
St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

A CALL TO PRAYER – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

In 2028, the International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Australia. The Holy Father, Leo XIV, will be coming to Australia for this event. 2026 commences our preparation for this with a Call to Prayer; 2027 is a Call to Worship and 2028 a Call to Mission.

On March 1st, 2026, every parish in the country is invited to celebrate a Holy Hour following the conclusion of Mass. On that Second Sunday of Lent, having heard the Gospel of Christ's Transfiguration, we are invited to be united in prayer, asking the Lord to transform our hearts through the Eucharist, that his will may be done in our lives and the life of the Church.

Here at St Theresa's Parish, we will celebrate this Call to Prayer with a half hour Prayer time after each Mass over the weekend. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Bible reading, some quiet time then a reflection time. We invite all Parishioners to take part in this half hour of prayer and be united with other parishes in Australia.

REFLECTION for FIRST SUNDAY of LENT from Caritas Australia

Nelson Mandela said that education was the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world. There are plenty of people who would agree with him. One of them is Oprah Winfrey who said that education was the way to move mountains, build bridges and, yes, to change the world.

Today's readings certainly suggest the value of learning. The story from the Book of Genesis comes from pre-history. It has often been misunderstood to suggest that sin entered the world through one woman. This is not true. On the contrary, the readings tell us that the world is good. When humans try to overstretch their boundaries, trouble follows, and the experience of beauty and harmony is threatened. We need to choose our teachers. Are we going to listen to God or the serpent? In our modern world, the serpent takes many forms. There are countless threats to the harmony of the human race and the beauty of our natural environment.

Likewise, today's story of the temptations in the wilderness from Matthew's Gospel shows us that some lessons are difficult. Jesus teaches the devil. He tells the evil one that God is in charge. Jesus must decide which voices he will follow. He must learn that some ideas may not be as good as they sound. All the kingdoms of the world, Jesus learns, are no substitute for an honest and life-giving relationship with God. Each week during Lent, Caritas Australia asks us to think about the world and learn more about our role in building God's kingdom. Today we start with an introduction to Project Compassion, which allows us to appreciate how much the Catholic community, has been able to achieve across the decades for the most marginalised people of the world. We are all still learning. Pope Leo XIV has reminded us that the vulnerable are great teachers.

In Dilexi Te he writes:

Christians must not abandon almsgiving... It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts... for our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor.

The evil spirit will always focus on the negative and convince us that change is too difficult. The spirit of grace and truth will show us what is truly possible and help us sort our priorities.

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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes the QR code. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413 ***Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.***



LENTEN REFLECTION

Reflecting on the gospels of Lent can provide a profound spiritual experience, especially when shared in community. **Join our group on** Saturdays during Lent, 10.30am at the Presbytery. The resource we will be using, Journey Home, will also be available to purchase for \$4.50 if you would like to reflect at your own time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING LENT

Starting **next Sunday, the Second Week of Lent**, during the **10.30am Mass**, **Rose** will invite the children to a separate space for the **readings and Gospel**, presented in a way that is engaging and age-appropriate. Children will also receive **fun worksheets** to help them reflect on the message of the day. We look forward to welcoming our young parishioners as they grow in faith this Lent.

MASSES THIS WEEK

ST THERESA'S

Drummartin St, Albion

8.00am Wednesday -

Stations of the cross

8.30am Wednesday

(NO 9AM Friday Mass during Lent)

6.30pm Friday

followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Stations of the Cross

5.30pm Saturday

10.15am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Holt St, Ardeer

CLOSED

RECONCILIATION

(Individual Confession)

Other times by Appointment.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK 25th, 26th & 27th February

Will be offered Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at St T area this week. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

POLISH LENTEN RETREAT

At Mother of God Church the Polish community will be gathering to reflect, Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th of February from 10am – 12 noon.

CUPPA AFTER MASS

Join us Sunday **8th March** after Mass for a cuppa and a chat. Let us take the time to get to know one another better? Please bring a plate to share.

LEGION OF MARY

Meeting on Tuesday's, 10am at St Theresa's Church.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$844 Loose Money \$352 Presbytery \$763

COUNTERS

1st March

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

READINGS Today

Genesis 2.7-9,16-18,25;3.1-7++

Psalms 51

1-2,3-4a,10-11,12+15(R.1a+4a)

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

Next Week

Genesis 12.1-4

Psalms 33

4-5,18-19,2+22 (R.22)

2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Matthew 17.1-9

FOOD BANK Please note officer hours would be best for pick up of food for those in need. Office hours: Tuesday 9.30-1.30pm, Thurs 9.30-12.30pm, Friday 9-2pm

