

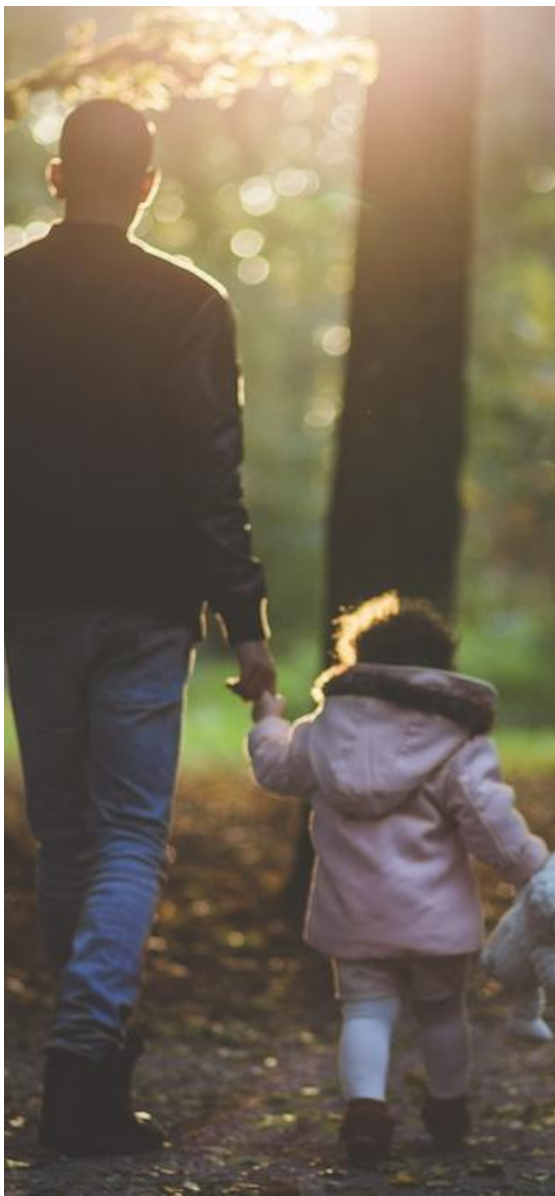
REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation.

Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.





A Prayer for Fathers

F IS FOR FAITH
 Help Dad to put his full trust in you, O LORD. Give him an unshakeable faith in Your Word. Strengthen his desire to read it, memorize it, and order his life according to Your precepts. Remind of Your promise to work all things together for good for those who love You and are called according to Your purpose. Keep him faithful, alert, and standing firm. Psalm 25:2; Psalm 100:97-100; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 16:13

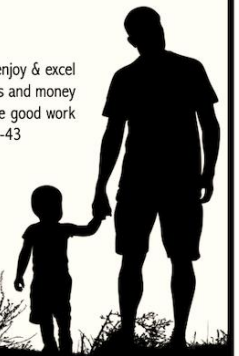
A IS FOR ATTENTION
 God, help Dad focus his attention on what truly matters. Teach him prioritize, to number his days, and to invest his time wisely. Guard him against harmful or ungodly distractions. Give him eyes to see with an eternal perspective. Fix his mind fixed on what's true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, excellent, commendable and praiseworthy Hebrews 3:1; Psalm 90:12; 121:7; Colossians 3:1-3; Philipians 4:8

T IS FOR TESTIMONY
 Make Dad a man of integrity. Keep him mindful of the fact that others are watching, particularly the children you've entrusted to his care. Give him a good name and grant him the wisdom, discernment, and understanding he'll need to lead his family well. May everything he does bring honor to You and point others to Jesus. Prov. 28:18; Psalm 119:1-2; Hebrews 12:1; Prov. 2:6; 22:1; 1 Corinthians 10:31

H IS FOR HEALTH
 LORD, keep Dad in good health. Make his bones and muscles strong. Preserve his strength and vitality. Grant him good sleep and give him the rest he needs. Help him make good choices in areas that affect his health and either protect him against sickness and disease or give him grace to endure physical afflictions in a way that glorifies You. 3 John 1:2; Prov. 3:1-8; Is. 40:29-41; Psa. 127:2; 2 Cor. 12:8-10

E IS FOR EMPLOYMENT
 God, give Dad meaningful work to do and a sense of purpose. Help him enjoy & excel at his job. Make him a wise steward of the gifts, skills, talents, opportunities and money you've entrusted to him. May others be supportive and appreciative of the good work he does. Psalm 90:17; Ecclesiastes 5:18-19; Proverbs 22:29; Luke 12:42-43

