

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

Parish Priest: Fr Dixon George IVDei
Presbytery: 17 Drummartin St., Albion 3020
Phone: 9311 3091
Email: albion@cam.org.au
Website: www.melbcatholic.org/s/albion
Polish Chaplain: Fr Tomasz Nowak SChr
Mobile: 0437 677 727
Email: tomasz.n04@gmail.com



"Do Small Things Well"

St. Theresa's Primary School - 93119070
16 Drummartin St., Albion 3020
Principal: Rob Macklin

Mother of God Primary School - 93631734
Blanche St., Ardeer 3022
Principal: Assunta Iacovino

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

There are many occasions when we ask the question why and can't find the answer for which we are looking. Why did we miss out on a job? Why did someone we love get cancer? Why can't we find a place to live that we can afford? Why do some days seem so difficult?

It is good to sit with our confusion and even grief. It is good to share it with the Lord who loves us so tenderly. But sometimes we have to step aside from the question why did this happen? It may be better to start with where can I go from here? What small steps will enable me to face the future in a positive spirit?

Today's readings touch upon these issues. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a person who was born blind. The bystanders want to know why this happened. They think it must be because either he or his parents did something wrong. They are looking backwards. Jesus prefers to look forwards. He says, 'he was born blind so that the works of God may be displayed in him.' In other words, his blindness presents opportunities for growth, not a pretext for blame. The letter to the Ephesians similarly reminds us that we are on a journey from darkness to light. The whole of Lent could be described in those words. The letter says, 'try to discover what the Lord wants of you.' It asks us in terms of possibilities! The same thing happens when Samuel anoints David. It doesn't matter that David is a young shepherd. He has a big future, as anyone familiar with the Bible well knows.

This week, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, draws us into the story of Manaini, a 44-year-old mother and subsistence farmer in remote northern Fiji. She has transformed her family's life through food processing and organic farming, thanks to a Caritas-supported project. Once reliant on more store-bought food and prone to food waste, she now produces homemade flours, dried foods, and sells produce and baked goods from local crops. Her passion for learning has made her a key player in her community, working with others to embrace more sustainable, empowering ways of living. Thanks to the generosity of the Australian Catholic community, hundreds of thousands of people such as Manaini are finding an answer to the question, 'where can we go from here.'



EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday, 2nd April	6.00pm - Mother of God (Polish) Mass of the Lord's Supper
	7.00pm - St Theresa's Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 3rd April	10.30am - Outside Queen of Heaven to Mother of God Stations of Cross
	3.00pm - Mother of God Solemn Ceremonies
	5.00pm - Mother of God (Polish) Solemn Ceremonies
Easter Saturday, 4th April	11.00am - Mother of God (Polish) Blessing of Food
	5.00pm - Mother of God (Polish) Vigil Mass
	7.00pm - St Theresa's Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, 5th April	9.00am - St Theresa's Mass
	10.30am - Mother of God (Polish) Mass
	10.30am - St Theresa's Mass
Easter Monday, 6th April	10.15am - Mother of God (Polish)

HOLY WEEK RE-ENACTMENT**‘Walking with Jesus’**

On Tuesday 31st March, (starting at 9:10am, until 11:00am), we will be having a re-enactment of the events of Holy Week including the Stations of the Cross. We will start in the multi-purpose room and then move into the church for the Stations of the Cross. All school families and members of the parish are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there as we ‘Walk with Jesus’ as a school community.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Join our group on Saturdays during Lent, 10.30am at the Presbytery. The resource we will be using, Journey Home, will also be available to purchase for \$4.50 if you would like to reflect at your own time

PARISH KNITTING GROUP.

Our first-get together was last Wednesday. We decided on a few projects, both knitting and crochet, with some very interesting and fun items for us to work on at home.

We will continue to meet every 4th Wednesday of the month at 10.00 in the Presbytery.

If you, but would like to join us, the next get together will be on Wednesday 25th March.

If you don't have knitting needles or wool, no problems, we can provide them, or crochet hooks if that's your thing! Or just join us for a chat and a cuppa. All are welcome. Donations of wool, 8 ply, any colour, needles etc, give to Gus 0431423307 or Muriel 0424475490

MASSES THIS WEEK**ST THERESA'S**

Drummartin St, Albion

8.00am Wednesday -

Stations of the cross

8.30am Wednesday

(NO 9AM Friday Mass during Lent)

6.30pm Friday

followed by Stations of the Cross

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

Stations of the Cross

5.30pm Saturday

10.15am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Holt St, Ardeer

CLOSED

RECONCILIATION

(Individual Confession)

Other times by Appointment.

2nd RITE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Thursday 26th March, 6.30pm at St Theresa's Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the **10.30am Mass**, **Rose** will invite the children to a separate space for the **readings and Gospel**.

EMAIL COMPLICATIONS.... Unfortunately, we seem to have lost our current address book list so anyone **NOT** receiving the newsletter please contact us so we can reenter you email details.

KEEP AN EYE OUT For any activity you might notice around QOH Church and please let us know at the office.

LEGION OF MARY meetings temporarily ceased.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$698 Loose Money \$442 Presbytery \$776

COUNTERS 22nd March

Team 4: M Poulter, A Silva, S Silva

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

St Patrick, 17 March

St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 19 March

READINGS Today

1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13

Psalms 23

1-3a,3b-4,5,6 (R.1)

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1-41

Next Week

Ezekiel 37. 12-14

Psalms 130

1-2,3-4,5-6,7b-8 (R.7b)

Romans 8.8-11

John 11.1-45

CHRISM MASS (Mass of the oils)

Tuesday 31st March

Archbishop Peter invites parishioners too this year's Chrism Mass at St Patrick Cathedral, 10.00am.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA Project Compassion

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413

