

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Keep Rowing!

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'



WINTER APPEAL – Thank you!

Our Winter Appeal 2026 is over! On behalf of the St. Vincent's Donation Centre in Kensington and The Braybrook Community House we want to sincerely thank you all for your very generous donations during June/July. The items you all so generously provided — especially those we listed in the Bulletin as being most needed — were deeply appreciated. Your donations also gave a welcome boost to our Parish Food Cupboard.

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.

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

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - MASSES

This Friday, 14th August and Saturday 15th. we will celebrate three special Masses.

- 9.10am at St Theresa's, shared with our school and parish community
- 12.00pm (noon) at Mother of God, shared with the school and parish community
- Saturday 15th August, time 9.00am at St Theresa's Church

We warmly invite everyone to join us.

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.

CHANGE OF PLAN FOR OUR PARISH KNITTING GROUP

For the month of August — during Fr. Dixon's leave — our Knitting Group will meet on Thursday 13th and Thursday 27th, from 9:30am to 11:30am. Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday morning.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH RAFFLE IS BACK!

Tickets are \$2 each, and a book of 10 for \$20. Tickets due back Tuesday 1st September.

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

WELCOME FR BARRY

We offer our thanks to Fr Barry, who will be taking our Parish Masses for the coming four weeks. Let us extend a warm welcome to him, both before and after Mass.

NO WEEK DAY MASSES DURING AUGUST

Please note that weekday Masses will NOT be celebrated during this time. Reconciliation remains available as normal on Saturday and Sunday.

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN

The Archbishop Campaign offerings will be 15-16 August

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$1230 Loose Money \$336 Presbytery \$772

COUNTERS 16th August

Team 5: J Giang, M Hua, M Azzopardi

FEAST DAYS

St Lawrence, 10 August

St Clare, 11 August

St Maximillian Kolbe, 14 August

READINGS Today

1 Kings 19.9,11-13

Psalm 85

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

Romans 9.1-5

Matthew 14.22-33

Next Week

Isaiah 56.1,6-7

Psalm 67.

1-2,4-5,6-7 (R.4-5)

Romans 11.13-15,29-32

Matthew 15.21-28

Next Week Readers/Commentators 16th August

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	M Poulter	M Azzopardi	D Hoskins
Readers	Fill In	V Ventura	D Bracchio

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – Names for the Deceased **Please note during August**, all names for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful must be submitted by **Tuesday** of each week to ensure they are read at the weekend Masses.

