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# St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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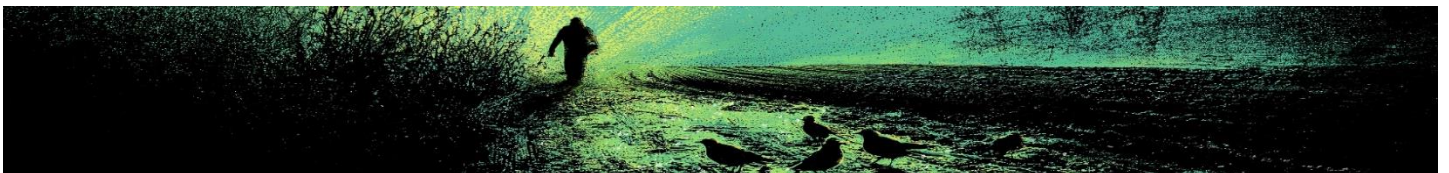
*"Do Small Things Well"*



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.



## OUR PARISH WINTER APPEAL

The generous donations from our Parish and School Community were delivered to the Vinnies Central Collection Depot on Tuesday, were truly overwhelmed by your generosity. Vinnies has let us know that there are additional items especially needed during the Winter months.

**Please donate NEW items:**

- Toiletries - e.g. toothpaste, toothbrush, bars of soap & hand-towels
- Tea-bags and tins of instant Coffee. Vinnies provide tea and coffee during the nights.
- Polo-fleece blankets (e.g. light blankets, no knitted blankets.)

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

**MELBOURNE SYNOD – Theme Paper Release**

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. They encourage us to walk together in hope, imagination, and renewed communion. More information is available on the noticeboards at the back of the churches, and brochures will be sent out via email.

## ✿ 75TH ANNIVERSARY – CALL FOR PHOTOS, MEMORIES & MEMORABILIA

The 75th Anniversary of St Theresa's Parish will be a time of great celebration for our whole community. This special event will be on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October** at **St Theresa's Church and School**. If you have memories of significant events in the life of the parish — or know someone who does — please let one of the PLT members know.

**Members:** Hang, Gus Sutherland, Ann-Maree Sanford, Muriel Alexander and Rose Raniolo.

Thank you for helping us honour 75 years of faith, community, and belonging at St Theresa's.

**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 and Friday Masses each week

**PARISH DINNER**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Our next parish dinner will be held at Glengala Hotel, 214 Glengala Rd, West Sunshine, at 6.00pm. RSVP to Mary Azzopardi or Ann-Maree by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**WELCOME BACK TEACHERS & STUDENTS**

We warmly welcome our Teachers and Students back from their term break on Monday. We hope the holidays brought rest, joy, and plenty of memorable moments.

**COLLECTIONS RECEIVED**

Thanksgiving \$837   Loose Money \$299   Presbytery \$642

**COUNTERS   19<sup>th</sup> July**

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

**BENEDICTION**

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church

**FEAST DAYS**

St Bonaventure, 15 July

**READINGS   Today**

Isaiah 55.10-11

Psalms 65.

9abcd, 9e-10,11-12,13(R 8.8)

Romans 8.18-23

Matthew 13.1-23

**Next Week**

Wisdom 12.13,16-19

Psalms 86.

5-6,9-10,15-16 (R.5)

Romans 8.26-27

Matthew 13.24-43

**Next Week Readers/Commentators   19<sup>th</sup> July**

| <b>MASSES</b>      | <b>5.30pm MoG</b> | <b>9.00am QoH</b> | <b>10.30am ST T</b> |
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| <b>Commentator</b> | G Sutherland      | M Azzopardi       | S Perera            |
| <b>Readers</b>     | K Alisen          | D Catania         | J Protacio          |

**ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA****16 Esplanade, Williamstown**

The A.R.T. of Self   3 Day Retreat, Commencing 5 Aug – 7 Aug. Join us for a transformative 2-night, 3-day retreat focused on the A.R.T. of Self-Awareness, Reflection, and Talk. This retreat is open to anyone wanting to reconnect and rediscover themselves. Book online or contact their head office on 9397 6012 for more information.

