

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

Gospel Reflection

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.



OUR PARISH WINTER APPEAL Greetings again!

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.

- Toiletries - e.g. toothpaste, toothbrush, bars of soap & hand-towels
- Men's undergarments and socks. (If possible, these should be given to us in a Ziplock Bag).
- Polo-fleece blankets (e.g. light blankets, no knitted blankets.) As most of the people they assist are living on the streets, hence items need to be light enough to be carried.)
- Sleeping-bags. These two items are on sale at the moment in Kmart.
- Tea-bags and tins of instant Coffee. Vinnies provide tea and coffee during the nights from their trucks that go out every

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION....28th June

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional Peter's Pence collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 5 July 2026, 11.00am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

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

BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month at St Theresa's Church.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK 24th, 25th & 26th June

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

CONGRATULATIONS to **Isabella Birnie**, who is celebrating her **First Eucharist** this weekend. We joyfully welcome her & her family into our faith community as she takes this step in her journey of faith.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – Names for the deceased Please contact the Parish Office with any **death anniversary names by Tuesday, 30 June** so they can be included in the Prayers of the Faithful for **4th & 5th July**.

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box as soon as you can. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$594 Loose Money \$302 Presbytery \$643

COUNTERS 28th June

Team 3: M Azzopardi, M Camenzuli

READINGS Today

Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13++

Psalm 69

7-9, 13+16, 32-33, 35ab+36

Romans 5.12-15

Matthew 10.26-33

Next Week

2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-17++

Psalm 89

1-2, 15-16, 17-18, (R.1a)

Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10.37-42

Next Week Readers/Commentators 28th June

MASSES	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	M Poulter	M Camenzuli	M Alexander
Readers	K Caruana	P Farrugia	S Perera

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS - Sunday 12 July, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Couples and their families are invited as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who are celebrating the following anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. **Registrations close Wednesday, 8 July 2026**

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