

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter



This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very

sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

St THERESA'S PARISH 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 4th October



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.

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](https://zoom.us). Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA - Retreat

16 Esplanade, Williamstown

This is a time of silent contemplation, listening to God through the Scriptures of your life, with daily opportunity of sharing with a Spiritual Companion, allowing a deepening of one's experience of God in daily life. It is about noticing what is God up to in your life

Date: 13/09/26 - 20/09/26, Facilitator: Jennifer Scally RSJ, Price: \$2,365 includes accommodation & all meals. **RSVP 2 days before on 9397 6012 for all sessions**

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

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

On Sunday 6th September a representative from the Catholic Development Fund, or CDF, will be joining us at St Theresa's 10.30am Mass. For 70 years, CDF has supported a range of Catholic organisations across a multitude of sectors including our parish. More broadly, CDF helps build schools, parishes, aged care homes, and social services facilities. As individuals, we can also be part of this mission. CDF offers savings and term investment accounts, which not only provide a financial return but support the growth of our Catholic community.

FATHER'S DAY MASS – St Theresa's Friday 4th September

A special **Father's Day Mass** will be celebrated at **9.10am on Friday, 4 September** at St Theresa's Church, together with St Theresa's School and our parish community. All are warmly welcome.

✠ MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Mother of God School will be celebrating First Holy Communion at the 5.30pm Mass, Saturday 5th September. We offer our prayers and blessings to the children celebrating their First Holy Communion.

FATHER'S DAY Sunday 6th September

As Father's Day approaches, we warmly invite you to bring a **PHOTO** of a special father/granddad to Mass on that weekend. After each Mass, we will hold a short Prayer Service to honour and give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures who have blessed our lives and our parish community.

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

FEAST DAYS

St Gregory the Great, 3 September

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us next Sunday 6th September after each Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners, and get to know one another better? Please bring a plate to share.

WEEK DAY MASSES - will commence Wednesday 9th Sept**🙏 THANK YOU, FR BARRY**

Thank you to Fr Barry for his prayer, guidance, and generous service to our parish over these past weeks. We are grateful.

🌟 WELCOME BACK, FR DIXON

We look forward to welcoming Fr Dixon back next weekend as we gather for our celebration Masses.

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN**Thank You**

Please return envelopes to Mass or Parish office.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$742 Loose Money \$219 Presbytery \$597

COUNTERS 6th September

Team 3: M Azzopardi, M Camenzuli

READINGS Today

Jeremiah 20.7-9

Psalms 63.

1,2-3,4-5,7-8 (R.1a)

Romans 12.1-2

Matthew 16.21-27

Next Week

Ezekiel 33.7-9

Psalms 95.

1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)

Romans 13.8-10

Matthew 18.15-20

Next Week Commentators/Readers**6th September**

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	K Alisen	D Catania	D Bracchio
Readers	K Caruana	P Farrugia	N Maguire

