

A family of diverse communities,
united as one in faith,
leading others to encounter Christ
so they may be empowered
to walk with us in His ways.



Committed to serve, support, worship
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.

CLOSED Fridays. Office Address: 5 Moorindil Street, Tewantin Postal Address: PO Box 111, Tewantin 4565

Parish Phone: 5447 1188 **Mass Times:** 5319 3788

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 27th September 2026



Alpha: A Place to Ask, Listen and Belong

We have just concluded another Alpha programme - the 14th we have run in the Parish since Fr Jason's arrival. It has been a remarkable and encouraging season in the life of our church. This year we welcomed the biggest Alpha group we have had, bringing together people of many ages, backgrounds and life experiences.

One of the great joys has been seeing such a wide range of people take part, from children and teenagers through to young adults, middle-aged guests and older members of the community. Guests have come from many walks of life and from different faith backgrounds, creating rich conversations and a genuine spirit of openness.

Alpha continues to offer a welcoming space where people can ask questions, explore faith, share honestly and listen respectfully to one another. It has been heartening to see relationships grow, conversations deepen and people feel able to come as they are. Some are even exploring the RCIA programme, starting on 20 October, either because they wish to deepen their existing faith and come to a better understanding of the teachings of the Roman Catholic church, or because they are curious and interested in becoming Catholic themselves.

The Holy Spirit Retreat Day was this year, held at St Teresa's Catholic College. It was a very special day of reflection and intentional teaching about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits which the Holy Spirit gives to each and every one of us. A very special "Thank you" to the College for the privilege of using their facilities in a purpose-built auditorium and even a coffee machine from which we were served "real coffee" by two trained baristas!

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this Alpha possible: those who prayed, welcomed guests, prepared food, hosted conversations, offered practical support and encouraged others along the way. Your contribution has helped create a place of warmth, hospitality and hope.

Some of the comments from our guests include

"Thank you. What a wonderful day it was. Saturday was pure gift." (referring to the Holy Spirit Day Retreat)

"What an awesome day Saturday was with the Holy Spirit working in the group. Thank you and the team for all your energy and enthusiasm to continue the Alpha program with its fruits and gifts poured out for us all."

In response to the question how can our Alpha be improved? One guest wrote "I found all areas to be magical"

Several guests also indicated their willingness to help on the next Alpha programme which is very gratifying.

And from one of our younger guests when asked How can we improve? the response was "Cannot be improved"



It has been a privilege and an absolute joy to have been involved with Alpha since its inception in our Parish in 2019 and to have been the Alpha co-ordinator for the past four years, but it is time for me to step down. Please pray that God will raise up the next co-ordinator and team who will take the programme forward and bring even more people to an understanding of the Kerygma – who Jesus is, why did He die, and that God loves each and every one of us unconditionally. For me, running the programme in our parish is nonnegotiable. It is the best the church has at this moment, to reach people for Christ or to reawaken those whose faith has been less than on fire or who still wonder what it means to have a relationship with Jesus. As this season draws to a close, we give thanks for all that has been shared and pray that the seeds planted through Alpha will continue to grow. May our church keep building on this foundation as we seek to welcome people, encourage faith and share the love of Christ in our community. God bless you all, *Rosemary Howard*

The Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Noosa District Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional owners of the country upon which the Parish lies - the *Gubbi Gubbi People* – and recognizes their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane and the Noosa District Catholic Parish
pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

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

Billie Jane Armstrong, 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, Janice Savory, 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, 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, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Pamela Maguire. *May they rest in the peace of Christ forever.*



**Looking for someone to do ironing for the Presbytery (Tewantin).
If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office on 5447 1188
or admin.ndcp@bne.catholic.net.au. Thank you.**



Thank you to all those who took the time to complete our Parish Questionnaire.

We have been truly overwhelmed by the wonderful response and are very grateful that so many people have taken the time to share their thoughts with us.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be contacting all those who indicated that they wanted to discuss their volunteering with the parish in the next couple of weeks. You will first receive a text about this on your mobile phone (the number will be the parish emergency mobile number).

The follow up will discuss your questionnaire responses and also share some information about the next steps in the process. We look forward to speaking with you and thank you again for being part of this important conversation for our parish.

