

St. Theresa's Parish Community Newsletter

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"Do Small Things Well"

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA



We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.



A Prayer for Mothers

Mary, Mother of Jesus, we ask you on this Mother's Day to pray for our own dear mothers.

May your Son, Jesus, reward them for all the care they have so lovingly given us over the years.

May He give them peace of heart for all the time they have soothed us in times of trouble or failure.

May Jesus give them joy of spirit for all the times they have healed our wounds and wiped away our tears.

We ask you, Mary, on this day when we honor and praise our mothers for their unconditional love and care, that Jesus might bestow upon them His choicest blessings and His deepest love. Amen

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

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL 9/10 May

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.



You can donate: Using the appeal envelope available in our parish, Online - www.catholiccarevic.org.au, Phone - (03) 9967 2515 or Scan the QR Code
Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

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 each month at St Theresa's Church

FUNERAL MASS for Wadyslaw Kusinski on Thursday 14th May, Time: 10.15 am at St Theresa's Church

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Join us today for a **special Mother's Day service** a beautiful time to celebrate the **love, strength, and devotion** of the mothers and mother-figures within our parish community. Together we will give thanks for the women who nurture, guide, and inspire us, and offer a prayer of blessing in their honour.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return any project compassion donations as soon as you can. We have raised \$2,441 so far. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED

Thanksgiving \$968 Loose Money \$353 Presbytery \$739

COUNTERS 17th May

Team 2: J Castasus, R Castasus, A Sanford

READINGS Today

Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66.

1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20 (R.1)

1 Peter 3.15-18

John 14.15-21

Next Week

Acts 1.1-11

Psalm 47.

1-2, 5-6, 7-8 (R.5a)

Ephesians 1.17-23

Matthew 28.19, 20

Masses	5.30pm MoG	9.00am QoH	10.30am ST T
Commentator	M Camenzuli	M Azzopardi	M Alexander
Readers	A Zahra	J Tabone	D Bracchio

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

23rd May

Archbishop Peter invites young men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood (they must be over 18 years of age) from your parish to the Seminary Enquiry Day on Saturday 23 May 2026, at Corpus Christi College. If you have questions, the Vocation Director, Fr Dishan Candappa, would be pleased to assist via vocations@cam.org.au.

P.A.L.M.S. INTERNATIONAL

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. In our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Date: Thursday 21st May, Time: 4pm – 5:30 pm, Ph: 02 9560 5333 or Email: palms@palms.org.au

