

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"



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Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The

beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of



history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.



A YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Pope Leo XIV has declared 2026 a "Special Year of St Francis", honouring the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

The jubilee year was inaugurated on January 10 with a decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See, and will run until January 10, 2027.

The decree asked that every Christian, "following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may themselves become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace!"

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



CONGRATULATION'S TO JOSEPHINE & FRANK

What a beautiful milestone for Frank and Josephine Azzopardi. A 50th wedding anniversary is already something extraordinary, but receiving a certificate from Pope Leo makes it even more meaningful — it speaks to a lifetime of faith, commitment, and love that has clearly touched many people around them.



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.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2026

Some are available for sale.

HOLY ROSARY

Before regular Wednesday & Friday Masses each week

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$561 Loose Money \$317 Presbytery \$571

COUNTERS 25th January

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Agnes, 21 January

St Francis de Sales, 24 January

READINGS Today

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

Next Week

Isaiah 9.1-4

Psalm 27.

1,4,13-14(R.1a)

1 Corinthians 1.10-13,17-18

Matthew 4.12-23

A NEW YEAR, A NEW OPPORTUNITY?

-  **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.

Contact the parish office 9311 3091 to register your interest

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.