It's not too late to submit a response. Use the form in your church or Scan the QR Code to respond now —>



DATE CLAIMER

**Passionist Family Groups Renewal Weekend 10–11 October 2026
Who Can Join a Family Group? Everyone!**



Family Groups welcome people of every age and stage of life: seniors, young adults, couples, families, single people, widows and widowers, and those who are separated or divorced. Catholics, non-Catholic family members and those who may not currently feel closely connected to parish life, are all welcome.

Family Groups complement our existing friendships while opening the door to new relationships within the parish. They offer a relaxed and welcoming way for people to connect, share enjoyable activities, and support one another.

An afternoon of fun at the Noosa Mini Golf course for the Seeds of Hope Family Group absolutely illustrates this! All ages, from quite young children to much older adults, gathered and tested their golf skills – a lot of laughs and a great time firming up those friendships.

There is no hidden commitment to or expectation of members. Family Groups are simply about becoming what the Church is called to be: a family for one another.

**Learn more during our Renewal Weekend on
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2026.**



PARISH DIARY

MONDAY 28TH SEPT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 26

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, Tewantin Parish Hall**

**7:30pm DIDASKO, The Eucharist
in the Life of the Church, Parish
Hall, Tewantin**

TUESDAY 29TH SEPT

Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

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

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

5:30pm MASS, Tewantin

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPT

St Jerome

Parish Office 1pm to 4pm

**9:30am— 10:30am Quiet
Adoration in Tewantin Chapel
with Morning Prayer**

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

THURSDAY 1ST OCT

St Therese of the Child Jesus

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

8:00am Rosary, Tewantin

8:30am MASS, Tewantin

**9:00am Divine Mercy Prayers,
Tewantin Chapel**

**9:30am NDCP Catholic Women's
Group, Tewantin Church**

FRIDAY 2ND OCT

The Holy Guardian Angels

Parish Office closed

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

SATURDAY 3RD OCT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 26

**10.00am Baptism Preparation
Session, Tewantin**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm MASS Cooroy

6.15pm MASS, Tewantin

SUNDAY 4TH OCT

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00am MASS—Sunshine Beach
(Hospitality after Mass)**

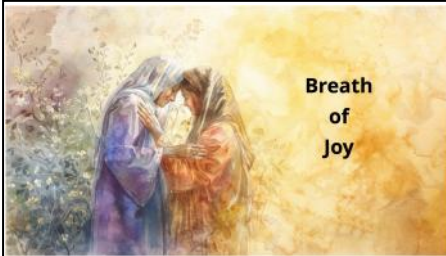
**10:30am MASS—Tewantin
(Hospitality after Mass)**



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Pray with Mary this October

Dear parish

I would like to invite you to pray daily with Mary this October. In this Marian month we are offering something very special – a way to pray the Magnificat, one word each day.

Last October we prayed the 'Hail Mary', one word each day. It proved to be very powerful and well-received. Many found the daily breathing prayer a big surprise as it grew their relationship with Mary day by day. With beautiful images of Mary, this year we pray the 'Magnificat' of Mary. These prayers are so simple and graceful as they sink into one's heart and daily life. The daily videos are just two and a half minutes long and will guide you in the ancient Ignatian method of praying by breath. They will literally 'breathe new life' into your day.

Delivered to your Email and available on Facebook and WhatsApp.

Pricing: A financial gift (you may offer this during registration)

Thank you,

Michael Hansen SJ, FSE Assistant New Exercises

Sue Martin National Director - First Spiritual Exercises Ministry – JISA

To register go to: www.book.venue.life/pch/register/breath-of-joy-october-2026

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4 Enie Creek Road, Noosaville 4566

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readings
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Calendar
\$11.00



Daily
Mass
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Thinking about Becoming Catholic
or growing in your Faith?

♥ You're welcome here.



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20 October
for weekly sessions

6:15pm to 8:15pm

Everyone
welcome!

IN THE CHURCH HALL
5 Moorindil Street, Tewantin

RCIA is a journey of faith, understanding and friendship.
Whether you are:



Exploring the
Catholic faith



Thinking about
Baptism



A Catholic wanting
to complete your
Sacraments



Simply wanting to
grow in your faith

Come and see. Ask questions. No pressure. All welcome. ♥

Take the next step in your faith journey.

We'd love to walk with you.

Please **RSVP** to the Parish office on 5447 1188
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or register via the link:
<https://noosacatholic.flocknote.com/signup/267696>



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