

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances will have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PARISH DINNER

Tuesday 3rd February

Our first parish dinner for 2026 will be at Braybrook Hotel “all you can eat buffet”, Ballarat Rd, Braybrook from 6pm. RSVP Mary Azzopardi or Ann-Maree by Monday 2nd February.

PARISH CARAVAN – Safety Beach / Dromana

Our parish caravan at Safety Beach / Dromana is available for bookings over the school holidays and after. It's a wonderful opportunity for a relaxing and affordable family break.

- Sleeps: Up to six people (very cosy and comfortable)
- Cost: \$80 per night
- Bookings: Please call the Parish Office on 9311 3091

If you're looking for a simple and refreshing getaway, we'd love to hear from you.

MASSES THIS WEEK

ST THERESA'S

Drummartin St, Albion

8.30am Wednesday

8.30am *Friday Reconciliation*

9.10am 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

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us this Sunday after Masses for our first cuppa in 2026.

Enjoy a chat about Christmas, New Year and School Holidays!

ESTIA HEALTH 30 North St, Ardeer

Mass on Tuesday 3rd February, 11.00am

BENEDICTION

Friday 6th February at St Theresa's Church.

LEGION OF MARY

Meeting Tuesday 3rd February, 10am at St Theresa's Church.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$735 Loose Money \$328 Presbytery \$711

COUNTERS 8th February

Team 3: M Azzopardi, M Camenzuli

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

The Presentation of the Lord, 2 February

St Agatha, 5th February

St Paul Miki and Companions, 6 February

READINGS Today

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

Psalm 146

6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R. Mt 5.3)

1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Matthew 5.1-12a

Next Week

Isaiah 58.6-10++

Psalm 112

4-5, 6-7, 8a-9 (R.4)

1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Matthew 5.13-16

ESTIA HEALTH, 30 North St Ardeer

Respite and permanent care options are available now. To book a time to have a look at our lovely home or for any further information, please call the home directly on 9360 4552 or speak to Gabrielle on 0419 336 841.

ABBAY SOLO FOUNDATION

10 years after Abbey passed away in Yr 3 at Mother of God School in Ardeer, the foundation in her name has gifted over \$250,000 to families living with childhood cancer. You are invited to support her legacy by joining us on Thursday Feb 26 at Sunshine Heights Cricket Club for our annual T20 cricket match against VicPolice. Lots of family fun. We would love to see you there. If you can't make, you might consider buying a virtual seat by donating \$20 through our webpage.

Leave a message: Virtual Seat (and your name) <https://www.abbeysofoundation.org/>

