
St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

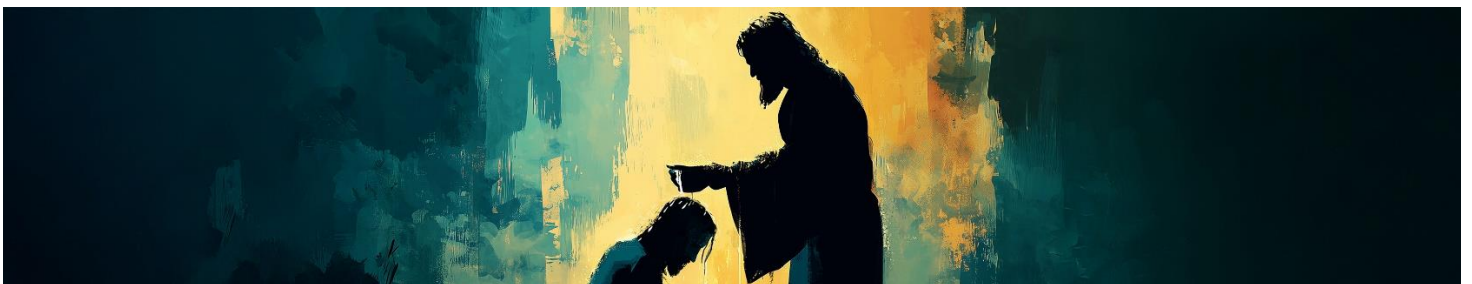
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The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.

For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.



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

A NEW YEAR, A NEW OPPORTUNITY?

Our parish family thrives when each of us shares our gifts. As we prepare for 2026, we are inviting everyone to prayerfully consider how they can serve.

Roles we need:

-  **Cleaners** – to keep our sacred space welcoming and fresh.
-  **Readers** – to proclaim the Word of God during Mass.
-  **Helpers before & after Mass** – greeting, setting up, tidying, and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Why it matters:

- These ministries are not just tasks—they are acts of love that build community.
- Your commitment ensures our parish remains vibrant, inclusive, and joyful.

How to respond:

- Please reflect on where you feel called.
- You can contact the parish office 9311 3091 to register your interest

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

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK 28th, 29th & 30th January

Offered Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area, Friday at ST T area during the last week of each month. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

HOLY ROSARY

Before regular Wednesday & Friday Masses each week

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

28/12 Thanksgiving \$716 Loose Money \$314

Presbytery \$683 Christmas Collection \$1,646

4/01 Thanksgiving \$672 Loose Money \$381

Presbytery \$804

COUNTERS 18th January

Team 5: J Giang, M Hua, M Azzopardi

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Anthony, 17 January

READINGS Today

Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7

Psalm 29

1-2,3ac-4,3b+9c-10(11b)

Acts 10.34-38

Matthew 3.13-17

Next Week

Isaiah 49.3,5-6

Psalm 40

1+3a,6,7-8,9(R.7-8)

1 Corinthians 1.1-3

John 1.29-34

PARISH CARAVAN – Safety Beach / Dromana

School Holiday Getaway!

Our parish caravan at Safety Beach / Dromana is available for bookings over the school holidays. 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.

