Kay Middleton, Fay Minter, Gregory Minter, Nina Mitchell, Jenny Noakes, Colin O'Neil, Cicely (Ceil) O'Neill, John Patrick, Jan Penny, John Porst (Jnr), Peter Rodgers, Jonathan Schuurmans-Stekhoven, Max Shearer, Dean & Dianna Shurte, Jo Simmons, Grant Smith, Ken Smith, Tim Sparks, Andrea Steen, Matthew Talarico, Noah Tesoriero, Marjan Vuletic, Shelley Jean Wadahara, Pamela Ware, Elaine White, Cooper Wright and all the sick.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES CAN NOW BE REMOVED.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently especially Athol Salisbury and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in the peace of Christ forever.*

JOIN US FOR

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

 **8AM MASS
AT ST THOMAS MORE CENTRE**

 **DATES FOR TERM 3:**

- Sunday 19th July
- Sunday 2nd August
- Sunday 16th August
- Sunday 30th August (STM Family Mass)
- Sunday 13th September



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To register please use the online form
via the link or QR code:
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**You are still
welcome to
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PARISH DIARY

MONDAY 27TH JULY

Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

Parish Office 8am to 12 Noon & 1pm to 4pm

8:30am MASS Cooroy

**9:00am Sacrament of
Reconciliation Cooroy**

**10:30am NDCP Catholic Women's
Group, Tewanin Parish Hall**

TUESDAY 28TH JULY

Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

Parish Office 8am to 12 Noon & 1pm to 4pm

**4:30pm—Sacrament of
Reconciliation—Tewanin**

5:30pm MASS Tewanin

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Parish Office 1pm to 4pm

**9:30am — 10:30am Quiet
Adoration in Tewanin Chapel**

**10:30am NDCP Catholic Women's
Group, Cooroy Church**

**6:00pm Confirmation Parent
Orientation Session, Tewanin
Church**

THURSDAY 30TH JULY

Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

Parish Office 8am to 12 Noon & 1pm to 2.30pm

8:00am Rosary, Tewanin

8:30am MASS, Tewanin

**9:00am Divine Mercy Prayers
Tewanin Chapel**

**9:30am NDCP Catholic Women's
Group - Tewanin**

FRIDAY 31ST JULY

St Ignatius of Loyola

Parish Office closed

**9:30am Christian Meditation
Group - Tewanin Church**

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

St Alphonsus Liguori

**10.00am Baptism Preparation,
Tewanin**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm MASS Cooroy

6.15pm MASS, Tewanin

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00am MASS—Sunshine Beach
Children's Liturgy of the Word
(Hospitality after Mass)**

**10:30am MASS—Tewanin
(Hospitality after Mass)**


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**Enrolments for Confirmation 2026 are now closed.
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list for 2027, please contact the Parish Office on
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6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly—26th July

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it lands on the 26th July and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our grandparents and all the elderly that we come across.

The celebration of this day provides an opportunity for the Church, at all levels, to draw close to the elderly; to celebrate their unique communities; and to reach out to those who may feel lonely or forgotten. The theme that Pope Leo has chosen for the 2026 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is **"I will never forget you."** *Isaiah 49:15*

According to Vatican News, this theme is both a message of comfort and hope for grandparents and elderly people, as well as a reminder to families and communities not to forget them, but rather to recognise them as "precious presence and a blessing" (Deborah Castellano Lubov, Vatican News, 10 February 2026).

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

*Holy Father who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly.*

You have revealed your name to me in Christ,

And You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands, and You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it just as You have chosen it –

You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division

So that we may live these years united in You.

You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15) Amen.

www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2026/vi-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html



PARISH FAMILY GROUPS UPDATE AND INVITATION

Another of the
Parishes
Passionist Family
Groups could not

resist the Christmas-in-July theme for this month's social get-together. A joyful and well-decorated group gathered in a Marina restaurant, relaxed, enjoyed a lovely meal, some crazy Christmas cracker jokes, good catch-ups and continued to build friendships and support each other.

For any questions, queries or a chat about Family Groups, contact Ministry Lead Shana on 0416 171 845 or the Parish Office.



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