
St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Responding to today's challenges may sometimes seem beyond our capabilities,' Pope Leo says, 'but this is not the case.' He calls on us to 'work together to set humanity free from the encircling gloom' that 'threatens to "cancel" hope.'

Reflecting on St John Henry Newman's hymn, *Lead, Kindly Light*, the Pope wants us to 'disarm the false reasons for resignation and powerlessness.' He wants us to 'share the great reasons for hope in today's world.' Even in the darkness, we see a great light.

With our eyes focused on the true light of this world, we are called to be pointers to it.

'Let us', the Pope says, 'reflect upon and point out to others those "constellations" that transmit light and guidance at this present time, which is darkened by so much injustice and uncertainty.'

Indeed, our own lives should become living reflections of that light. 'Life shines brightly not because we are rich, beautiful or powerful', the Pope says. 'Instead, it shines when we discover within ourselves the truth that we are called by God, have a vocation, have a mission, that our lives serve something greater than ourselves.' 'Every single creature has a role to play', he continues. 'The contribution that each person can make is uniquely valuable.' For that reason, we should also always be open to the light shining in those we meet.

"Let us pray our Parish Mission Prayer together:

We pray that St Theresa's Parish will continue to be a caring and welcoming Christian community where everyone is respected and valued. Guided by St Theresa of Lisieux and the Holy Spirit, we aim to be people of faith working together to "Do small things well".

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

PARISH DINNERTuesday 3rd February

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

WELCOME BACK

This week we welcome back our students and staff, and especially the new preps on this first year at school. We hope everyone has had a lovely and restful holiday and is full of energy for the new school year

CHOIR PRACTICEWednesday 28th January

Michelle Spiteri who has been occasionally singing at the 10.30 Mass in the past year would like to organise a choir practice this coming week Wednesday, 7pm at St Theresa's Church, to encourage singing for 10.30 Mass on 1st February. ALL WELCOME

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

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

Offered Wednesday at QOH area, Thursday at MOG area and Friday at ST T area this week. Please call the Parish Office to book an appointment.

FUNERAL MASSfor Teresa Haber who passed away last week, will be held on Tuesday 27th January. The service will be at St Bernadette's Church, Nth Sunshine, Rosary at 11am followed by mass.

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$882 Loose Money \$367 Presbytery \$634

COUNTERS 1st February

Team 2: J Castasus, R Castasus, AM Sanford

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Thomas Aquinas, 28 January

St John Bosco, 31 January

READINGS Today

Isaiah 9.1-4

Psalm 27.

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

1 Corinthians 1.10-13,17-18

Matthew 4.12-23

Next Week

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

Psalm 146

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

1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Matthews 5.1-12a

ESTIA HEALTH30 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 Gabrielle on 0419 336 841.

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.

