

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Right Question

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. *Those* are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

RECONCILIATION (individual confession) Saturday 20th December

11.00am Mother of God
12noon St Theresa's

Christmas Eve Wednesday, 24th December

6.00pm Mother of God *Family Mass*
8.00pm St Theresa's *Youth Christmas Play*
Midnight St Theresa's *Live Carols From 11.30pm*
Midnight Mother of God *(Polish)*

Christmas Day Thursday, 25th December

10.15am Mother of God *(Polish)*
10.30am St Theresa's

Other Masses Friday 26th December

10.15 Mother of God *(Polish)*

Wednesday 31st December

5.00pm Mother of God - - *(Polish Thanksgiving)*

Thursday 1st January 2026 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9.00am Mother of God *(Polish)*
11.00am Mother of God *Feast day Mass with Novena*



🎄 CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRACTICE 🎵

To make our Christmas Day 10.30am Mass even more joyful, Michelle is organising Carols. A choir practice will be held on Wednesday 17th Dec at 7.00pm in St Theresa's Church. Contact Michelle - 0417 010 630 All are invited to come along and sing!

✨ PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH ✨

Join us for a joyful celebration of the season! **Venue:** Deer Park Club, 780 Ballarat Rd, Deer Park, on Tuesday, 16th December from 12.00pm. Please RSVP to Mary Azzopardi or Ann-Maree Let's come together in festive spirit—everyone is welcome!

IN HOLY STILLNESS ADVENT REFLECTION

Join our Advent Reflection Group, Saturday 20 December, 10.30am in the Presbytery.

🌟 CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH PERFORMANCE 🌟

Is your child interested in being part of our joyful Christmas performance during the 8.00pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Theresa's Church? 📞 Contact Carmen – 0421 796 522 to register.

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 & Friday Masses each week

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

Wednesday 17th December 12noon at St Theresa's.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK 17th, 18th, 19th December

This week communion for the Sick will be offered Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at ST T area. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 24th Dec to 5th January 2026. Fr Dixon will be available please leave a message and he will attend too it.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS

Please have all donations of Christmas festive food items, placed in the basket at each church this week. To be distributed before Christmas. Thank you.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2026

Available at each church, the Columban Calendar will **Cost \$11**, and make a beautiful and meaningful gift for Christmas.

LEGION OF MARY

Last meeting for the year, Tuesday 16/12, 10.30am.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$880 Loose Money \$361 Presbytery \$696

COUNTERS 21st December

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

READINGS Today

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10
Psalm 146
6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R.35.4)
James 5.7-10
Matthew 11.2-11

Next Week

Isaiah 7.10-14
Psalm 24.
1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.7c+10b)
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-24

ANNOUNCEMENT: MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCES SYNOD FOR 2026

A letter from the Archbishop is attached and he asks for your prayers as we begin to prepare for this important undertaking. More information to be followed.

