

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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Fifth Sunday of Lent



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It must be difficult for somebody who has never experienced love to understand the Gospels. They are so full of different emotions, many of them tender. Just think of the beautiful reconciliation between Jesus and Peter after the resurrection. Jesus allows Peter to say that he loves him on no less than three occasions. Thankfully, most of us can write down a long list of people we have loved and who have loved us. Many names would appear on both lists! We keep a special place in our hearts and prayers for the people we know who have died. Even after a long time, their memory will still bring a tear to our eyes. That sorrow comes from a place of deep gratitude. God changes the world one heart at a time.

When we encounter today's Gospel, the story of the raising of Lazarus, we are in a world of emotion. Martha and Mary are grieving for their brother. Jesus loves these two women. Thomas, the twin, is full of bravado and bluster, just as he was later when he wanted proof of the resurrection. Both Martha and Mary are disappointed, even angry, that Jesus has not come sooner. Jesus weeps at the grave of his friend. The mourners who have come to comfort the family must also have been sensitive to the situation. When Jesus says, 'I am the resurrection and the life', he is not explaining an idea. He is responding to the deepest longings of our hearts, as he always does. Today's Psalm reminds us, 'My soul is longing for the Lord more than the watcher for daybreak.'

Over the last few weeks, we have shared some of the stories presented to us by Caritas Australia to make us more aware of the inspirational work we can support through Project Compassion. They call us to *Unite Against Poverty*.

This week Project Compassion asks us to learn more about the work of Caritas Australia in humanitarian emergencies. There are so many situations around the world that require a timely response. Caritas is active in the aftermath of earthquakes, floods, storms, plagues, drought and failed harvests. Of course, there will be time to enquire about the causes and to ask if climate change may have been a factor or if poor building standards caused problems. But first, people and communities need to survive, and Caritas has a lot of experience in this area. Your generosity to Project Compassion makes a wonderful difference to people in need. Thank you for helping to bring light to dark places. Jesus says about Lazarus, 'unbind him, let him go free.' We too can set people free.

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), St Theresa's School will be having a re-enactment of the events of Holy Week including the Stations of the Cross. Starting 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.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES & FAREWELL MICHELLE

Please join us at Mother of God School for a dramatisation of the events of Holy Week and to farewell Michelle Buckley. Gather in the school carpark at **9:15am on Thursday 2nd April** and walk with us as we celebrate Holy week through drama, prayer and song.

In the church at 10.15am we will farewell Michelle who has been at our school for 17 years, followed by a morning tea at 10:45am in the school multipurpose room. *All Welcome!*

**PARISH KNITTING GROUP.**

We will be meeting Wednesday 25th March from 10.00am at the Presbytery. Contact Gus 0431423307 or Muriel 0424475490 for further information.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER..... A choir practice to prepare for the Easter ceremonies will be held at St Theresa's Church on Monday 23rd March at 7.00 pm with Kathy & Muriel. Everyone invited to join in.

2nd RITE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

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

LENTEN REFLECTION Join our group on Saturdays during Lent, 10.30am at the Presbytery.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

EMAIL COMPLICATIONS Email address list is no longer current please contact the office if your email has changed.

KEEP AN EYE OUT For any unusual activity around Queen of Heaven church grounds.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$694 Loose Money \$384 Presbytery \$658

COUNTERS 29th March

Team 5: J Gang, M Hua, M Azzopardi

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

The Annunciation of the Lord, 25 March

READINGS Today

Ezekiel 37. 12-14

Psalm 130

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

Romans 8.8-11

John 11.1-45

Next Week

Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalm 22

7-8,16-17,18-19,22-23(R.1)

Philippians 2.6-11

Matthew 26.14-27.66

CHRISM MASS (Mass of the Oils)

You are invited to this year's Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, 10.00am on Tuesday 31st March.

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