R IS FOR RELATIONSHIPS
 Bless Dad's relationships, LORD. Fortify his family ties. Provide friends who uplift & encourage him. Help him get along with colleagues and coworkers. Most of all, strengthen his relationship to You. Give him a love for Jesus that spills out on everyone he meets. Psalm 128:1-4; Prov. 17:17; Mark 12:30-31

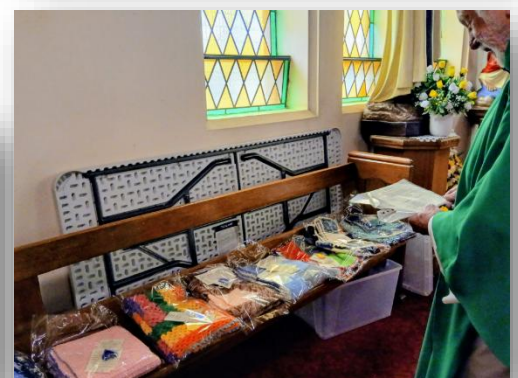


THE KNITTING CLUB

As we gather twice a month, our 'knitters' continue to produce knee rugs, blankets, shawls, baby & adult beanies.

While we hope to share these with our Parishioners who are sick, elderly and housebound, we have also reached out to others in our community, i.e. Mercy Palliative Care, St Vincent, Braybrook Community House and now Sunshine Hospital.

They are also very appreciative of the beautifully knitted items. If anyone knows of someone who may appreciate one of the knitted & blessed items, please let either Gus or Muriel know and we will organise to get it to you.





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF
St Theresa's
PARISH
✠
St Theresa's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

We will celebrate with a special mass on
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026,
commencing at 10:30am.

This will be followed by refreshments
in the school hall.



Bookings can be made via the link or QR code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DOMMI>

RSVP by 20th September. If you need assistance, please contact the PLT member in your part of the parish: **Hang, Gus Sutherland, Ann Maree Sanford, Muriel Alexander and Rose Raniolo.** Thank you for helping us celebrate this milestone and the beautiful story of St Theresa's.

CDF PARISH VISIT

Sunday 6th September, St Theresa's Mass 10.30am

This Sunday 6th September Natalie a representative from the Catholic Development Fund, (CDF), will be joining us at St Theresa's 10.30am Mass.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM. Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

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"Do Small Things Well"

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 16 Drummartin St., Albion 3020
 Principal: Rob Macklin

Mother of God Primary School - 93631734
 Blanche St., Ardeer 3022
 Principal: Assunta Lacovino

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

5 & 6 September

MASSES THIS WEEK

ST THERESA'S

Drummartin St, Albion
 8.30am Wednesday
 8.30am Fri Reconciliation
 9.00am Friday
 8.30am Sun Reconciliation
 9.00am Sunday
 10.30am Sunday

MOTHER OF GOD

Blanche St, Ardeer
 10.00am Wednesday
 (Polish)
 9.00am Thursday
 6.00pm Friday (Polish)
 5.00pm Sat Reconciliation
 5.30pm Saturday
 10.15am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Holt St, Ardeer
 CLOSED

RECONCILIATION

(Individual Confession)
 Other times by Appointment.

HOLY ROSARY

Before regular Wednesday
 and Friday Masses each
 week

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at
 St Theresa's Church

FEAST DAYS

The Nativity of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary, 8 September

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To all the dads, grandfathers, and father figures in our lives, we offer our prayers and give thanks for your love, guidance, and strength.

WEEK DAY MASSES

Will recommence Wednesday 9th Sept

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us today after each Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners.

✦ MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL - Commitment Mass

Commitment Mass this Saturday 5th Sept at Mother of God, time 5.30pm.

✦ MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL - Holy Communion

Mother of God School will be celebrating First Holy Communion at the 5.30pm Mass, Saturday 12th September.

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN

Thank You!

Please return envelopes to Mass or Parish office.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$614 Loose Money \$259 Presbytery \$596

COUNTERS 13th September

Team 4: M Poulter, A Silva, S Silva

READINGS

Today

Ezekiel 33.7-9
 Psalm 95.
 1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)
 Romans 13.8-10
 Matthew 18.15-20

Next Week

Sirach 27.30 – 28.7
 Psalm 103.
 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (R.8)
 Romans 14.7-9
 Matthew 18.21-35

Next Week Commentators/Readers 13th September

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	A Zahra	M Azzopardi	J Protacio
Readers	Hang	J Tabone	R Raniolo

