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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.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 25th October 2026

Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace held in Assisi on 27th October 1986

The 27th October marks the 40th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi, Italy. In 1986, Pope John Paul II invited 160 world religious leaders to come to Assisi to fast and pray for peace. This was a milestone in interreligious dialogue that communicated a powerful symbolic message to the world – the spirit of prayer and non-violence. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Zoroastrians, leaders of African and American Traditional Religions and of Shinto took part in this event.

Assisi was selected as the meeting place as, according to the words of Pope John Paul II, it was “because of the particular significance of the holy man venerated here – Saint Francis – known and revered by so many throughout the world as a symbol of peace, reconciliation and brotherhood” (Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 27 October 1986). This 40th Anniversary falls in the Franciscan Jubilee Year, proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027.

Addressing Christians at the Cathedral of St. Rufino, Pope John Paul II recalled that “Jesus Christ is truly the Prince of Peace” and that “as disciples of Christ we have been sent into the world to proclaim and to bring peace” (27 October 1986, n. 1), calling for unity, sincere self-examination, and a renewed commitment to reconciliation. Later, speaking to religious leaders at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, he clarified that Assisi was neither a conference nor an exercise in relativism, but a witness to “another dimension of peace... the result of prayer” (nos. 1–2). He further insisted on the necessity of “intense, humble and trusting prayer” if the world is to become a place of true and lasting peace (ibid., n. 3). In his concluding address at the Basilica of Saint Francis, Pope John Paul II emphasized that “Peace depends basically on this Power, which we call God” (n.3). He described peace as “a workshop, open to all,” and invoked the well-known prayer attributed to Saint Francis: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...” (n.11). By continuing to invite leaders of other religions to gather in prayer for peace, successive Popes — Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis — have supported and deepened this prophetic intuition. Now, in these turbulent times, Pope Leo XIV renews the “Spirit of Assisi” as a living movement of prayer, dialogue, and fraternity at the service of peace.

His Eminence, George Jacob Cardinal Koovakad, prefect for the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue, remarked that the 27 October 1986 was a turning point in the history of inter-religious dialogue, becoming a lasting symbol of the Church’s commitment to promoting social justice, moral well-being, peace and freedom for the benefit of all. His Eminence acknowledged that the anniversary will be commemorated in Assisi on 27 October 2026 in the presence of the Holy Father. He extended an invitation to each local Church community to find appropriate ways to commemorate this historic milestone.

This coming Tuesday you are invited to come together at the 5:30pm lay led liturgy with Holy Communion, in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Tewantin to celebrate this anniversary and to pray for a continued mutually respectful dialogue, recognizing one another as partners in the search for peace and witnessing that authentic faith fosters fraternity, reconciliation, and nonviolence rather than conflict. May we be reminded that peace cannot be reduced to political strategies alone, but must be rooted in prayer, conversion of heart, sincere dialogue, and a concrete commitment to justice. **Invite friends, family, neighbours, acquaintances along.**

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 including Maria Febicoski and Kathleen Timbs.
May they rest in the peace of Christ forever.



CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS FROM 12TH OCTOBER—2ND NOVEMBER (INCLUSIVE)

Please note that the Parish Office will be open on Mondays from 1pm—4pm only for the period 12th October—2nd November inclusive, due to staff leave.
We apologise for any inconvenience.
For all emergencies, please ring 0438 705 447.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME AT TEWANTIN ON 1ST NOVEMBER

**Due to road closures for the Noosa Triathlon on
Sunday 1st November the 10:30am Mass at Tewantin will
be held at 5:30pm on that Sunday.**



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



Passionist Family Groups encourage us to connect with and support others in practical and grounded ways. **The motto of Family Groups is "A Family for All."** Family Groups offer individuals, couples and families the opportunity to belong to a smaller group within the parish. Members gather regularly for relaxed social activities, gradually forming friendships and offering one another practical Christian care and support through both the joyful and challenging times of life.

There is always an open invitation to find out more

about being part of a Parish Family Group and/or join – there are information pamphlets with Expression of Interest forms at all Mass centres.

If you are still considering joining or have more questions after the wonderful weekend hosted by Fr Ray Sanchez and the Northern Region Passionist Family Group Team, complete a form, and either return it to the Parish Office, or place in an envelope addressed to the Parish Office and hand to a Mass Co-Ordinator or place it on a collection plate.

PARISH DIARY

MONDAY 26TH OCT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 29

*** Parish Office 1pm to 4pm ***

8:30am Lay led liturgy with holy communion, Cooroy

NO 9:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation Cooroy

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

TUESDAY 27TH OCT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 29

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

NO 4:30pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation—Tewantin

5:30pm Lay led liturgy with holy communion, Tewantin

6:00pm RCIA Divine Revelation: Good Seeking Us—Parish Hall, Tewantin

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 29

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 29TH OCT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 29

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 30TH OCT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 29

Parish Office closed

9:30am Christian Meditation Group - Tewantin Church

SATURDAY 31ST OCT

Weekday, Ordinary Time 29

All Saints

4:00pm MASS Cooroy

6.15pm MASS, Tewantin

SUNDAY 1ST NOV

All Saints

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

**NO 10:30am MASS—Tewantin
(Noosa Triathlon)**

*** 5:30pm MASS—Tewantin ***



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Books of Remembrance for the deceased—

November

As we approach the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls each member of our community is encouraged to personally offer prayers for their deceased loved ones in the month of November. This year we again invite all to inscribe your loved ones' name or names OR one family name in each box in the pages provided in our Books of Remembrance which are available at each church prior to and after Mass. Please only place names on the sheets once, as the pages will remain in the books for each Mass in November. The books will be processed into our Masses each weekend (in November), along with the offering of the gifts of bread and wine, so that together we are also offering this supreme prayer of the Mass for those who have died. Most importantly, please note, there is NO requirement for a Mass stipend or offering for the priest to be attached to these prayers and we ask that you do not use a Mass offering envelope for the names of your loved ones to be remembered in these Books of Remembrance during November.

Should you wish to make a Mass Offering please scan the QR Code or go to <https://aidtochurch.org> and select the Mass Offering tab. This will allow you to direct your Mass offering to churches that need our assistance.



25 October 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

"When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'" Matthew 22:34-36

Reflect today on the inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbor, and the eternal nature of these commandments. Does your life bear witness to these two great commands? Does your daily prayer arise from and lead to this twofold love? Hallow God's name not only with your lips, but also with your heart, soul, and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people—especially those hardest to love—so that you show them the dignity and charity due to your neighbor, in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven.

On 2 November, the Church marks All Souls' Day, a time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away. This year, **you can have their names inscribed on a cross and placed within the Cathedral of St Stephen**, a cherished tradition of prayer and remembrance.

For those who believe in Christ death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life with Him.

Add your loved ones' names to this year's All Souls' Day prayers by 29 October by going to: <https://bit.ly/remembersouls>

Submit your loved ones' names for All Souls' Day prayer



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