

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

REFLECTION on the GOSPEL by Greg Sunter



Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once

Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.



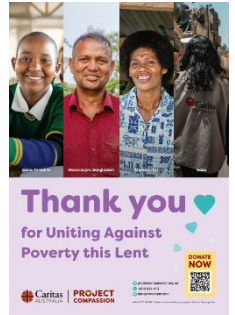
St Theresa's Parish is committed to the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults

**THANK YOU!**

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of ST Theresa's for

your generous support of Project Compassion 2026. Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Together, your community raised an incredible \$1,559.15, helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice.

Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

**MASSES THIS WEEK****ST THERESA'S**

Drummartin St, Albion

8.30am Wednesday

8.30am Friday Reconciliation

9.00am Friday

8.30am Sunday 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 Saturday 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 each month at St Theresa's Church.

FUNERAL MASS for Elizabeth Orlinski on Friday 17th April, 11am at Mother of God.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK 24th, 29th, 30th April

Will be offered Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at ST T area during the last week of each month. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the **10.30am Mass**, **Rose** will invite the children to a separate space for the readings and Gospel.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return any project compassion donations as soon as you can.

KNITTING GROUP meeting on Wednesday 22nd April, 10am at the Presbytery.

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

The collection taken up last week on Good Friday raised \$733 Thank you.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$649 Loose Money \$580 Presbytery \$1445

COUNTERS 19th April

Team 3: M Azzopardi, M Camenzuli

READINGS Today

Acts 2.42-47

Psalm 118

2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (R.1)

1 Peter 1.3-9

John 20.19-31

Next Week

Acts 2.14, 22b-28

Psalm 16

1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (R.11)

1 Peter 1.17-21

Luke 24.13-35

PARISH FOOD BANK

We are in need of a few things to make up our food parcels. If you are able to bring an item or two, pasta/spaghetti, oil and passata would be a great help. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH CARAVAN, Safety Beach / Dromana SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

If you would like to use our Caravan, please call the Parish Office on 9311 3091 to book. It sleeps up to six (very cosy) and costs \$80 per night. Great opportunity to get away and see the Dromana Seal who's has been making the news this week. Please contact the office to book 9311 3091.

