

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.* The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were, they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he took the bread and fish, *gave thanks*, *broke the bread*, and *gave it to the disciples to distribute*. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.



P.A.L.M.S - SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER



This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific. Ph: 02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567
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St Theresa's Parish is committed to the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN

The Archbishop Campaign will commence next weekend. I invite you to reflect on what a vibrant faith community means to you and your family, and to consider making a personal, recurring monthly gift in support of the vital ministries. More information available on the Posters.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH RAFFLE IS BACK!

Tickets are \$2 each, and you're welcome to take a book of 10 for \$20—a lovely way to involve family or friends. Books can be collected from Mary Azzopardi, Ann-Maree, Jadzia, or Mary Zahra. **Exciting Prizes to be won!**

KNITTING GROUP SESSIONS

Our Knitting Group will pause its meetings throughout August. We look forward to gathering again in September.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE 0213

Please double check your envelope number and contact the office if you have number **0213**.

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 the month at St Theresa's Church

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Stay for a cuppa after every Mass this Sunday, 2 August. Share some conversation, enjoy the company of our parish community, and take a moment to wish Fr Dixon a happy and well-deserved holiday.

NO WEEK DAY MASSES DURING AUGUST

Throughout August, Fr Dixon will be away on leave. We hold him in prayer for a restful break. Please note that **weekday Masses will NOT be celebrated during this time.**

Reconciliation remains available as normal on Saturday and Sunday.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$789 Loose Money \$402 Presbytery \$799

COUNTERS 9th August

Team 4: M Poulter, A Silva, S Silva

FEAST DAYS

St Dominic, 3 August

St John Mary Vianney, 4 August

The Transfiguration of the Lord, 6 August

READINGS Today

Isaiah 55.1-3

Psalms 145

8-9,15-16,17-18, (R.16)

Romans 8.35,37-39

Matthew 14.13-21

Next Week

1 Kings 19.9,11-13

Psalms 85

8ab+9,10-11,12-13 (R.7)

Romans 9.1-5

Matthew 14.22-33

Next Week Readers/Commentators 9th August

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	M Camenzuli	D Catania	N Maguire
Readers	A Zahra	P Farrugia	M Alexander

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "**Catholic**" in the question on religion. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as **Catholic**, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

