

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

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REFLECTION for Palm Sunday

It is only once in every three years that we publicly share together Matthew's full account of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Today is that day. Matthew's passion is rich in every sense of the word. It is the longest account of what Jesus endured, and it also has the most diverse cast of characters. Only Matthew devotes attention, not only to the tragic fate of Judas who was filled with remorse, but also to the thirty pieces of silver which were used to buy a cemetery for foreigners called the Field of Blood.



Only Matthew tells us about the dream of Pilate's wife which leads her to send a message to her husband that he should have nothing to do with Jesus. Matthew's Gospel features several dreams. Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, to flee with his family to Egypt and later to return from Egypt. Dreams are one of the many links between Matthew's Gospel and the Hebrew scriptures. This is by no means to say that Matthew's Gospel is merely an interesting piece of literature. It is only to suggest that, in Holy Week, Matthew's Passion is a wonderful encounter to enter slowly as we spend time with the Lord, allowing the mystery of the cross to deepen within us. One commitment we might make is to take a section each day this week and stay with it for ten minutes: Monday Mt 26: 14-35, Tuesday Mt 26: 36-56, Wed Mt 26: 57-75, Thursday Mt 27: 1-26, Friday Mt 27: 27-56, Saturday: Mt 27: 57-66. The trial and death of Jesus reminds us of the tragedy of injustice that continues to this day in so many places around the world. Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time as we *Unite Against Poverty*. We can pray, with Jesus, 'Let it be as you, not I, would have it.' God's desire is for peace, healing and unity in the face of all the challenges facing humanity. Let us help Jesus carry the cross in our time.

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 10.15am - 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!*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Please note Easter Ceremonies timetable is on the other page.

ST THERESA'S

Drummartin St, Albion

8.00am Wednesday -

Stations of the cross

8.30am Wednesday

9.00am Sunday

10.30am Sunday

MOTHER OF GOD

Blanche St, Ardeer

10.00am Wednesday (Polish)

10.15am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Holt St, Ardeer

CLOSED

RECONCILIATION

(Individual Confession)

Other times by Appointment.

CUPPA AFTER EASTER VIGIL MASS

Join us next Saturday, 4th April after 7pm Mass at St Theresa's for a cuppa and a chat. The Bottles of Easter Water will be available at this time. Please bring a plate to share.

PARISH MOVIE DAY

Monday 30th March

1.00pm at Sunshine Village Cinema. Contact: Ann-Maree 0401192079 for further details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

No Children's Liturgy today.

PARISH FOOD BANK

We are in need of a few items to make up our food parcels. If you are able tea, coffee, sugar, cereal & tuna would be a great help. Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$846 Loose Money \$289 Presbytery \$633

COUNTERS 5th April

Team 1: D Catania, E Catania, C Xuereb

READINGS Today

Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalms 22

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

Philippians 2.6-11

Matthew 26.14-27.66

Next Week

Acts 10.34a,36-43++

Psalms 118

1-2,16-17,22-23, (R.24)

Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-18++

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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA Project Compassion

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice. 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

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

